

Traverse County Commission
Regular Board Meeting
March 7, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Kevin Leininger. Other commissioners present included Dave Salberg, Tom Monson, Mark Gail, and Todd Johnson. The pledge was recited. The agenda was approved unanimously, upon a motion by Monson and second by Gail, with the addition of the approval of the 2017-2019 AFSCME union contract and discussion about the public meetings for a proposed pipeline project that would run through Traverse County, as well as an EDA request to purchase the old locker plant from tax forfeiture.

Trevor Wright/Sheriff- Wright distributed the jail statistics. The average capacity for February was 74.97%. He discussed the jail inspection. There were only four deficiencies around training, education and programming. Outstanding bills for jail stays have been collected exceeding \$6,000.00. He also discussed the security grant. By consensus, the county is willing to pay up to \$25,000.00. Monson asked about the daily per diem rates for the jails and whether they would be increasing those. Wright indicated there is a committee working on fees statewide.

Larry Haukos/Highway Engineer- Upon a motion by Monson and second by Salberg, approval was unanimously given to pay Wm D Scepaniak, Inc. their final pay of \$4,037.52. Upon a motion by Monson and second by T. Johnson, unanimous approval was given to pay the final contract for Mark Sand and Gravel for bituminous surfacing and aggregate shouldering on CSAH 4, in the amount of \$98,189.98. Upon a motion by Monson and second by Gail, unanimous approval was given to replace the roof on the Connector Building between the 74 shop and the new truck shop due to leaking, in the amount of \$5,000.00. Leininger received three bids for a new mower. Monson made a motion to buy the John Deere and it was seconded by Salberg and approved unanimously in the amount of \$14,900.00. Haukos also distributed and discussed a draft of the Five-Year Road Plan. Monson asked about replacement of Dave Pohl's position and whether Mike Doll would be moving up and whether a replacement was necessary. Haukos explained the various certifications necessary and the projects which require two people. He also explained the time is charged against construction projects versus local money.

Sara Gronfeld/Soil and Water/Planning and Zoning- Dan Appel is working with Wheaton High School students, department heads, and SWCD staff to develop a tree planting project in the County Park and other areas of the county. Tree stock will be purchased through the 21st CCLC grant and planted by youth and volunteers. There was one new land use permit granted. Upon a motion by Salberg and second by Monson, the 2017 Low Income SSTS Upgrade Grant Application was approved unanimously. Staff approved a Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) de Minimis exemption for a railway bridge replacement and have been working on wetland review for new plat. They are submitting a grant application for the One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) process. There is some interest in new livestock permitting. Gronfeld fielded some questions about initial interest in development of a hog feeding operation in Tintah Township. As described, a county Conditional Use Permit application would be required for approximately 2500 Animal Units of hogs in a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation along with a multiple

family dwelling unit associated with the operation. A variance application would also be necessary for setback to an adjacent residence. The investigation is preliminary and no application has yet been submitted. A pipeline public meeting notice was discussed. Traverse County is in the SA04, system alternative route. The pipeline would transport crude oil from Canada. An existing line in northern MN needs to be replaced. One alternative is to follow the existing pipeline that already runs through the county. The question is if we want a local public meeting or opt to participate with combined meetings within a 45 mile radius, which would be held in Morris. T. Johnson indicated 80% of the water in Traverse comes through the Mustinka so we should request a meeting be hosted within the county. Upon a motion by Monson and second by Gail, and approved unanimously, the 2009 Pictometry imagery will be incorporated into the new GIS project and the recorder's equipment fund will be used to pay for it. The cost would be \$600.00 from Pro West and approximately \$390 from Pictometry. Gronfeld briefly discussed an update with Buffer Law and SWCD partnership with the Bois de Sioux Watershed District on a ditch retrofit project.

Kit Johnson/Auditor/Treasurer- K. Johnson discussed loan options through Traverse Electric for possible projects of the wireless broadband and capital expenditures for the Traverse Care Center. Upon a motion by Monson and second by T. Johnson, it was unanimously approved to apply for a REDL & G loan for 80% of the \$250K Traverse Care Center project and a REED loan in the amount of \$360K for the broadband project. He also discussed a request from the City of Wheaton EDA to purchase the old locker plant from the tax forfeiture listing. By consensus they will sell it for \$50.00.

Rhonda Antrim/County Coordinator- The minutes from the February 21, 2017 Board meeting were approved unanimously with the amendment that the conference call was for the jail task force commissioners, upon a motion by T. Johnson and second by Monson. The following bills were approved unanimously, upon a motion by Salberg and second by Gail:

Anderson Law Office, PA	2,730.00
COMPUTER PROFESSIONALS UNLIMITED INC.	3,729.35
INDEPENDENT EMERGENCY SERVICES	7,336.08
LOFFLER	3,400.46
Minnesota Department of Administration	2,606.47
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	4,843.49
KRIS ENGINEERING, INC.	2,844.64
M-R SIGN CO., INC.	2,626.87

Per MS 375.12, the number of claims totaling \$2,000.00 or less, were 41, amounting to \$15,989.17. The ASFCME 2017-2019 contract was approved unanimously upon a motion by Monson and second by T. Johnson.

Attested to by:

Rhonda Antrim/County Coordinator

Kevin Leininger/Board Chair

