

Traverse County Commission
Regular Board Meeting
March 21, 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 with the addition of Union contracts, upon a motion by Salberg and second by Monson.

Emily Conroy/4-H Director- Conroy introduced Dan Appel as the new MN21CCLC grant Program Coordinator for Wheaton Schools. Appel discussed the grant renewal. There is a possibility that Traverse could receive two more years of the grant provided federal funding is available. He discussed the importance of after school programming. He discussed Traverse Tree Day. It is a community service project. They want to empower the high school kids to take ownership of the event. They are working with the SWCD, City of Wheaton, churches, swimming pool, Golf Course personnel, Traverse Highway Department, Dumont, and Browns Valley on places to plant the trees. The goal is to plant 1,000 trees. Conroy discussed the importance of the MN21CCLC grant and advocating for government funding. She also discussed the Community Garden project. They have six sights within Traverse County called Garden in a Box. They will be located at the two community libraries, three volunteers for business or homes, and one at Rosebud RV Park and a community member in Tintah. The MN Horticulture Society would renew the grant for the next 2-3 years if all goes well. They are working to sustain the gardens. Conroy distributed dates of the various programs. April 30th is the Pancake Breakfast Feed from 9:30 to 1:00 at the American Legion.

Rhonda Antrim/County Coordinator- The Board minutes from March 7, 2017, were approved unanimously 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:

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| CARDMEMBER SERVICE | | 4,468.28 |
| TRI COUNTY COOP | | 2,352.59 |
| VERTIV | | 4,052.82 |
| LARSON OIL, INC | 3,854.75 | |
| TRAVERSE COUNTY AUDITOR- TREASURER | 41,884.92 | |

Per M.S. 375.12, the number of claims totaling \$2000.00 or less were 78, amounting to \$23,697.87. The Board unanimously approved a letter of support for a grant to receive a drug collection unit which would help their communities safely dispose of unwanted medications, including controlled substances, upon a motion by Salberg and second by Monson. Lisa Siegel presented the various union contracts as well as a memorandum of understanding with AFSCME. Upon a motion by Monson and second by T. Johnson, the Highway proposed language and contract was unanimously approved on the condition it is approved by the HR Attorney. Upon a motion by Gail and second by Monson, the memorandum of understanding was unanimously approved with AFSCME. Upon a motion by Monson and second by T. Johnson, the law enforcement contract was approved unanimously. Antrim distributed a press release from

the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission. She discussed the proposed legislative bill drafted by Backers office. She also shared an update regarding the buffer strip enforcement and an amendment authored by Westrom, which removed the buffer aid funding. The bill passed and was referred to the Senate floor. The bid opening on the Pesch property was conducted. High bid and property was awarded to Melanie Borgheinck of Beardsly, MN, in the amount of \$6,700.00.

David Coudron/Advantenon- Coudron appeared before the Board with a wireless broadband update. Structures have been identified for places to put the towers and equipment. They do believe they should move forward with the project. They will offer various plans with unlimited data, no data throttling, no overage fees and no long-term contract. Advantenon will promote the service through town halls throughout the county as well as press releases. They also utilize face book and community postings. Installment one would provide all seed hardware and all antenna hosting sites for approximately \$100,000.00. Next steps include finalizing contracts with the fiber provider, tower hosts, American Tower Corporation, and putting together a Bill of Materials.

Larry Haukos/Highway Engineer- Bid Letting for SAP 078-603-006 and SP 078-070-003 for May 2, 2017 at 1:35 was unanimously approved upon a motion by Monson and second by Gail. The gravel plan for 2017 was reviewed. Upon a motion by Monson and second by Gail, CP 17-01 was unanimously approved to bid let April 18, 2017 at 1:35. Upon a motion by Monson and second by Gail, authorization was unanimously approved for coordinating dust control for 2017. The five year road construction plan was reviewed as well as lighted stop sign information.

Kit Johnson/Auditor/Treasurer- Tax statements went out 3/10/17. Johnson discussed the need for a scanner again. He recommended DR 6030-C in the amount of \$3,543.00. This will go on a cart and be utilized county-wide and will be versatile for many sizes of books and documents. The tax forfeited land was reviewed and prices set. They were all unanimously set at \$100.00 and the sale terms and date of May 1, 2017, upon a motion by Salberg and second by Monson. Omerovic properties were removed from the sale and will be knocked down in a joint effort with the City of Wheaton. The loan applications for Advantenon and TCC were discussed and authorization was given to K. Johnson to sign on behalf of the Board. The state auditors will be on site March 30 for preliminary work.

Attested to by:

Rhonda Antrim/County Coordinator

Kevin Leininger/Board Chair