

Traverse County Commission
Regular Board Meeting
April 2, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Commission Chair Mark Gail. Other Commissioners present were Jerrel Olson, Dwight Nelson, Chad Metz, and Kayla Schmidt. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There were no conflicts of interest expressed. Upon a motion by Schmidt and second by Metz the agenda was approved unanimously. The March 19, 2024 meeting minutes were unanimously approved upon a motion by Olson and second by Metz.

Highway Department

County Engineer Chad Gillespie appeared before the Board. Gillespie asked for approval to award SAP 078-598-038 Bridge 78534 on County Road 76 to Structural Specialties Inc. for \$1,464,031.00, this was approved unanimously upon a motion by Metz and second by Nelson. Gillespie gave updates on informational items which included PLSS Grant, the application will be submitted by April 5, there is a lot of interested from multiple counties in Minnesota. We were awarded \$260,000.00 from the State park Road Account Grant; the next steps will be to go through the State Aid Plan design and review process. The City of Wheaton won the LRIP Grant for 5th Ave N and 23 St N for 1.5 miles. The County will work with Moore Engineering and the City through the process. We were informed that CSAH 15 project was not selected for LRIP funding.

Public Hearing on the Ordinance Regulating Tetrahydrocannabinol Products and revisions of the Peddlers Ordinance

County Attorney Matt Franzese appeared before the Board to go over the two Ordinances. There was discussion regarding the Regulating Tetrahydrocannabinol Products in Traverse County. There were no public comments. There was a motion by Olson and second by Schmidt to table this Ordinance until the next meeting and approved unanimously. There were no public comments. The revisions to the Peddlers Ordinance were approved unanimously upon a motion by Schmidt and second by Olson. The summary for the Peddlers Ordinance was unanimously approved upon a motion by Nelson and second by Olson.

County Coordinator

Upon motion by Nelson and a second from Metz the following bills were approved unanimously.

AMERICAN DOOR WORKS	\$2,534.00
CONTECH ENGINEERED SOLUTIONS, LLC	\$30,696.84
M-R SIGN CO., INC.	\$4,814.62
DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES ECPN	\$22,626.20
FLEET SERVICES	\$2,920.03
FORUM COMMUNICATIONS PRINTING	\$3,160.46
HOMETOWN PLANNING	\$2,860.00
WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL JUVENILE CT	\$8,021.00

Per M.S. §375.12, there were 41 claims of less than \$2,000.00 totaling \$14,478.12.

Upon a motion by Metz and second by Schmidt a letter to elected officials to focus on the process of identifying “replacement recreation values” for Yellow Medicine County’s loss of the Upper Sioux Agency State Park in Granite Falls Minnesota was approved unanimously.

Public Comment Period

There was a comment regarding the Traverse County jail and the lack of urgency to solve the high cost of the jail.

Commissioner Committee Reports

Schmidt attended the Rural Minnesota Counties meeting.

Gail adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Lisa Zahl, County Coordinator

Mark Gail, Chair