

Traverse County Commission
Regular Board Meeting
May 4, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 8:59 a.m. by Chairman Dave Salberg. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. This meeting is being conducted pursuant to the Minnesota Statute 13D.021, which allows a meeting to be conducted by telephone or other electronic means during a health pandemic by the governor of the State of Minnesota in Minnesota Statute Chapter 12. Appearing in person are Dave Salberg, Tom Monson Mark Gail, Kayla Schmidt and Todd Johnson. The agenda was changed to reflect the absence of Sara Gronfeld and was approved unanimously upon motion by Monson and second by Gail. Salberg informed the Board that effective immediately each Board Meeting there will be a roll call vote on any action items.

Highway Department

Chad Gillespie, County Engineer appeared before the Board. Gillespie provided the Board with three action items and general updates.

Gillespie sought approval to advertise for bids for Project CP21-02. Upon motion by Gail and second by Monson the approval for the bid was granted unanimously.

Gillespie requested permission to award project 078-616-008 Box Culvert Project on CSAH 16 to Midwest Contracting LLC for \$270,125.00. Upon motion by T. Johnson and second by Gail the motion passed unanimously.

Gillespie's third action item was requesting permission to award CP-21-01 graveling project on CSAH 19 to Wagner Company for \$116,298.00. Upon motion by Monson and second by Schmidt the motion passed unanimously.

The informational items Gillespie reported; Dust Control procedural updates which include; the addition of administration fees to billing, and that during flood years his Department will not be administering the Dust Control Measures. Contact information for those contractors that provide the service will be available. Secondly Gillespie informed the Board that MN LTAP is not holding Motor Grader Training this year and that he has been in touch with an instructor to line up on site training. His last informational item was that four summer and seasonal positions have been filled.

Sheriff Department

Sheriff Trevor Wright and Brenda Bartz, Jail Administrator appeared before the Board with their department update. Bartz presented the April jail report to the Board, the usage at the jail was 66.05% from the month. Wright informed the Board that the full time and part time Communications/Corrections Officer positions have been offered and background checks are underway. Monson asked for any updated information on the McCoy investigation, Wright replied that the investigation is ongoing.

Public Hearing

This portion of the meeting was dedicated to the Special Vehicle Use Ordinance. Wright had spoken with the DNR Officer who is in support of the Ordinance. K. Johnson added that it will need to be reminded that all other credentials for Special Vehicle Operation are still required in addition to the

permit. With a motion by Gail and second by Monson the Ordinance passed unanimously. The Ordinance will go into effect June 1, 2021.

County Coordinator

A motion was made by Schmidt with second by T. Johnson to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2021 meeting, the motion passed unanimously.

The bills were approved unanimously upon motion by Gail and second by Monson.

AMERICAN SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINESS	4,026.08
Anderson Law Office, PA	2,925.00
Fleet Services	3,291.74
MN STATE AUDITOR	10,666.25
Shred- it USA	2,568.23
TRUE NORTH STEEL	10,803.22

Per M.S. 375.12, the number of claims totaling \$2,000 or less were 39, amounting to \$14,651.77.

Bob Byrnes Interim Regional Director for the University of Minnesota Extension Agency appeared before the Board to field any questions regarding the Memorandum of Agreement proposed for January 2022-December 2024. Monson made a motion to approve the agreement between the University of Minnesota and Traverse County for providing Extension programs locally with the position being 32 hours per week instead of 40 hours per week, along with the approval of the Addendum to provide summer interns, seconded by T. Johnson and approved unanimously.

The following resolution to extend COVID 19 Leave until September 30,2021 was approved unanimously upon motion by Schmidt and second by Monson:

Resolution

Extend Deadline for up to 80 hours COVID-19 Leave

WHEREAS, the Families First Coronavirus Recovery Act (FFCRA) required covered employers to provide up to 80 hours of paid emergency sick leave, and

WHEREAS, the requirement to provide said leave ended on December 31, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the extended deadline to provide said leave ended March 31, 2021, and

WHEREAS, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 provides the option for covered employers to extend the deadline for eligible employees to use any unused hours of leave defined in the paid emergency sick leave through September 30, 2021,

BE IT RESOLVED, Traverse County shall extend the deadline for eligible employees to use any unused hours of the FFCRA paid emergency sick leave now known as COVID-19 Leave, according to the guidelines outlined in the FFCRA, beginning April 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021.

Adopted this 4th day of May, 2021.

Board Chairman

County Coordinator

Dianne Reinart, County Assessor joined the meeting to discuss the two contract proposals for pictometry, aerial imaging. Reinhart pointed out that agreeing to a six-year contract option will be more cost effective. Reinhart fielded questions from the Board regarding specifics of the imaging and its purpose. Monson made the motion to approve the six-year contract option, second by Gail and approved unanimously.

Schmidt provided the Board with her updates on the Second Amendment Sanctuary County Resolution and her plans for moving forward with the approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Lisa Zahl, County Coordinator

Dave Salberg, Board Chairman