

Traverse County Commission
Regular Board Meeting
06/21/2016

The meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Kevin Leininger. Other commissioners present include Dave Salberg, Tom Monson, Mark Gail, and Todd Johnson. The pledge was recited. The agenda was approved unanimously with the addition of approval of Board of Equalization minutes and a Broadband update.

Trevor Wright/Sheriff- Wright appeared before the Board to discuss a press release going out today regarding a drug arrest for methamphetamine. He also discussed a resignation of a deputy. He requested approval to advertise for a deputy. T. Johnson made a motion to advertise and Salberg seconded it. It approved unanimously. The jail task force was discussed. A draft legislative proposal was presented. Salberg recommended sending it to AMC for support as well as Wright reaching out to other counties with jails. There was discussion about the state looking for funding for their DOC beds as well as jails and perhaps keeping it broad. Monson presented his own personal opinion regarding increasing the fees to \$100.00 per day. He's tired of subsidizing other county inmates. Wright said any business coming in helps to keep the lights on. Wright said it's a moot issue because the fees are already set for this year. Salberg said they increased rates by \$5.00 in the past and other counties dropped off in utilization. T. Johnson indicated the revenues from other counties are just a drop in the bucket. If their only alternative is to build their own jails, they'll see \$100.00 per day is very reasonable. T. Johnson indicated it's important to keep our goals on the long term objective of creating new financing for the jails. The legislative effort is important to continue forward. Monson indicated the Jail Task Force has done about as much as it can right now. Upon a motion by T. Johnson and second by Gail, the Commission supports legislative efforts for County Jail funding unanimously.

Larry Haukos/Highway Engineer- Haukos requested approval of work orders for SAP 078-615-014 in the amount of \$7,559.10 for seal coating and \$584.80 for striping. It was approved unanimously upon a motion by Monson and second by Gail. Haukos requested approval of a quote from Serocki Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$20,967.24, for the East Bound lane of the coliseum road in Browns Valley. It was approved unanimously upon a motion by T. Johnson and second by Monson. Haukos updated the Board regarding a maintenance worker returning to work for four hours per day. He will help with culverts and graveling. He will be re-evaluated in September. Because he's part-time Haukos will keep the replacement worker to assist with graveling. Haukos presented a Blading Policy. The roads will be on a four-week schedule and any additional blading will require approval from the Engineer or Supervisor. Leinginger emphasized a need for mowing and would like to see another mower in the budget. One recommendation was a mower for every blade. Haukos also provided a general update. Leininger indicated he's received a lot of compliments on the signs.

Becca Turnquist/Extension Department- Turnquist provided a summer programming update from the MN21CCLC. They kicked it off with a field trip to the Redhead Creamery. She introduced her program staff for the summer: Kayla Haglund, Full-Time with the MN21CCLC Grant, Savanna Tomoson, a 4-H summer intern, and Anna Tritz, a summer intern for grant.

Kit Johnson/Auditor/Treasurer- Johnson discussed the history of allocations to the Legion Posts. He recommended it be continued. Salberg made a motion to allocate \$100.00 to any active Legion Post in the County once per year and Monson seconded it. It passed unanimously. Johnson discussed elections and distributed a copy of the primary ballot for August 9th. Upon a motion by Salberg and second by Monson, the following resolution was passed unanimously:

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT BOARD AND UOCAVA BALLOT BOARD

WHEREAS, Traverse County is required by Minnesota Statutes 203B.121, Subd. 1 to establish an Absentee Ballot Board effective June 24, 2016; and

WHEREAS, this board will bring uniformity in the processing of accepting or rejecting returned absentee ballots in **Traverse County** and

WHEREAS, the Absentee Ballot Board would consist of a sufficient number of election judges as provided in sections 204B.19 to 204B.22 or deputy county auditors trained in the processing and counting of absentee ballots;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the **Traverse County** Board of Commissioners hereby establishes an Absentee Ballot Board that would consist of a sufficient number of election judges as provided in sections 204B.19 to 204B.22 or deputy auditors to perform the task.

Johnson distributed a copy of the cost allocation plan. The plan allows reimbursement for indirect costs, such as HR, maintenance, etc. The county will receive approximately \$18,000.00 in indirect recoveries. Johnson discussed Tax Increment Financing (TIF). The city is de-certifying the two existing TIF districts. Johnson discussed the budget process. The Board requested preliminary budgets by the second meeting in August. The Care Center lease was discussed. Antrim updated the Board that they have indicated a desire to renew the lease. The Board requested we invite them to come discuss the lease options and any updates. K. Johnson will put some numbers together.

Dustin Kindelberger/Veteran Service Officer/Solid Waste/Safety- Kindelberger presented a quote for secure doors that would allow staff to buzz in Veterans and Extension customers through the North and South West doors. He attempted to get quotes from two other businesses and they did not provide anything. Morris Electronics was also contacted and they do not provide that type of equipment. T. Johnson said he believes the option improves access, parking, and safety. The quote, in the amount of \$6,123.28, was approved unanimously upon a motion by T. Johnson and second by Gail. The NW parking lot will be employee only with the exception of 2 spots for Handicap and one spot for Veterans. Other updates were provided including new books for the office for Veterans, 240 Rainbow Rider trips for Veterans and their families per month are being provided, and the DAV Van is looking at going two days per week. They are looking at receiving a new van as well. From Solid Waste, the electronic pick up produced 12,800 pounds of TV's and monitors alone.

Rhonda Antrim/County Coordinator- The minutes from the June 7, 2016 Board meeting and the Board of Equalization meeting held June 16, 2016, were approved unanimously, upon a motion by T. Johnson and second by Gail. The following bills were approved unanimously:

CARDMEMBER SERVICE	4,398.05
GAZETTE PUBLISHING CO.	2,431.30
GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT GROUP	3,350.00
Minnesota Department of Administration	2,693.92

MINNESOTA UI FUND	6,484.35
PRO-WEST & ASSOCIATES, INC.	10,362.00
RAINBOW RIDER	3,254.00
SeaChange	2,976.45
VALLEY OFFICE PRODUCTS, INC.	3,566.70
HANCOCK CONCRETE PRODUCTS CO.,INC.	2,609.46
LARSON OIL, INC	15,868.95
MINNESOTA UI FUND	2,340.92
TRAFFIC MARKING SERVICE INC	53,125.84
TRI- CITY PAVING, INC.	27,896.31
TRUE NORTH STEEL	9,152.15
ZIEGLER, INC.	3,333.12

Per M.S. 375.12, the number of claims totaling \$2000.00 or less were 70, amounting to \$30,854.85. Monson commented about boarding an inmate in Wilkin County for \$1,600.00. Leininger suggested again that the groceries for making the jail inmate lunches be purchased equally from Browns Valley and Wheaton. The handouts from the AMC Regional Meeting were distributed and a brief discussion of the CPA formula change that did not pass and the small increase in funding. DNR Buffer Strip updates were distributed. A summary of the PrimeWest Health County Insurance project meeting of June 16 was provided. The Radio Board Committee update was provided by Leininger. Traverse County's share will increase because of hiring additional staff. It will be pro-rated so shouldn't be too significant. There is still a glitch with 911 texting and there was also another company wanting to compete with Verizon.

Attested to by:

Rhonda Antrim/County Coordinator

Kevin Leininger/Board Chair