

Traverse County Commission
Regular Board Meeting
July 19, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Commission Chairman Todd Johnson. Other Commissioners present were Kayla Schmidt, Dwight Nelson, Dave Salberg and Mark Gail. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. With the addition of Trevor Wright, Sheriff, out of State conference and Morris Electronics 2022 Contract, the agenda was approved unanimously upon a motion by Schmidt and second by Nelson. The minutes from the July 5, 2022 regular Board meeting and July 13, 2022 special Board meeting were approved unanimously upon motion by Salberg and second by Gail. There were no public comments.

Highway Department

Chad Gillespie, County Engineer and Brian Koch, County Maintenance Supervisor appeared before the Board. The contract for CSAH2 graveling project – CT Sibson Gravel and Crushing needed signatures, there was a motion by Gail and second by Schmidt and approved unanimously. Gillespie explained that they received a quote on May 13, 2022 for two Motor Graders, the price has increased 14%. The lead times are 10-12 months. If we don't sign until January, we won't likely get it until 2024. Traverse County has more miles than the surrounding counties so it is crucial to get the blades ordered. Schmidt moved to table this conversation until one of the 2 meeting is August, Salberg second it and approved unanimously. The new truck that was purchased ½ in 2021 and ½ in 2022 has been delivered. Update on CSAH 6 project, they plan to start taring Friday.

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Theresa Ebbenga, Northwest Regional Director and Nathan Kestner, Regional Manager appeared before the Board. They wanted to meet and introduce themselves and talk about what the DNR is working on in Traverse County. The work in Traverse county is managed from the DNR offices in Fergus Falls, Glenwood, and Ortonville. They went through some success and opportunities that they have in Traverse County. The Board had questions regarding where they are at with the Riverview Dairy application, they are still working on it because they want to make sure there is enough ground water to sustain the dairy and surrounding areas.

Soil and Water Conservation District

Sara Gronfeld appeared before the Board with an update. There was one new permit application received for the Subsurface Sewage Treatment System (SSTS) Program. The 2023 SSTS grant funding request was submitted to MPCA. The 2022 SSTS Upgrade Grant has limited funds remaining. To date there have been 3 projects fully funded at 50%, 1 fully funded at 75% and 1 partially funded at 75% level. The Wetland Conservation Act is working on the Bois de Sioux Watershed District's Redpath Project and the Wetland Mitigation Plan has been discussed. Feedlot Program received a complaint about manure runoff near Lake Traverse, it was investigated and no issues were found. The Pictometry Flight is complete and imagery is available. One Watershed One Plan update; Bois de Sioux-Mustinka Steering Committee has submitted a new grant work plan. Upper Minnesota River Steering Committee has an open house, public kickoff in Clinton on July 28 from 6-8 p.m.

Sheriff

Sheriff Trevor Wright appeared before the Board to ask permission to attend the Mid-States Organized Crime Information Center (MOCIC) training in Branson Missouri August 23 – 25, 2022. Traverse County

and the City of Wheaton are both members of MOCIC. Wright explained that he can bring back all the training information to the office. Schmidt moved to approve Wright attending this training, second by Salberg and approved unanimously.

Auditor/Treasurer

County Auditor/Treasurer Kit Johnson appeared before the Board. A Tobacco License renewal was received for Tri County Coop in Dumont. Gail made a motion to renew the license, second by Nelson and approved unanimously. The tax sale is scheduled for July 27, 2022 at 10:00 in the Commissioners Room. Election training and the Public Accuracy testing will be taking place in July and August. The Auditor/Treasurer Office will be open Saturday August 6, 2022 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. August 9, 2022 is the Primary Election. The County Canvass is at 9:00 am on August 11, 2022, two Commissioners that are not on the ballot must attend or they can appoint someone to attend for them. Schmidt and Salberg will both attend.

County Coordinator

Upon motion by Gail and second by Nelson the following bills were approved unanimously.

CHS	\$3,573.94
HENNEN LAWN CARE	\$29,837.25
KELLEN/RYAN – 54K LLC	\$4,810.00
LARSON OIL, INC	\$44,270.35
LOCATORS & SUPPLIES, INC.	\$2,624.23
M – R SIGN CO., INC.	\$4,785.76
SCHMITZ/TODD	\$9,197.50
TOWMASTER	\$129,034.00
TRI COUNTY COOP OIL ASSOC	\$2,462.68
WAGNER COMPANY	\$19,305.00
BAYCOM, INC	\$29,982.00
BG AMUNDSON CONSTRUCTION INC.	\$165,730.21
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	\$10,567.48
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	\$5,105.52
HORMANN/MARK	\$2,000.00
MEND CORRECTIONAL CARE, PLLC	\$2,766.02
QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC.	\$2,000.00
SEACHANGE PRINT INNOVATIONS	\$3,757.49
TRAVERSE COUNTY SOIL & WATER SERV	\$59,307.00

Per M.S. 375.12, the number of claims totaling \$2,000.00 or less were 55 totaling \$21,169.59.

Lisa Zahl, County Coordinator, informed the Board that the Personnel Committee was looking into sharing the County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) with either Big Stone County or Wilkin County. Right now Stevens and Pope County are sharing a CVSO and it is working out well for them. They have over twice as many veterans as Traverse and Big Stone would have combined and Traverse and Wilkin would have combined. Zahl asked for proposals from both counties by July 22 and will add this to the July 26 special meeting.

A special meeting will be held on July 26 at 10:30 am at the County Park. The discussion will include the County Veterans Service Officer/Solid Waste Manager and the Minnesota DNR to look at access

development options at the County Park and to visit Halls Landing site to review parcel that's for sale and current access.

Zahl mentioned that the City of Tintah has a new AT&T cell tower near the intersection of Minnesota Avenue and Ash Street to enhance the area's mobile broadband coverage and help give residents and first responders faster, more reliable wireless service.

The Morris Electronics 2022 Contract was approved but not signed in December of 2021. Upon a motion by Nelson and second by Schmidt the contract was approved unanimously for signature.

Gail and Nelson went to the Extension Committee meeting, they will be adding a \$35.00 per diem for the members of this committee into the budget for 2023. Schmidt went to the Social Services Child Protection meeting and Law Library meeting; the Law Library is looking into purchasing a new computer. Salberg attended the Horizon Health and Soil and Water meetings. T. Johnson attended the Supporting Hands Nurse-Family Partnership meeting.

T. Johnson adjourned the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

Lisa Zahl, County Coordinator

Todd Johnson, Chairman