

Traverse County Commission
Regular Meeting
July 7, 2015

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 discussion about the preliminary 2016 budget and possible closed session for Attorney-Client privilege for pending or threatened litigation, upon a motion by Salberg and second by Monson.

Larry Haukos/Highway Engineer- Haukos provided a department update. Upon a motion by Monson and second by Gail, a lease for gravel from G. Murphy was approved unanimously. Upon a motion by Monson and second by T. Johnson, approval was provided unanimously to hire Ronglien & Son for an hourly rate dozer and scraper for stripping and reclamation of the Murphy Pit. The dozer is estimated at \$150.00 per hour and the scraper \$200.00 per hour. Upon a motion by Monson and second by Gail, Steve Wahl was unanimously approved for hiring as a temporary seasonal position with a CDL, at the first step of the Maintenance Worker position.

Lynn Siegel/Emergency Manager- Siegel provided a department update. The Hazard Mitigation plan is complete. The Safe house at Rosebud is almost complete. It needs a final inspection by the state. Siegel will be providing an exercise for public health and social services to test our resources and processes. There will be a community meeting in September with emergency responders and other community stakeholders to set up testing of all of their processes.

Sara Gronfeld/Soil and Water/Planning and Zoning- Gronfeld provided a department update. There were five new Land Use permits issued. Gronfeld has been working with the City of Tintah on their proposed sewer system. There is a tentative meeting for the end of July with the Planning Commission on a variance application. Their office is also awaiting more guidelines on the Buffer Legislation that was passed.

George /Northland Securities- Appeared before the Board to report the Bond Sale results. He discussed the Moody's bond rating at Aa3, which reflects the county's tax base, healthy financial profile, and modest debt burden. He stated there was National interest in the sale which ended up with six bids. United Bankers' Bank of Bloomington, MN, was the low bid with a true interest cost of 2.24%. The estimated savings to the county was \$90,432.08. A resolution regarding the sale of the Crossover Refunding Bond series 2015A was approved unanimously, upon a motion by T. Johnson and second by Monson.

Trevor Wright/Brenda Pedersen/Sheriff's Office- Wright reported that he did get the application in for the COPS grant which would pay 75% of a new deputy for three years. He discussed a request from the Corp of Engineers regarding the building project on the Mustinka. The Corp would like a letter sent that states the Board is aware of the project. Wright presented the Joint Powers Agreement for Sentence to Serve (STS) program. The STS agreement was approved by consensus. Wright sought direction from the Board regarding two vehicles that are ready to be sold. Leininger asked about the vehicles if we hired a

new deputy. Wright indicated the equipment has been stripped down. To put equipment back in, the labor would be close to leasing a new vehicle. Salberg asked about the Stepping Up resolution that was passed last month. Wright is uncomfortable with proceeding with the Stepping Up program as there are only 3 jails participating in it in Minnesota. Wright would like to develop a plan first. He has concerns about providing services to other county inmates as well. He also indicated there has been no direction from the Department of Corrections on this issue. Monson and T. Johnson suggested the resolution was about looking into a plan, not that we have one. Brenda Pederson announced her retirement is October 7, 2015. She questioned the health insurance benefit for retirees and if that would continue. She provided her formal three month notice. The issue of insurance was tabled so the Labor Attorney could weigh in.

Anthony Frisch/8th Judicial District Corrections- Frisch discussed the pilot Drug Court program. There was a recent press release. They have one individual ready to graduate. The clients receive drug tests weekly and Frisch commended the Sheriff’s Office for assisting with that process. He invited the Board to visit the Drug Court, which is held every other Thursday. Overall the program has been very successful. Additional programs will likely be growing throughout Minnesota in the near future.

Matt Franzese/County Attorney- Franzese discussed open meetings and closed meetings and when they can be closed. Upon a motion by Salberg and second by Monson, the meeting was unanimously closed for Attorney-Client privilege. Upon a motion by Monson and second by T. Johnson, the meeting was unanimously re-opened. In summary, the Board was informed regarding an employee grievance and next steps. Franzese also cautioned the Board members on open meeting discussions and violations and provided examples of such.

Rhonda Antrim/County Coordinator- The minutes of the June 16, 2015 Board meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by Salberg and second by T. Johnson. The following bills were approved unanimously upon a motion by T. Johnson and second by Gail.

COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION	2,133.64
HOUSTON ENGINEERING, INC.	3,833.06
SCHMITZ/TODD	8,360.00
Twin Valley Tire Wheaton, Inc.	2,047.80
BROWNS VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY	5,000.00
COMPUTER PROFESSIONALS UNLIMITED INC.	3,788.39
Horizon Public Health	5,315.33
KRATOCHWILL & ANDERSON, P.A.	3,125.00
LSS OF TRAVERSE, LLC	3,128.31
OTTER TAIL POWER CO	2,506.45
REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA	16,115.11
VIKING LIBRARY SYSTEM	31,223.00
VIPOND/JENNIFER	2,049.69

Per M.S. 375.12, the number of claims totaling \$2000.00 or less were 67, amounting to \$29,190.39.

Antrim updated the Board that we have no history or legal authority that could be found on donations to cities for celebrations. The Board discussed the property of Ryan Woods, 1302 3rd Ave S, and his

request to turn it over to the State of Minnesota. Upon a motion by Monson and second by T. Johnson, the request was denied. Antrim updated the Board on the various vacancies and where the county is in the process for advertising and hiring. A copy of the Alliance Pipeline settlement for 2015 was distributed. By consensus, the Board would like a first draft of the budget for the August 18th meeting.

Attested to by:

Rhonda Antrim/County Coordinator

Kevin Leininger/Board Chair