

Traverse County Commission  
Regular Board Meeting  
August 2, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Commission Chairman Todd Johnson. Other Commissioners present were Mark Gail and Kayla Schmidt. Dave Salberg and Dwight Nelson listened in via zoom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The agenda was approved unanimously (3-0) upon a motion by Gail and second by Schmidt. The minutes from the July 19, 2022 regular meeting and July 26, 2022 special meeting were approved unanimously (3-0) upon motion by Schmidt and second by Gail. Angela Wold and Allen Wold spoke regarding their concerns with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Report on the Twelvemile Dairy.

**Highway Department**

Chad Gillespie, County Engineer, and Brian Koch, Maintenance Supervisor, appeared before the Board. Gillespie explained to the Board that there is an expected 9% increase coming in September for the two Motor Graders that they are going to purchase. He asked for approval to sign the purchase agreement now for both the Motor Graders before the September State Contract increase. Upon a motion by Schmidt and second by Gail it was approved unanimously (3-0). Gillespie gave updates on CSAH 15 – 2024 2 -mile shoulder widening and grading project, things are moving along, they are getting the surveys complete and other aspects of the project scheduled and he also gave an update on CSAH 6. He explained that they are playing catch up on the normal maintenance due to the flooding and they are hoping to catch up with scheduled maintenance activities.

**Law Enforcement**

Sheriff Trevor Wright appeared before the Board. He gave the jail update for July; the average occupancy was 82.65%. Wright informed the Board that it was Family Fun Night at the fair grounds that night and he and two other Deputies planned to attend.

**Horizon Public Health**

Ann Stehn, Administrator, appeared before the Board with an annual update. Horizon Public Health (HPH) was awarded national accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) on February 12, 2021, making HPH the tenth local public health department in Minnesota to successfully complete this process. The held 365 immunization clinics in 2021. Stehn also went through information regarding Maternal and Child Health, Child and Teen Checkups and Outreach, Evidence Based Home Visits and Traditional Family Home Visits as well and Women, Infants and Children (WIC), Environmental Health and Home and Community based services.

**Soil and Water Conservation District**

Sara Gronfeld appeared before the Board. There were two new permit applications received for the Subsurface Sewage Treatment System (SSTS) Program. The 2022 SSTS Upgrade Grant has limited funds remaining, no new applications have been received. Construction on the Bois de Sioux Watershed District's Redpath Project is scheduled to start in 2024. The Delegated Feedlot Program received a Notice of Construction Short Form Permit for a new CAFO Hog Barn near Browns Valley. The Upper Minnesota River One Watershed One Plan committees had an open house in Clinton and it was well attended.

**County Coordinator**

Upon motion by Schmidt and a second by Gail the following bills were unanimously approved (3-0).

ACCESS	\$2,825.61
BOIS DE SIOUX WATERSHED DISTRICT	\$31,166.50
FLEET SERVICES	\$16,132.54
HOMETOWN PLANNING	\$2,520.00
TRAVERSE CARE CENTER	\$2,104.00
TRAVERSE COUNTY AUDITOR/TREASURER	\$15,008.27
DETCO	\$3,628.32
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	\$4,177.73
NORTH CENTRAL INTERNATIONAL, LLC	\$2,680.45
SCHMITZ, TODD	\$10,952.50
TRUE NORTH STEEL	\$3,925.00
WAGNER COMPANY	\$15,990.00
WHALEY EXCAVATING, INC.	\$25,669.50

Per M.S. 375.12, the number of claims totaling \$2,000.00 or less were 44 in the amount of \$16,405.84.

Lisa Zahl, County Coordinator, asked the Board for approval of the shared Veterans Services Officer contract with Wilkin County. Upon a motion by Gail and second by Schmidt the contract was approved unanimously (3-0). The Traverse Care Center Lease with Legacy Senior Services was discussed. Legacy Senior Services would like to keep the lease amount the same for 2023 as it was in 2022 which was \$20,000.00 per month because of the current employee shortage. There was discussion but it was decided to wait until the other two Commissioners were at the meeting to discuss it further. Halls Landing was discussed, there are valid concerns about liability at the landing, this will be a public access but only from the road down to the lake. The Commissioners decided to table the discussion at this time. The Commissioners received two letters of concern about the DNR report regarding the Twelvemile Dairy from Angela Wold and Allen Wold. Schmidt would like to have a public meeting at the Legion or High School to have the DNR discuss the results and explain the results in more detail. T. Johnson and Gail agreed, Zahl will work with Ben Oleson on getting a date that will work for the DNR and the Commissioners. Zahl informed the Commissioners that they received a letter from Bonanza Education Center explaining their need for their budget allocation that they receive from the County. Zahl also informed the Board that the 2023 County Program Aid from the State was finalized and Traverse County will receive \$488,515.00. T. Johnson explained that this is a far cry from what the State used to give counties and we need to fight to get it back up to a fair amount.

**Commissioner Reports**

Schmidt attended the Viking Library meeting and brought forward information on their budget request for 2023.

T. Johnson adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

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Lisa Zahl, County Coordinator

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Todd Johnson, Chairman