

Traverses County Commission  
Special Board Meeting  
August 25, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. by Commission Chair Kayla Schmidt. Other Commissioners present were Dwight Nelson, Jerrel Olson and Chad Metz. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The purpose of this special meeting is to discuss the draft lease with Minnewaska Community Home Care, LLC, a discussion regarding the Nursing Home State Grant money with LSS and HDG and discuss the repair of Courthouse air conditioner.

**State Grant Money – HDG/LSS**

Melissa Zygarlicke, Patrick Kratz and Sharon Thole representing Health Dimensions Group, HDG, and Eric Lunde representing Legacy Senior Services, LSS, appeared via zoom to discuss the State Grant money that they will be receiving for Traverse Care Center. Traverse County had requested in early August that LSS to turn over the grant money that they received from the State to us for the bond payment. Zygarlicke explained that because Traverse County is a third party they can't legally turn the payment over to us. They can use the money for eligible expenses, which the bond payment is one but we have to have an agreement in place and they can't give us more than what our monthly bond payment would be. It was asked what they will be using the money for since they only have August and September to spend it, they replied that they will be using it for the rent payment to Traverse County, paying down a line of credit and to pay off the loan for the van.

**Closed Meeting**

Commissioner Metz moved to close the meeting pursuant to MSA §13D .05 Subd. 3 to discuss leasing of real property. The subject to be discussed is the proposed leasing of the Traverse Care Center and Prairieview Place to Minnewaska Community Home Care, LLC. Nelson was a second and the meeting was closed at 7:08 a.m. The meeting reopened to the public at 7:33 a.m. Schmidt reported that after months of negotiations we believe we have a firm offer and we would like to approve the terms of the offer. Upon a motion by Nelson and second by Olson the terms of the offer were approved 4 – 0. Minnewaska Community will meet as a Board on Wednesday, August 30, 2023. There was discussion regarding the lease but the terms remain confidential as negotiations are not complete until Minnewaska also approves.

**Air Conditioner**

Chad Klindworth reported to Zahl that the Courthouse air conditioner was able to be repaired without the need to replace any parts or the whole unit.

Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 7:40 a.m.

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Lisa Zahl, County Coordinator

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Kayla Schmidt, Chair