

Traverse County Commission  
Regular Board Meeting  
August 16, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Kevin Leininger. Other commissioners present included Mark Gail, Todd Johnson, and Dave Salberg. Tom Monson was absent. The pledge was recited and the agenda was approved unanimously, upon a motion by Salberg and second by Gail.

**Larry Haukos/Highway Engineer-** Haukos discussed repairs needed for the crane on the sign truck. Leininger discussed the benefits of purchasing a new crane for it. By consensus, the Board authorized the purchase of new one and it should be added to the 2017 budget. Haukos distributed the available funds through July 2016 for review and discussed construction money awaiting reimbursement and projections for the year. Haukos also discussed a proposed four-way stop on county road 70 and the township road which was requested by Dollymount Dairy. Leininger stated the township is in favor of it. Upon a motion by Salberg and second by T. Johnson, a resolution approving putting a four-way stop up on county road 70 and the township road by Dollymount Dairy was approved unanimously.

**Kit Johnson/Auditor/Treasurer-** Johnson distributed the primary election results. Minnesota is number two in the nation for election performance. Upon a motion by Salberg and second by Gail, the Emergency Elections Operation Plan was approved unanimously. Upon a motion by T. Johnson and second by Gail, the Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative Joint Powers Association and By-Laws were unanimously approved. Johnson discussed the Audit Team and Salberg agreed to participate in the entrance call. Johnson distributed a preliminary draft budget for 2017. We are just under 18% increase from last year. T. Johnson said this budget highlights the importance of County Program Aid and the need to restore it.

**Lynn Siegel/Emergency Manager-** Siegel presented a letter to Governor Dayton for clean-up from the Browns Valley storm for signature.

**Dustin Kindelberger/Veteran Service Officer-** Upon a motion by Salberg and second by Gail, the following resolution was approved unanimously:

BE IT RESOLVED by TRAVERSE COUNTY that the County enter into the attached **Grant Contract** with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) to conduct the following Program: **County Veterans Service Office Operational Enhancement Grant Program**. The grant must be used to provide outreach to the county's veterans; to assist in the reintegration of combat veterans into society; to collaborate with other social service agencies, educational institutions, and other community organizations for the purposes of enhancing services offered to veterans; to reduce homelessness among veterans; and to enhance the operations of the county veterans service office, as specified in Minnesota Laws 2015 Chapter 77, Article 1, Section 37, Subdivision 2. This Grant should not be used to supplant or replace other funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by TRAVERSE COUNTY that DUSTIN KINDELBERGER, the CVSO, be authorized to execute the attached Grant Contract for the above-mentioned Program on behalf of the County.

WHEREUPON the above resolution was adopted at A REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
this 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2016.

Kindelberger reported the new DAV van has arrived. They will be having a fair booth again this year. The cameras on the secure doors are working well.

**Sara Gronfeld/Soil and Water/Planning and Zoning-** Upon a motion by Salberg and second by Gail, the resolution to extend the Traverse County comprehensive local water management plan and support one watershed, one plan projects within Traverse County was approved unanimously.

**Heidi Grove/West Central Minnesota Community Action Agency-** Grove presented information from the Group Cares camp held in Wheaton this summer. They served 26 families in total. They had over 200 volunteers provide 5580 volunteer hours.

**Rhonda Antrim/County Coordinator-** Upon a motion by Salberg and second by T. Johnson, the minutes from August 2, 2016 were approved unanimously. Upon a motion by Gail and second by T. Johnson, the following bills were approved unanimously:

GAZETTE PUBLISHING CO.	2,194.30
Horizon Public Health	5,315.33
REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA	3,947.40
SANFORD MEDICAL CTR	2,024.86
TRAVERSE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT	4,876.89
ZUERCHER TECHNOLOGIES LLC	12,094.00
KRIS ENGINEERING, INC.	3,080.88
PRO-BUILD	5,001.94
TRI COUNTY COOP	13,022.65
ZIEGLER, INC.	266,689.87

Per M.S. 375.12, the number of claims totaling \$2000.00 or less were 68, amounting to \$23,330.35. The Board reviewed the Traverse County Park rates and will consider raising them in a future meeting for 2017. Antrim provided information for the Association of Minnesota Counties Fall conference in Alexandria. Antrim also distributed the survey results regarding Broadband interest within the City of Wheaton. Some key findings included: The area has more subscribers of the triple play services (tv/internet/landline) than the national average, people do not generally know their internet speeds but 59% are happy with them and 73% like the idea of a new company providing fiber options, customers pay fairly high prices yet do not seem to be price shopping, 9.35% would definitely switch and 50% would strongly consider switching to a new company providing fiber, which is very high, and the citizens of Wheaton like the local governments more than Mediacom or Frontier.

Attested to by:

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Rhonda Antrim/County Coordinator

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Kevin Leininger/Board Chair