

Traverse County Commission
Regular Board Meeting
September 5, 2017

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. Upon a motion by Monson and second by Salberg, the agenda was approved unanimously.

Larry Haukos/Highway Engineer- The old generator will be put up for auction, with it likely occurring at the end of October. Haukos will do pricing on a new generator. There is approximately 1,100 yards of gravel left at the Wendell Pit, the Biss family will keep the remaining gravel and an agreement on the final settlement is in progress. Work began on project, SAP 078-700-008; Mill and Bituminous Overlay on MCSAH 100 (2nd Ave S, Wheaton) on August 23. FEMA gravel is completed, eleven miles left in the north 1/3 of County. Upon a motion by Monson and second by Salberg, unanimous approval to purchase Class V gravel from mark Sand and Gravel Dakota Co. for \$3.90/ton or \$5.46/yd. for approximately 5,000 yds. Haukos requested authorization to purchase A-Ox Welding Spoon Gun for welding stainless steel/aluminum for \$1,225.80, there was discussion with no motion. Upon a motion by Monson and second by T. Johnson, unanimous approval for Asfeld's tilling project, for approximately \$18,400.

Kit Johnson/Auditor/Treasurer- Upon a motion by Monson and second by T. Johnson, unanimous approval for the roofing contract for Traverse Care Center in the amount of \$68,780.00 from Northface Construction LLC, with work scheduled to begin at the end of September. The board agreed that K. Johnson can do an internal fund loan from the revenue fund to PVP/TCC for \$70,000 for the cost of the roof. Bids were returned for propane, with Tri-County coming in the lowest at \$1.10/gallon. There was a motion by Monson, second by T. Johnson to go with Tri-County for Wheaton and Tintah county buildings and keep Border State for the Browns Valley county shop. We received a dividend back from our insurance carrier, Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust (MCIT) in the amount of \$48,183. There will be four elections this year, CGB and Browns Valley will each have a referendum and a school board election, and Campbell-Tintah and Herman will each have a referendum. The State Auditors did the audit entrance last week and they will be here on September 12. The preliminary budget was discussed and we are at a 10.7% increase from last year. The preliminary budgets need to be approved by September 30, 2017.

Trevor Wright/Sheriff – Bartz reported that the jail was at 94.67% capacity for the month of August. Most of these were our inmates, and we also had to house 3 of our own in other facilities because we were at full capacity. We have two new hires; Jim Sagissor was hired as a part-time Communications/Corrections Officer and Marian Sprung was hired as the Administrative Assistant/Confidential Office Manager. We are in the process of receiving a 2014 Chevy Silverado LTZ from forfeiture, which will replace the 2011 Crown Victoria.

Lisa Siegel/County Coordinator- The Board minutes from August 15, 2017, were approved unanimously, upon a motion by Monson and second by Salberg. The following bills were approved unanimously, upon a motion by Salberg and second by Monson:

DLT SOLUTIONS, INC	3,389.46
M-R SIGN CO., INC.	2,484.09
NORTHFACE CONSTRUCTION LLC	34,390.00
TITAN MACHINERY-WAHPETON NH	2,710.00
TRI-CITY PAVING, INC.	8,604.35

Per M.S. 375.12, the number of claims totaling \$2,000.00 or less were 34, amounting to \$14,786.80. The Child Care Assistance Plan was looked over with no questions or concerns. This plan is also available on our website and will be submitted to the State by September 19, 2017. The County employee's health insurance increase this year is 27.5% through Lakes Country Services Cooperative. Justin from Flexible Benefits Consulting is looking into other options and will bring them to the Benefit Committee. T. Johnson informed the board that Big Stone County is allocating \$5,000 to the Browns Valley ambulance service. They also allocated money to Ortonville and Graceville for their ambulance services. If the allocation was taken from social services, there would be some state and federal reimbursement. T. Johnson made a motion to allocate \$10,000 to the Browns Valley ambulance service, but there was no second. T. Johnson amended his motion to allocate \$7,000 to Browns Valley ambulance service, seconded by Gail, the vote failed with a three to two vote, with Salberg, Monson and Leininger opposing. The board discussed meeting with department heads regarding the preliminary budget but felt they didn't need further clarification on the increase.

Sara Gronfeld, Soil and Water/Planning and Zoning – Seven land use permits were approved. An application was submitted for grant funds from Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for the septic treatment system program. The contract for advanced inspector services was sent to the contractor for signature. Traverse County Feedlot Officer Bruce Johnson is working through an application for new hog barn. Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment has a meeting scheduled September 6, to discuss the livestock processing conditional use permit and a conditional use permit for fill in the shoreland district. Gronfeld is working on a new conditional use permit application for a large hog feeding operation near Tintah. There is funding available for cost share assistance to establish grass buffers along streams and ditches.

Taylor Hufford, Soil and Water/Planning and Zoning – After the adoption of the plan for buffer enforcement the Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) will take on the enforcement through a joint powers agreement with the County. The County will receive \$53,184 in buffer aid in 2017 to help with enforcement of the new law. The Board unanimously approved the transfer of the buffer aid money to the SWCD upon motion by Monson and seconded by Salberg.

Public Hearing on the adoption of the Traverse County Buffer Ordinance – Matt Franzese, County Attorney, discussed the proposed ordinance that was based upon a model ordinance provided by the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR). The board discussed whether to add a clause which would eliminate land that would previously be exempted due to being grandfathered in or was a nonconformity. The Board decided to add the grandfathering clause upon a motion by Monson and seconded by Salberg and approved unanimously. The board also discussed the penalty for repeat violators and agreed that the fine would be assessed on a weekly basis rather than daily, approved unanimously upon a motion by Salberg and seconded by Monson.

Contingent on BWSRs approval the following ordinance was unanimously approved upon a motion by Monson and seconded by Salberg:

ESTABLISHMENT OF LAND USE ORDINANCE SECTION 26

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE RIPARIAN PROTECTION AND WATER QUALITY PRACTICES STATUTE IN THE COUNTY OF TRAVERSE

Findings.

1. The Minnesota Legislature has enacted M.S.A. §103F.48, which regulates all areas consisting of perennial vegetation, excluding invasive plants and noxious weeds, adjacent to all bodies of water within the state and that protects the water resources of the state from runoff pollution; stabilizes soils, shores, and banks; and protects or provides riparian corridors;
2. It is the purpose and intent of the County to:
 - (a) Provide for riparian vegetated buffers and water quality practices to achieve the following purposes:
 - (1) Protect state water resources from erosion and runoff pollution;
 - (2) Stabilize soils, shores and banks; and
 - (3) Protect or provide riparian corridors.
 - (b) Coordinate the implementation and enforcement of the water resources riparian protection requirements of M.S.A. §103F.48 with the shoreland management rules and ordinances adopted under the authority of M.S.A. §103F.201 to 103F.227 and the management of public drainage systems established under M.S.A. Chapter 103E where applicable; and
 - (c) Provide efficient and effective direction to landowners and protection of surface water quality and related land resources; and
3. The Traverse County Board of Commissioners believes that it is in the best interests of the residents of the County of Traverse that the enforcement requirements of M.S.A. §103F.48 be adopted.

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR TRAVERSE COUNTY HEREBY ORDAIN:

1. That Land Use Ordinance Section 26, Riparian Protection and Water Quality Practices, attached hereto, is hereby adopted in its entirety.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of September, 2017.

Attested to by:

Lisa Siegel/County Coordinator

Kevin Leininger/Board Chair