

Traverse County Commission  
Regular Board Meeting  
September 19, 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 Salberg and second by Monson, the agenda was approved unanimously.

**Larry Haukos/Highway Engineer-** The final settlement for the gravel has been sent to the Biss family for the Wendell Pit, the County is due \$21,681.80. Project SAP 078-603-006, Bituminous Overlay CSAH3: striping will be completed after seal coat aggregate is swept off, which should be this week. Project SAP 078-700-008, Mill and Bituminous Overlay on MCSAH 100 (2<sup>nd</sup> Ave S, Wheaton): they finished the curb, gutter, sidewalk and landscaping, with mill and overlay to be completed this week. Gravel crushing started on September 12. It is the third year of the contract with Scapaniack, crushing 40,000 yds. of Class V gravel. Upon a motion by Salberg and second by Monson, unanimous approval to accept the quote from Central Specialties to do the paving of the Traverse Care Center parking lot for \$29,060.00.

**Kit Johnson/Auditor/Treasurer-** The Browns Valley School Board vacancy will be a write-in this year, as there were no filings for the position. The audit is almost complete, with one of the findings in previous years was not having an accounting policy and procedure manual. All the policies in the manual have been approved previously by the Board, and are now put into a manual. The Accounting Policy and Procedure Manual was approved unanimously on a motion by Salberg and second by Monson. The preliminary budget is at a 10.5% increase over last year, with a levy of \$5,525,252.23. After discussion, on a motion by Monson second by T. Johnson and approved unanimously the preliminary budget was approved at a 9.75% increase over last year with a levy of \$5,487,752.23. The Truth in Taxation meeting was set for Monday, December 11, 2017, at 6:30 pm in the Annex Room at the Traverse County Social Services building.

**Sara Gronfeld, Soil and Water/Planning and Zoning –** The Traverse County Planning Commission recommends that the Board approve the Conditional Use Permit application submitted by Travis and Truman Raguse, Prairie Rose Meats, for construction and operation of livestock processing facility, with the condition of receipt and maintenance of an approved State Disposal System permit issued by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. The Board unanimously approved the CUP and adoption the Planning Commission's findings and conditions upon a motion by Salberg and second by Monson. The Traverse County Planning Commission also recommended that the Board approve the Conditional Use Permit application submitted by Peter and Roxanne Fischer for the addition of earthen fill with the Conservation District without conditions. Upon a motion by T. Johnson and second by Monson, and the Board unanimously approved the CUP and adopted the Planning Commission's findings. Gronfeld has a rough draft of the City of Tintah's community assessment report to try to get everyone in Tintah up-to-date with their sewer system. Gronfeld also submitted a grant

application for the septic system program to try to get Tintah extra funding for this process, and just received notice that they were not awarded the grant because it didn't fall within its parameters. Gronfeld received an update on the pipeline project's tentative alternative, that was going to come through Traverse County along with the other pipeline, with the news that the whole alternative plan had been rejected.

**Dennis Hanson** – Hanson met with the Board to request two stop signs running east and west on Highway 27 on the intersection of 7<sup>th</sup> Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave S. because traffic doesn't slow down or stop for pedestrians, and there are a lot of people walking to the nursing home and children walking to the park. Haukos suggested painting a cross walk like they have on Main Street along with pedestrian signs. The Board agreed that Haukos should move forward with painting a cross walk at that intersection.

**Lisa Siegel/County Coordinator**- The Board minutes from September 5, 2017, were approved unanimously, upon a motion by Monson and second by T. Johnson. The following bills were approved unanimously, upon a motion by Monson and second by T. Johnson:

Anderson Law Office, PA	\$2,082.50
Cardiac Science Corporation	\$5,685.00
Cardmember Service	\$4,457.85
Commissioner of Transportation	\$3,873.82
Gopher	\$3,243.00
Hometown Planning	\$2,343.05
Larson Oil, Inc.	\$21,013.30
LSS of Traverse, LLC	\$2,052.00
Main Street Motors	\$3,220.03
Minnesota Department of Administration	\$3,574.88
Traverse County Soil & Water	\$56,531.00
Tri County Coop	\$2,599.05
True North Steel	\$16,316.71

Per M.S. 375.12, the number of claims totaling \$2,000.00 or less were 79, amounting to \$31,624.28. Donations from MN Masonic Charities, Wheaton Lions Club, Sanford Health, and Traverse Lodge for updated AED equipment for the Deputy vehicles that were previously approved on July 18, 2017, for the wrong amount. The correct amount of the donations is \$5,395.00. These donations were accepted upon a motion by Salberg and second by Monson and approved unanimously. The County employee's health insurance through Lakes Country Service Cooperative increased this year 27.5%. Justin and Sam from Flexible Benefit Consulting met with the insurance committee and presented three options: stay with LCSC, switch to PEIP (Public Employees Insurance Program), or switch to PrimeHealth. It was the recommendation of Flexible Benefit Consulting to disband from LCSC and pick one of the other two options. The recommendation from the Benefit Committee was to disband from LCSC and pick PEIP or PrimeHealth, if the Board would agree to a composite rate for PrimeHealth, which right now it is age banded. The composite rate would be an average rate of all employees on a family plan

figured at the end of 2017 for 2018 rates. The County would take on the risk of it either increasing or decreasing throughout the year. The composite rate was approved unanimously on a motion by Monson second by T. Johnson. The AMC (Association of Minnesota Counties) Annual meeting is on December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, with three commissioners planning to attend the meeting. This will require the regular Board meeting to be changed to Wednesday, December 6, 2017. Salberg will be attending the Social Services Mental Health meeting in Alexandria on October 6, 2017.

Attested to by:

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Lisa Siegel/County Coordinator

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Kevin Leininger/Board Chair