

Traverse County Commission  
Regular Board Meeting  
October 6, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Mark Gail, other Commissioners present were Kevin Leininger, Tom Monson, Dave Salberg and Todd Johnson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The agenda was unanimously approved upon a motion by Monson and second by Leininger.

**Highway Department**

Chad Gillespie, County Engineer, appeared before the Board. Gillespie gave the Board a department update.

Gillespie is seeking approval for final payment of 20-01 to Wagner's in the amount of \$118,591.44 for CSAH 18 graveling. The following resolution was approved unanimously upon a motion by Leininger and seconded by Monson:

Board Resolution

WHEREAS: County project No CP 20-01 has in all things been completed, and the county Board being fully advised in the premises.

NOW THEN BE IT RESOLVED: That we do hereby accept said completed project for and on behalf of the county of Traverse and authorize final payment as specified herein.

Gillespie is seeking approval for final payment for 078-598-037 County Road 76 Bridge to Korby Contracting in the amount of \$125,062.11. The following resolution was approved unanimously upon a motion by Monson and seconded by Salberg:

Board Resolution

WHEREAS: County project no SAP 078-598-037 have in all things been completed, and the County Board being fully advised in the premises.

NOW THEN BE IT RESOLVED: That we do hereby accept said completed project for and on behalf of the County of Traverse and authorize final payment as specified herein.

The Recycling Center parking lot paving was started on October 2, 2020.

The lawn mower at the County Park was stolen out of the garage; it has been reported to law enforcement.

**Law Enforcement Center**

Sheriff Trevor Wright and Brenda Bartz, Jail Administrator, appeared before the Board with a department update.

Sheriff Wright informed the Board that a deer ran into the side of one of the squad cars; it is in the process of getting fixed.

The Sheriffs are looking at how the police reforms are going to affect the rural counties; they want to stay on top of this as the rural area is different than the metro area.

Bartz presented the September jail report to the Board with the jail usage at 76.47% for the month. Today will be the final portion of the 2020 bi-annual self-audit with the State.

### **Soil & Water Conservation District**

District Manager Sara Gronfeld appeared before the Board with a department update.

Gronfeld informed the Board that there were no new permit applications for the Subsurface Sewage Treatment System (SSTS) program. There were no grant applications for upgrades and there is currently \$5,600 of current funds unallocated for upgrade grants.

There were no new applications for the Wetland Conservation Act or the MPCA Feedlot program.

The draft One Watershed One Plan has been released for the 60 day review. Comments are due back by November 9 and the County Board will be asked to vote on approving and adopting the plan. Monson and T. Johnson requested a copy of the plan to review.

The SWCD staff are working on the installation of lined waterway outlet projects this week. The USDA Service Center remains locked with business by appointment only.

### **Veterans Services/Safety/Solid Waste**

Dustin Kindelberger, CVSO, appeared before the Board with a Department update.

Kindelberger is seeking Board approval for the \$7,500.00 grant from the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs. This grant is used to pay for Veterans and their dependents to get transportation throughout the county by using Rainbow Rider. Upon a motion by Salberg and seconded by Monson the following resolution was approved unanimously:

#### **RESOLUTION OF TRAVERSE COUNTY**

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 Statutes 197.608 and Minnesota Laws 2019, Chapter 10 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 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020.

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*Board Chair*

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*Date*

STATE OF MINNESOTA

TRAVERSE COUNTY

I, Lisa Zahl, do hereby certify that I am the custodian of the minutes of all proceedings had and held by the COUNTY BOARD of said TRAVERSE COUNTY, that I have compared the above resolution with the original passed and adopted by the COUNTY BOARD of said TRAVERSE COUNTY at a REGULAR meeting thereof held on the 6<sup>TH</sup> day of OCTOBER, 2020 at 9:45AM, that the above constitutes a true and correct copy thereof, that the same has not been amended or rescinded and is in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto placed my hand and signature this 1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY OF OCTOBER, 2020, and have hereunto affixed the seal of the County.

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*Clerk of the Board*

(SEAL)

There have been multiple Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs COVID 19 grants for veterans and their dependents within Traverse County.

The Quilts of Valor presentation was held last Tuesday and they presented 4 quilts to Traverse County Veterans to say thank you for your service, sacrifice and valor in serving our nation. They were presented to James Frisch, Donald Buddy Gaulrapp, Merton Johnson, and Dustin Johnson.

#### **Auditor/Treasurer**

Kit Johnson, County Auditor/Treasurer, appeared before the Board to ask for approval for the City of Browns Valley to purchase the 4 properties in Browns Valley that are up for tax forfeiture. Upon a motion by T. Johnson and seconded by Leininger the Board approved unanimously to sell the four lots to the City of Browns Valley for \$50.00 per parcel.

K. Johnson would like to set the date for the Truth in Taxation meeting. The date needs to be between November 24 and December 28, 2020 and it has to be held at 6:00 p.m. or later. The date will be December 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

#### **County Coordinator**

A motion was made by Monson to approve the September 15, 2020 Board minutes, with a second by T. Johnson, and approved unanimously. Upon a motion by Salberg and second by Leininger, the following bills were approved unanimously:

BROCK WHITE CO. LLC	\$27,000.00
KELLEN, RYAN – 54K LLC	\$9,875.00
KIBBLE EQUIPMENT LLC	\$12,900.00
SCHMITZ, TODD	\$6,750.00

BARTZ COLLISION & GLASS	\$2,446.19
BOIS DE SIOUX WATERSHED DISTRICT	\$229,642.05
FLEET SERVICES	\$3,291.74
HOMETOWN PLANNING	\$2,420.00
MEND CORRECTIONAL CARE, PLLC	\$2,582.64
MN STATE AUDITOR	\$2,441.75
REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA	\$19,143.64
TRAVERSE COUNTY SOIL & WATER SERV	\$24,363.00
WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL JUVENILE CTR	\$2,743.00

Per M.S. 375.12, the number of claims totaling \$2,000 or less were 53, amounting to \$25,814.66.

Lisa Zahl, County Coordinator, informed the Board that we went out for Request For Proposals (RFPs) for our ancillary benefits this year. Our voluntary dental is currently with Delta Dental, we received a proposal from Guardian that will give the employees a 7% discount along with more benefits from the plan. The Benefit Committee approved the switch for our dental insurance from Delta Dental to Guardian. The Benefit Committee also approved Cigna for our voluntary Critical Illness, Accident, and Hospital insurance and not offer AFLAC and Colonial to new employees as of January 1, 2021. The employees that are currently receiving AFLAC and Colonial will be able to continue to have their premiums payroll deducted but that will be discontinued for new employees.

The CARES Committee met and approved the following amounts; \$20,385.05 out of county Payroll for job duties related to COVID and Families First Corona Response Act; \$112.00 out of County Operational Enhancement for extra cleaning costs; \$1,626.83 out of Personal Protective Equipment for multiple departments; \$5,000.00 for Food Shelf; \$79,793.41 for School Support and \$270.00 for Business Relief. These expenses were approved unanimously, to pay out of the CARES act funding, upon a motion by Salberg and seconded by T. Johnson.

The Campbell-Tintah School District put in a request to Traverse County for CARES money. Our eligibility requirements are that they must have a physical location within Traverse County. Although the school is not located within Traverse County they do have 34 students from Traverse County that attend this school. Wilkin County was contacted and it was confirmed that they did give Campbell-Tintah School District CARES money for all students in their school district. The Board denied their request since they have already received CARES money from the County where they are physically located and because they are not physically located within Traverse County.

Gail adjourned the meeting at 9:33 a.m.

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Lisa Zahl, County Coordinator

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Mark Gail, Board Chairman