

Traverse County Commission
Regular Board Meeting
October 18, 2016

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

Emily Conroy/Extension Department- Conroy presented information on the Drone Discovery program developed by Cornell University Cooperative Extension. Thirty-seven youth from Traverse County participated in it. Newly elected Federation Officers were presented. Conroy discussed recruitment efforts for the 4-H program. Conroy presented enrollment numbers statewide and Traverse ranked 13th, which is why they are actively seeking more volunteers.

Larry Haukos/Highway Engineer- Haukos presented a pay estimate for Serocki Excavating, Inc for CP 16-04, bituminous surface patching in the amount of \$41,557.28. The bill was approved unanimously upon a motion by T. Johnson and second by Salberg. Upon a motion by Monson and second by Salberg, it was unanimously approved to purchase a portable paint striper/sprayer from Diamond Vogel, in the amount of \$3,674.10.

Kit Johnson/Auditor/Treasurer- Johnson presented a department update. There will be a sample ballot in the paper next week. There have been a high number of absentee voters. The second half of property taxes were due October 17th. Delinquent taxes were discussed and there have been 21 parcels in tax forfeiture. By consensus, the cities in the county will be offered the properties at little to no cost. If they don't want any of them, then prices will be set.

Betty Beal/Traverse County Fair Board- Beal appeared to present a summary of Traverse County Fair business for 2016. Promotions and space rentals remained the same. Gate prices were down from last year because of the all-class reunion last year. Carnival income was up but beer garden was down. Bingo had good crowds. Super X had about 300 attending the event. Fireworks provided by John Deal were well attended. This year capital improvements included the office building, the ticket booth, and the 4-H canteen. Next year the goal is to fix up the Industrial Building, upgrades to the Bingo stand, and some new bathrooms. Total income for 2016 was \$108,849.00 with expenditures of \$115,589.00. They are requesting \$10,000.00 from the County Commission again. Leininger recommended giving them a little bit more money until the buildings are all fixed. Discussion of the value of the fair and the quality of the fair was had, including the carnival staff and relationships with them. Upon a motion by Monson and second by Salberg, the Board unanimously approved \$15,000.00 for 2017.

Craig Abbott and Calista Tafe/Traverse Care Center (TCC)- The Capital Plan Timeline was discussed. The first priority is roofing on the main building of TCC and next summer to fix Prairie View Place with an estimate of \$117K for steel roofing or \$80K for shingles. Other immediate needs include Wi-Fi and electronic medical records integration throughout the community with an estimate of \$178,078.00. They also need a new call light system which the current one is obsolete, repaving of the parking lot, and then remodeling of the 200 wing. They currently have a waiting list so they would like to be able to utilize rooms in that wing. There was also a lot of longer-term projects addressed. Abbott discussed the lease renewal and proposed a 5-year renewal with current monthly payments remaining same, and then

Legacy and the county split the Capital costs over the course of those 5 years. Leininger agreed the county should assist with the roof and paving the parking lot. T. Johnson stated time is of the essence with remodeling the 200 wing. Salberg agreed opening those two rooms should be a priority. The county will be doing a paving project over on 2nd street next summer so they could tie in the parking lot then. T. Johnson agreed with a 5-year renewal. Approximate cost share would be about \$50,000.00 per year over 5 years for the county in capital projects. T. Johnson said we need to front load the building needs. Leininger agreed we have to keep the building open and need to upgrade the building to do that. T. Johnson made a motion to move forward with a 5-year lease and a 50/50 building needs cost share with an approximate cost of \$50,000.00 per year over 5-years, with the understanding that some costs may be front loaded. Salberg seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The monthly lease payment amount will be deferred until a later meeting. Abbott discussed cash flow and how capital can be built into the lease payments over time.

Sara Gronfeld/Soil and Water/Planning and Zoning- Gronfeld recommended reappointing Jerome Deal Jerry Metz and Doug Frisch each to serve a three year term on the Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment. They were all reappointed unanimously upon a motion by Monson and second by Salberg. There were five land use permits approved. There were nine subsurface sewage treatment system septic permits approved. There were many parcels of tax forfeited properties that need to be reviewed and certified. The planning commission will be meeting to discuss a review of a new plat near Rainbow Island.

Rhonda Antrim/County Coordinator- The minutes of October 4, 2016, were approved unanimously upon a motion by Monson and second by T. Johnson. The following bills were approved unanimously upon a motion by Salberg and second by Monson:

Anderson Law Office, PA	2,160.00
MN STATE AUDITOR	20,752.50
NEOFUNDS BY NEOPOST	2,100.00
SeaChange	5,341.62
TRAVERSE COUNTY SOIL & WATER SERVICE	78,897.00
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	4,032.39

Per M.S. 375.12, the number of claims totaling \$2000.00 or less were 47, amounting to \$18,921.07. Antrim distributed a power point presentation from Advantanon, regarding high speed internet options using wireless towers, that will be held Wednesday the 19th, at 9:00 AM. Antrim also updated the Board regarding a legislative forum in Morris, MN, on November 17th, 2016.

Attested to by:

Rhonda Antrim/County Coordinator

Kevin Leininger/Board Chair