

Traverse County Commission
Truth in Taxation Meeting
December 14, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Todd Johnson. Other Commissioners present were Dave Salberg, Mark Gail and Kayla Schmidt. The pledge of allegiance was recited. The agenda was approved unanimously upon motion by Salberg and second by Gail. Upon motion by Gail and second by Schmidt the following bills were unanimously approved:

CARDMEMBER SERVICE	\$3,288.80
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	\$5,105.52
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, INC.	\$7,160.63
HOMETOWN PLANNING	\$2,520.00
HORMANN, MARK	\$2,000.00
MEND CORRECTIONAL CARE, PLLC	\$2,766.02
MORRIS ELECTRONICS	\$2,121.61
TRI COUNTY COOP OIL ASSOC	\$2,205.90
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	\$3,528.03
CHAMBERLAIN OIL COMPANY	\$2,377.83
FRONTIER PRECISION, INC.	\$2,376.00
HORMANN WORKS LLC	\$11,750.00
LARSON OIL, INC	\$7,837.80
MORRIS ELECTRONICS	\$3,850.17
STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$4,797.10
TRAVERSE COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	\$3,570.00
WALLWORK TRUCK CENTER	\$22,242.76

Per M.S. 375.12, the number of claims totaling \$2,000.00 or less were 77 totaling \$37,919.56.

K. Johnson explained that the Board set the preliminary level at a 6.9% increase over 2022, as of today the levy increase is 7.65% over 2022. K. Johnson told the Board that some of the reasons for the increase were the change in the Law Enforcement contract with the City of Browns Valley and the termination of the Extension contract with Grant County. K. Johnson also went over some educational information along with where our neighboring counties are at with their county property tax data. We are one of the lowest property tax rates in the State.

There was discussion among the Commissioners with K. Johnson giving them areas to think about. After the discussion and some changes, the levy increase over 2022 IS at 6.65%, this included using \$300,000.00 from reserves. The Commissioners wanted to lower the levy increase even more and asked Kit about using additional reserve funds. It was decided to use \$500,000.00 from reserves which puts the levy increase to 3.42% over 2022. Kit was instructed to take \$200,000.00 from the Revenue Fund, \$200,000.00 from the Road and Bridge fund and \$100,000.00 from the Social Services Fund.

The Board will set the 2023 levy at the December 20, 2022, Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Attested to by:

Lisa Zahl, County Coordinator

Todd Johnson, Board Chairman