

Traverse County Commission
Regular Meeting
May 3, 2016

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. The agenda was approved unanimously with an addition of Otter Tail Power rate increases and demolition properties in Browns Valley, upon a motion by Salberg and second by Monson.

Larry Haukos/Highway Engineer- A request for striping was unanimously approved with Traffic Marking, in the amount of \$52,845.62, upon a motion by Monson and second by Gail. A request for lighting from Federal Safety Funds for six intersections for approximately \$58,000.00 was discussed. Federal Funding would pay 80% and MnDot would pay the remaining 20%. The discussion was tabled for further research. The following resolution was approved unanimously, upon a motion by Monson and second by Salberg:

Resolution

IT IS RESOLVED that Traverse County enter into MnDOT Agreement No. 1001568 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation for the following purposes:

To provide for payment by the State to the County for the use of County State Aid Highway No. 6 and County State Aid Highway No. 15 as a detour route during the contract construction to be performed upon, along and adjacent to Trunk Highway No. 75 from Graceville to Dumont under State Project No. 8824-120 (T.H. 75=6)

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Coordinator and the Board Chair are authorized to execute the Agreement and any amendments to the Agreement.

DNR also sent the Highway Department a letter and certificate of appreciation for their work providing safe public waters access on Lake Traverse. T. Johnson also asked if the Highway Department could help demolish a few homes in Browns Valley. Haukos was going to talk with Tom Schmitz about it.

Trevor Wright/Brenda Bartz/Sheriff's Office- Bartz presented jail statistics. They've been between 8 and 10 inmates on average with more on the weekends. Fifty-nine percent are Traverse County inmates. Wright discussed staffing levels and challenges. The Jail Administrator is covering extra shifts. Wright explained a realignment of full-time and part-time staff that will help with recruitment as well as reduce over-time. He explained upcoming training for e-citations. He discussed the National Sheriff's Conference that will be hosted in Minnesota this summer. He is utilizing a new vendor for outfitting the vehicles for a cost-savings as well as some other cost-saving ideas. Monson expressed some concerns about an incident when deputies were driving too fast through town. Wright explained the statutes and due care. Leininger also expressed concerns with it and whether the statutes allow it or not, 35 miles per hour through town is fast enough. Wright agreed to review camera footage from the incident for due care, and act appropriately. Leininger just doesn't want it happening again. Salberg asked about the jail task force. Monson indicated the last meeting was cancelled so there was not an update. Wright said the task force is lacking a goal and direction. One underlying goal is to figure out how to run the jail efficiently. T. Johnson discussed rates. He indicated the law enforcement budget is \$1.3 M expense over revenues. He commented that, "it's our job as commissioners to solve this problem so it is sustainable. It's not personal and has nothing to do with personnel. Occupancy is at or near capacity, because it's a great deal for other counties." He alluded to increasing the daily rates and that the task force is helpful in evaluating this as well as other actions that can help increase revenue. Wright indicated that 90% of

his expenses are salary. Wright said the challenge will be increasing outside revenues, such as state money from the legislature.

Child Care Day- Kelly Krauth brought in her day care and took a picture with the commission. Upon a motion by Salberg and second by T. Johnson, the Proclamation was unanimously approved declaring May 6, 2016, as Provider Appreciation Day in Traverse County.

Rhonda Antrim/County Coordinator- The Board minutes from April 19, 2016, were approved unanimously, upon a motion by T. Johnson and second by Monson. The following bills were approved unanimously upon a motion by Monson and second by Salberg:

APPLIED CONCEPTS, INC.	2,950.80
Joseph L. Daly, Arbitrator	2,335.62
Minnesota Department of Administration	2,539.33
SEROCKI EXCAVATING, INC.	5,190.00
TRAVERSE COUNTY TREASURER	26,892.10

Per M.S. 375.12, the number of claims totaling \$2000.00 or less were 38, amounting to \$14,417.39. The Broadband feasibility study was discussed. There were three quotes received. Upon a motion by Monson and second by T. Johnson, the low bid by CCG Consulting was unanimously approved for \$38,000.00 for the study and an additional \$5,000.00 for them to prepare and apply for the DEED Broadband Grant.

Attested to by:

Rhonda Antrim/County Coordinator

Kevin Leininger/Board Chair