

The Traill County Commissioners came to order on January 2, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. with the following members present: District 1, Tom Eblen; District 2, Kurt Elliott; District 3, Ken Nesvig; District 4, Larry Young and District 5, Les Amb. On motion of Elliott, seconded by Nesvig and carried to approve the minutes of 12-18-18 as presented.

On motion of Elliott, seconded by Eblen and carried to appoint Les Amb, Chairman for 2019.

On motion of Young, seconded by Nesvig and carried to appoint Tom Eblen, Vice-Chairman for 2019.

On motion of Eblen, seconded by Nesvig and carried to appoint the following Commissioners to the 2019 portfolios as follows: COURTHOUSE: Nesvig SHERIFF/JAIL: Eblen ROAD DEPT: Young VSO: Elliott

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: On motion of Young, seconded by Nesvig and carried to amend the motion made on 12-04-18 by removing Kurt Elliott and appointing Tom Eblen as a member on the Economic Development Board.

### REVENUE RESTORATION RESOLUTION

The following Resolution was introduced by Commissioner Eblen and seconded by Commissioner Young at the regular monthly meeting of the Traill County Commission held at the county courthouse in Hillsboro, ND, on the 2nd day of January 2019,

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota sustained a budget shortfall of more than \$1 billion during the 2015-2017 biennium, and effectively increased property tax throughout the State by eliminating the 12% property tax buy down during the 2017-2019 biennium; and,

WHEREAS, despite the rejection of a decrease in the State's income tax by the voters in the General Election of 2008, the State Legislature has disregarded the will of the people during the past 5 legislative sessions and incrementally reduced the State's income tax rate by approximately 50%, contributing substantially to the inability to properly fund obligations of State and local governments; and,

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Oil Extraction Tax was reduced from 6½% to 5% by the 2015 session of the North Dakota State Legislature, reducing revenues to the State's Treasury by approximately \$20 million per month, even at today's reduced oil prices; and,

WHEREAS, the original Oil Extraction Tax rate of 6½% was set by the voters of North Dakota when they approved an initiated measure establishing the tax in the General Election of 1980;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Traill County Commission requests that the North Dakota State Legislature respect the will of the people of North Dakota as expressed in their approval of the initiated measure in 1980 and their rejection of the income tax decrease in 2008 by restoring the Oil Extraction Tax to 6½% and the State's personal and corporate income tax rates to the levels of 2008 as part of the State's effort to restore lost revenue and meet its fiscal responsibilities.

The following members were present and voted aye for the adoption of the foregoing resolution: Eblen, Elliott, Nesvig, Young and Amb. Voting NAY: None. The resolution was declared adopted.

MILEAGE RATES: On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Elliott and carried to increase the mileage rates from \$.545 to \$.58 (same at State rates).

TAX DIRECTOR: Kayla Knudson, Tax Director presented two abatements for properties located in Greenfield Township, owned by Raymond Zajac. Mr. Zajac states the properties are not modified correctly. The Greenfield Township Officers denied the abatements. The parcels have modifiers and also the soils on the parcels take saline into account when values are figured. On motion of Young, seconded by Elliott and carried to deny both abatements. Knudson discussed the need for the ARC GIS Software for her office. This software which will enable the Tax Director's office to complete and manage the agricultural assessment processing of splits and update soil uses, saving the county fees originally charged by Sidwell. On motion of Young, seconded by Nesvig and carried to allow

Knudson to purchase the ARC GIS Software at a cost of \$8599.99 with an annual maintenance fee of \$1500.00, providing Knudson has the money in her budget. On motion of Elliott, seconded by Nesvig and carried to approve the 2019-2020 Sidwell contract in the amount of \$14,600.00.

AUDITOR'S LOTS & SURVEYS: Discussion was held on recording of Auditor's Lots & Surveys. After much discussion, on motion of Eblen, seconded by Elliott and carried to require everyone splitting property to contact the Tax Director or Auditor, before recording the deeds to inquire about obtaining an Auditor's lot or survey, which must all be recorded in order to keep our records accurate. The Auditor will send a letter to the Water Board to notify them of this procedure.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Corwyn Martin, Road Superintendent & Matt Lange, KJ updated the board on various issues. Martin explained they charge FEMA rates when delivering gravel. The Climax bridge will be painted this spring. Reminded the Commissioners of the Road Conference which will be held in Grand Forks January 29-31.

On motion duly made and carried, the following bills paid by the County Auditor to January 1, 2019 were approved:

|       |                      |          |             |                           |           |
|-------|----------------------|----------|-------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| 95601 | TC Treasurer – FOASI | 61083.69 | 79928-80009 | December Payroll          | 265272.43 |
| 95595 | NDPERS – Retirement  | 38788.63 | 95591       | Discovery Benefits (Fees) | 77.00     |

On motion duly made and carried, the following bills presented to the Board were ordered paid, to-wit:

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| 95767 | Remark Tech Consulting        | 74012.00 | 95795 | NACO                         | 450.00   |
| 95768 | Marilyn Aanderud              | 63.77    | 95796 | NDACO                        | 9204.00  |
| 95769 | Advanced Business Methods     | 155.72   | 95797 | ND Association of Counties   | 29831.21 |
| 95770 | Country Suites Bismarck       | 80.10    | 95798 | ND County Commissioner Assn. | 1650.00  |
| 95771 | Bismarck Radisson Hotel       | 84.60    | 95799 | NDEWA                        | 45.00    |
| 95772 | Business Essentials           | 382.30   | 95800 | ND Water Users Assn.         | 100.00   |
| 95773 | CHS Credit Card               | 185.50   | 95801 | Nodak Electric               | 58.02    |
| 95774 | Code 4 Services               | 93.50    | 95802 | Northern Engine & Supply     | 143.56   |
| 95775 | East Central Regional         | 29.40    | 95803 | Northern Safety Technology   | 1351.20  |
| 95776 | Fastenal Company              | 27.98    | 95804 | Overhead Door Company        | 2184.40  |
| 95777 | Fleet Pride Truck             | 65.97    | 95805 | O'Day Equipment              | 189.00   |
| 95778 | Ivy Fyre                      | 23.00    | 95806 | Ottetail Power Co.           | 91.47    |
| 95779 | Great American Leasing        | 117.00   | 95807 | Otto's Welding               | 804.00   |
| 95780 | Govern Soft                   | 12683.00 | 95808 | Paul's Hometown Repair       | 44.00    |
| 95781 | Grainger                      | 256.90   | 95809 | Polar Communications         | 126.18   |
| 95782 | Kathleen Hansen               | 49.05    | 95810 | Reliance Telephone Inc.      | 200.00   |
| 95783 | Hillsboro Municipal Utilities | 3135.56  | 95811 | Razor Tracking               | 250.00   |
| 95784 | Inland Truck Parts            | 2927.57  | 95812 | Tammy Sand                   | 193.88   |
| 95785 | Kim Jacobson                  | 373.81   | 95813 | Sorum Oil                    | 47.25    |
| 95786 | Allison Klassen               | 66.63    | 95814 | Streicher's                  | 41.95    |
| 95787 | Jackie Kraling                | 187.27   | 95815 | Toshiba Business Solution    | 32.24    |
| 95788 | Pamela Lacher                 | 131.22   | 95816 | TC Water Resource            | 6250.00  |
| 95789 | Laser Systems                 | 58.16    | 95817 | Verizon Wireless             | 751.57   |
| 95790 | Lawson Products               | 52.10    | 95818 | Verizon Wireless             | 212.14   |
| 95791 | Little Falls Machine Inc.     | 754.50   | 95819 | Verizon Wireless             | 217.92   |
| 95792 | LSS Property Management       | 600.00   | 95820 | Tami Wilson                  | 56.68    |
| 95793 | Sara Mack                     | 23.00    | 95821 | West Side Steel              | 179.78   |
| 95794 | Tammi Mooney                  | 43.06    | 95822 | Zep Manufact. Co.            | 400.42   |
| 95823 | ND BC/BS                      | 5964.70  | 95824 | Halstad Telephone            | 2737.97  |
| 95827 | NDPERS – Insurance            | 50665.11 | 95826 | Pitney Bowes Global          | 894.00   |

There being no further business to be brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 a.m. to meet again on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.

Attest:

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Glenda Haugen, Auditor

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Les Amb, Chairman