

The Traill County Commissioners came to order on January 20th, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Eblen, Elliott, Nesvig, and Young in person and Commissioner Amb attending online.

Additions or deletions to the agenda: Discussion on Home Rule and a statement from Commissioner Young.

On motion of Eblen, seconded by Young and carried to approve the agenda.

On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Eblen and carried approve the minutes of January 6th, 2026.

On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Eblen and carried to approve a letter to be sent to Troy Hefta on his property questions.

On motion of Eblen, seconded by Nesvig and carried to approve an indemnity bond for Wold Johnson, P.C. in the amount of \$2,520.00.

Commissioners received a letter from Garrison Diversion regarding grant application opportunities. Nesvig asked the board if they want to consider applying for the bathrooms in Belmont Park. The Commissioners would like Ben Gates, Assistant DES, look into the grant and come back to the board.

COUNTY PAYABLES: On motion of Young, seconded by Nesvig and carried to approve the regular bills presented for payment and the Auditor's warrants as follows:

111235	ADVANCED BUSINESS	\$	440.11	111278	ND ASSOCI OF COUNTIES	\$	11,153.00
111236	BLOCK ONE OFFICES LLC	\$	2,460.00	111279	ND ATTORNEY GENERAL	\$	949.00
111256	BRAND, ALLISON MARY	\$	35.73	111280	ND BLUE CROSS SHIELD	\$	7,891.30
111257	BRENNANS GARAGE LLC	\$	590.00	111244	ND COUNTY AUDITORS ASSOC	\$	3,400.00
111258	BUTLER MACHINERY CO.	\$	300.00	111245	ND DEPT OF TRANSP	\$	3,976.26
111259	BUXTON CITY AUDITOR	\$	229.00	111281	ND STATE RADIO COMM	\$	766.00
111260	BUXTON FARMERS UNION	\$	1,594.62	111282	ND STATES ATTORNEY ASSOC	\$	175.00
111261	COLE PAPER INC.	\$	2,051.00	ACH	NDPERS	\$	2,194.08
111237	CUSTOMER ACCOUNT SVS	\$	119.00	111283	NDSU EXTENSION	\$	6,166.48
111233	DAKOTA HERITAGE BANK	\$	20,156.44	111246	NILSON BRAND LAW	\$	1,500.00
111238	DAKOTA NATURAL GAS	\$	4,900.53	111284	NODAK ELECTRIC COOP	\$	245.49
111239	EAST CENTRAL REG WATER	\$	48.40	111285	PORTLAND FARMERS UNION	\$	1,619.10
111263	EMMA LOLIYA	\$	59.45	111286	RDO TRUCK CENTER	\$	5,904.28
111240	FAMILY HEALTHCARE CTR	\$	829.50	111247	RECORD KEEPERS LLC	\$	27.50
111264	FLACK JACKET	\$	339.75	111248	REMARK TECH CONSULTING	\$	86,843.11
111265	FREEBERG, ERIKA LEIGH	\$	80.71	111288	SANDBO PLUMBING	\$	666.46
111234	GOOSE RIVER BANK	\$	51,620.14	111249	SCHNEIDER GEOSPATIAL, LLC	\$	14,020.00
111266	GF ASSOC REALTORS	\$	250.00	111250	SEREH SAMBOU	\$	70.00
111241	HILLSBORO MUNICIPAL	\$	1,926.79	111251	SORUM OIL COMPANY	\$	1,483.52
111242	HP INC.	\$	2,019.00	111252	STONES SECURITY SYSTEMS	\$	396.00
111243	INFORMATION TECH DEPT	\$	4,794.55	ACH	TAX COLLECTIONS-DECEMBER	\$	53,186.55
111268	ISHIATU KROMAH	\$	59.45	ACH	TAX COLLECTIONS-PREPD JAN	\$	3,380,928.41
111269	JACOBSON, KIMBERLY	\$	185.00	111290	TOOL WAREHOUSE INC.	\$	62.45
ACH	JPMORGAN CHAS	\$	23,199.32	111291	TOWN & COUNTY COOP	\$	168.50
111270	KLJ ENGINEERING LLC	\$	47,840.66	111253	TRAILL COUNTY TREASURER	\$	10,222.38
111271	LINDE GAS EQUIPMENT	\$	1,014.92	111292	TRAILL COUNTY WATER	\$	40,000.00
111272	MARIA ARGUETA	\$	172.70	111293	VALLEY BUS COACHES LLC	\$	2,625.00
111273	MAYPORT HARDWARE HANK	\$	8.79	111294	VANESSA BURR	\$	7.02
111274	MIDWEST PEST CONTROL	\$	220.00	111295	WALLWORK TRUCK CENTER	\$	647.66

111275	MILLERS ELECTRICAL SVs	\$	195.00	111254	WEX	\$	52.50
111276	NAPA	\$	248.75	111296	WRIGHT IMPLEMENT	\$	529.90
111277	NAPA CENTRAL	\$	171.55	111297	XCEL ENERGY	\$	145.65

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Corwyn Martin, Road Superintendent, addressed the Board on several matters. He presented the motor grader bids for reconsideration and, due to the cost of the equipment, requested approval to pursue a financing option through Butler that would spread payments over a three-year period. On motion of Amb, seconded by Nesvig, and carried, the Board approved the financing option. Martin also requested approval to purchase 14 mobile radios and 3 handheld radios for department trucks using ARPA funds. On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Young, and carried, the Board approved the purchase. An update was provided on the flex funding for the removal of Bridge 232, which has been approved. Updates on other projects remain pending, awaiting responses from the State.

HOME RULE: Following discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of a Home Rule Charter, a motion was made by Nesvig, seconded by Eblen, and carried to proceed with the process.

TAX DIRECTOR: Kayla Knudson, Tax Director, presented an abatement request for approval for the Anchor Elevator in Hatton, which experienced a fire in November. On motion of Young, seconded by Nesvig and carried to approve the abatement. A contract with Vanguard for a new module was presented to the Board. Charlie Stock, State’s Attorney, reviewed the contract and advised that it was appropriate to proceed. On motion by Eblen, seconded by Young, and carried to approve the contract to be signed. Knudson provided a brief update on the Dufner case, which was dismissed by the court.

COMMISSION: Larry Young, Commissioner, requested that the Auditor’s Office provide all employees with a summary of their total compensation received from the County, including wages and benefits.

SHERIFF: Steve Hunt, Sheriff, introduced a member of the drug task force who spoke about the benefits of participating in the task force. Sheriff Hunt also noted that he is considering adding a K-9 unit to the department in the future.

There being no further business to be brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m. to meet again on February 3rd, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.

Attest:

Heather Hovey, Auditor

Kurt Elliott, Commission Chair