

The Traill County Commissioners came to order on February 3rd, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Eblen, Nesvig, and Young in person and Commissioner Amb and Elliott attending online.

Additions or deletions to the agenda: None

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

On motion of Eblen, seconded by Young and carried to approve the minutes of January 20th, 2026.

On motion of Eblen, seconded by Young and carried to approve the Auditor to advertise for insurance bids

On motion of Young, seconded by Eblen and carried to approve the Chairman and Auditor to sign a county deed over to the city of Mayville for \$21.00.

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

111302	KRUEGER, BRANDON	\$	24.56	111336	SHERIFFS/DEPUTIES	\$	650.00
111303	ADVANCED BUSINESS	\$	411.94	111337	ND STATE TAX	\$	337.24
111304	APPRIVER LLC	\$	902.78	111338	NDACE	\$	175.00
111305	Auto Value	\$	5,357.99	111339	NDACO	\$	59,972.95
111306	BLOCK ONE OFFICES	\$	2,460.00	111340	NDEMA	\$	50.00
111307	BUTLER MACHINERY	\$	150,000.00	111341	OTTERTAIL POWER	\$	303.08
111308	C-LEASING LLC	\$	67,095.00	111343	PAULS HOMET	\$	144.00
111309	CASS COUNTY FINANCE	\$	4,761.37	111344	POLAR COM	\$	87.40
111310	CHRISTIAN BRANCH	\$	112.00	111345	PREMIER EQUIP	\$	288.08
111311	CODY SPRECHER	\$	112.00	111346	Razor Tracking	\$	575.00
111312	CUSTOMER ACCOUNT	\$	1,647.85	111347	REMARK TECH	\$	13,348.96
111313	DAKOTA HERITAGE	\$	2,000.00	111348	RHINO USA	\$	521.68
111314	DANIELLE THOMAS	\$	60.90	111351	SEATOL	\$	2,000.00
111316	EAST CENTRAL WATER	\$	1,872.02	111352	Foster Care	\$	70.00
111318	FINLEY MOTORS, INC.	\$	65.15	111353	SIWEK HARDWARE	\$	575.45
111319	GAST CONSTRUCTION	\$	12,525.30	111354	STEELE COUNTY	\$	1,777.21
111320	HEPPER OLSON	\$	2,450.56	111355	TURNING WRENCH	\$	68.58
111321	HILLSBORO BANNER	\$	77.00	111356	TYLER TECH	\$	28,588.93
111322	HILLSBORO MUNICIPAL	\$	3,823.92	111357	VANESSA BURR	\$	48.58
111323	INFORMATION TECH	\$	559.50	111358	WEST SIDE STEEL	\$	245.74
111325	JOHN DEERE CREDIT	\$	0.71	111359	WM CORPORATE	\$	235.44
111326	JOHNSON, CORA JOY	\$	105.00	111360	WRIGHT IMP	\$	224.95
111327	KRISTY BENDEL	\$	160.95	ACH	BANK OF ND	\$	17.07
111328	Mary Remore	\$	180.00	ACH	ND PUBLIC HEALTH	\$	111,043.01
111329	MATTHEW BENDER	\$	174.61	ACH	NDPERS	\$	1.50
111330	MJQ INVESTMENTS	\$	1,300.00	ACH	Pers	\$	6,778.30
111331	ND ASSOC. OF COUNTY	\$	170.00	DD	Payroll	\$	321,142.44
111332	ND ASSOCIATION	\$	12,708.87				
111333	ND BLUE CROSS	\$	8,128.80				
111334	ND COUNTY AUDITORS	\$	500.00				
111335	ND DEPT OF TRANS	\$	140,045.77				

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Corwyn Martin, Road Superintendent, informed the Commission that he purchased a truck that had been included in his budget. He also reported a request from the State to place a load restriction on Bridge No. 399. As the bridge is located on a minimum maintenance road, the County will close the road for the winter and install new signage in the spring. Matt Lange, KLJ Engineer, requested the Commissioners sign a letter of support for a three-bridge bundle in partnership with Norman County, Minnesota, to restore bridges across the Red River. On a motion by Nesvig, seconded by Eblen, the motion carried to approve the letter of support, with Commissioners Eblen, Nesvig, Young, and Amb voting aye, and Commissioner Elliot voting nay. Lange also updated the Commission on the Flex Prairie Dog awards, noting that Belmont Township was awarded a project. The funding will cover Bridges No. 5, 13, and 14, with Traill County contributing 10% of the project cost. Lange further explained how Transportation Flex funding works in conjunction with Prairie Dog funding.

TREASURER: Carla Swanson, Treasurer presented her Pledge of Assets report as of 12-31-2025. Commissioner Eblen introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption which motion was seconded by Commissioner Young:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that banks in the county be designated depositories of public funds in the custody of the County Treasurer and in an amount not to exceed FDIC Certificates as follows, to wit: Goose River Bank-Hillsboro, Mayville & Hatton; Aspire Bank-Hatton; First State Bank-Buxton, Mayville, Portland & Grand Forks; Dakota Heritage Bank-Hunter, Galesburg & Hillsboro (for such amounts as the county may find necessary.)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pledges as assets in the county \$1,421,201.48 Goose River Bank-Hillsboro, Mayville & Hatton; \$1,088,717.06 Aspire Bank, Hatton; \$1,363,636.36 First State Bank-Buxton, Mayville & Portland; \$5,261,942.61 Dakota Heritage Bank-Hunter, Galesburg & Hillsboro are hereby approved for additional deposits by the County Treasurer in excess of FDIC Certificates \$250,000 as of December 31, 2025.

The following members were present and voted aye for the adoption of the foregoing resolution: Eblen, Elliott, Nesvig, Young and Amb. The resolution was declared adopted.

TAX DIRECTOR: Kayla Knudson, Tax Director, presented an abatement request for approval for William Brunsdale Living Trust due to duplication of taxes paid. On motion of Young, seconded by Eblen and carried to approve the abatement.

TRAVIS-PAUL HOFFART LETTER: Glenda Haugen, retired County Auditor, explained to the commission about a letter that was received from Mr. Hoffart in October of 2025 regarding specials on his Portland property.

CHASE LAKE WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT: Paul Halko, Refuge Manager, and Marissa Kirby informed the Commission of a potential purchase of 80 acres of land in Traill County for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This item was for informational purposes only. They will return on March 17, 2026, to request approval from the Commission.

AUDITOR: Haugen explained the year-end budget report to the Commission, noting budgets that require amendment and approval. On a motion by Eblen, seconded by Young, and carried, the Commission approved allowing the Auditor to reimburse the Emergency Fund from Highway cash on hand and to replenish the VSO fund with General Fund cash on hand. On a motion by Young, seconded by Eblen, and carried, the Commission approved the budget amendments as presented. Heather Hovey, Auditor, informed the Commission that she will be out of the office for one week in February and requested that Michele Jacobs, Deputy Auditor, take the minutes at the February 17 meeting. Hovey also requested Commission approval to adjust Michele Jacobs' title and salary to match that of Megan Kleckner, Chief Deputy Auditor, as Kleckner will be leaving this summer. On a motion by Eblen, seconded by Young, and carried, the Commission approved the title and salary change for Jacobs.

There being no further business to be brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 a.m. to meet again on February 17th, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.

Attest:

Heather Hovey, Auditor

Ken Nesvig, Commission Vice Chair