

The Traill County Commissioners came to order on August 3, 2021, with all members present. The agenda was changed to allow a phone call with States Attorney Stock at 8:45 a.m. and for Commissioner Young to discuss AVHSZ information. On motion of Eblen, seconded by Amb and carried to approve the updated agenda. On motion of Young, seconded by Nesvig and carried to approve the minutes of July 20, 2021 as corrected. On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Eblen and carried to approve the minutes of the County Park Board, dated July 20, 2021. On motion of Young, seconded by Eblen and carried to approve the special meeting minutes of July 26, 2021.

AVHSZ: On motion of Amb, seconded by Nesvig and carried to allow the Auditor to transfer old year taxes collected for Human Services-original fund to the Human Services-Indirect Fund.

CAPITAL PROJECTS: On motion of Amb, seconded by Nesvig to rescind the motion to transfer funds to various capital projects, which motion was made on July 20, 2021. On motion of Young, seconded by Amb and carried to allow the Auditor to establish separate Capital Project Funds for the General Buildings, Road Buildings, Road Equipment and Road/Bridge repairs.

HONG DRAIN IMPROVEMENT #81: On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Young and carried to allow the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to sign a ballot and vote yes for the proposed Hong Drain Improvement project #81.

AVHSZ: Received AVHSZ June financials & July board minutes, no action needed. Commissioner Young informed the board that Kim Jacobson, AVHSZ Director has been hired on a part-time basis to help with Cass County Social Service Zone until a new director can be hired, approximately 2 months.

TRAILL COUNTY BENEFITS: Reviewed a ND Statewide benefit comparison spreadsheet on employee benefits. No action taken at this time.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Corwyn Martin, Road Superintendent and Matt Lang, KLI gave updates to the board on various projects. On motion of Eblen, seconded by Amb and carried to approve a Right-of-way encroachment permit filed by Ross Johnson, along County Road #21 in the SW ¼ of section 34 in Buxton Township. Martin was granted approval to gather prices to replace the Mayville Shop and bring back to a future meeting. On motion of Amb, seconded by Nesvig and carried to allow Martin to advertise bids for a new motor grader. On motion of Amb, seconded by Nesvig and carried to approve the request from Lang to finalize the wetland monitoring on the Caledonia Bridge. There are funds available from the 2020 to cover the expense. Lange will look into the ability to create wetland sites in Traill County for future projects. NDDOT updated Traill County's Federal Funds for 2022 which Lange and Martin will set up a meeting to review. On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Young and carried to approve a request of \$15,000.00 from Traill County for dust control along Eagle Avenue, Reynolds pending funds available in the Highway Budget.

TAX DIRECTOR: Kayla Knudson, Tax Director informed the board her office will be closed September 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> with the Records office taking calls.

RECORDER: Marlene Eblen, Recorder informed the board her office will be closed August 17<sup>th</sup> thru 20<sup>th</sup> with the Tax Director's office taking calls.

DES: Steve Hunt, Sheriff/DES Director and Ben Gates, Assistant DES presented letter of approval for the Statewide Interoperability Radio Network (SIRN) project. Total cost to the project will be \$420,788.00, which will be completed in stages with an end date in 2023. On motion of Amb, seconded by Eblen and carried to allow the Chairman to sign the letter to proceed with the project. A request to use current SIRN funds to purchase the Fire Department radios, with reimbursement from the State and Fire Departments expected to be received by the end of 2021. On motion of Young, seconded by Amb and carried to allow the purchase of Fire Department radios.

WELLS FARGO BANK: Charlie Stock, States Attorney met via phone call concerning the future sale of the Wells Fargo Bank building in Hillsboro. Stock will take the lead in negotiations with Wells Fargo on the county's behalf. Currently

we lease seven offices in the building. The building will be sold to the highest bidder starting September 23, 2021. Traill County's lease with Wells Fargo Bank ends on October 31, 2021, however, Kim Jacobson, AVHSZ Director requested a six-month extension of the lease, which we are waiting for an approval from Wells Fargo. Discussion was held on funds available to the county for purchasing the building. The County can take out a Certificate of Indebtedness, at a max of \$500,000.00 payable up to 5 years. On motion of Young, seconded by Nesvig and carried to place additional mills into the Capital Project Levy to bring the levy up to the 10-mill max as allowed by law. The county is waiting on more information from Wells Fargo before a decision is made with submitting a bid for the building.

2022 BUDGETS: On motion of Eblen, seconded by Nesvig and carried to set the 2022 Estimated County & State Tax Levy at 124.18 total Mills, totaling \$7,570,813.84. The County budget hearing is set for Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Traill County Commissioner's office.

COUNTY BENEFITS: Commissioners reviewed Traill County employee benefits as compared to other counties within the State. Traill County ranks well below average when offering benefits to their employees. Commissioners will review the benefit package at a later date.

#### AUDITOR'S WARRANTS:

On motion duly made and carried, the following bills paid by the County Auditor to August 1, 2021, were allowed paid to-wit:

102333	TC Treasurer FOASI	73,547.67	102325	NDPERS Retirement	42,228.48
	Discovery Benefits Fees		82652-82743	July Payroll	306,971.91

#### REGULAR BILLS:

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

102394	JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA	16,222.65	102416	LOFFLER COMPANIES INC	35.02
102395	NDPERS INSURANCE	2,262.34	102417	MAGNUSONS TIRES AND SERVICE	65.00
102396	ND PUBLIC HEALTH INSURANCE TRU	51,783.58	102418	NORTHERN FIRE EQUIPMENT	29.50
102397	FARGO ACME TOOLS	129.00	102419	NORTHERN STATES SUPPLY	12.51
102398	ADVANCED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS	1,268.40	102420	OLSEN HARDWARE	41.23
102399	ND BLUE CROSS SHIELD BILLING	5,757.90	102421	OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY	74.80
102400	BORDER STATES PAVING INC	6,600.09	102422	PAULSON GRAVEL SERVICE	826.00
102401	BUSINESS ESSENTIALS	238.89	102423	CHICAGO POWER PLAN	4,415.52
102402	CLIFFORD FARMERS ELEVATOR	506.60	102424	REMARK TECH CONSULTING	1,545.40
102403	ND DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	19,827.43	102425	SEATOL	2,000.00
102404	THOMAS EBLEN	300.00	102426	SORUM OIL COMPANY	52.97
102405	EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL WATER	231.93	102427	SIGN SOLUTIONS USA	49.88
102406	FLINT HILLS RESOURCES	50,953.97	102428	STEELE COUNTY	1,332.50
102407	GREAT AMERICA LEASING	117.00	102429	GRAND FORKS STRATA CORP	19,211.26
102408	GILLUND ENTERPRISES	252.00	102430	STURDEVANTS	156.67
102409	GLENDA HAUGEN	161.28	102431	TRAILL COUNTY TRIBUNE	334.80
102410	HILLSBORO BANNER	36.00	102432	UNDERGROUND VAULT STORAGE	41.78
102411	HILLSBORO MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	2,350.77	102433	VOICE PRODUCTS INC	1,523.00
102412	SCOTT HONG	500.00	102434	WELLS FARGO BANK RENT	985.00
102413	CURTIS HONG	500.00	102435	WALKERS LAWNCARE LLC	23,061.25
102414	CHRISTOPHER HONG	500.00	102436	WRIGHT IMPLEMENT	319.90

102415 JOHN DEERE CREDIT  
102438 NDSU

6.73 102437 LARRY YOUNG  
6,343.71

400.00

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m. to meet again in regular session on August 17, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

Attest:

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Glenda Haugen, Auditor

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Kurt Elliott, Chairman