

The Traill County Commissioners came to order on April 20, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. with all members present. Commissioner Amb requested to add the mask mandate to the agenda. On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Eblen and carried to approve updated agenda. On motion of Young, seconded by Nesvig and carried to approve the minutes of April 6, 2021 as presented.

**PURCHASE AGREEMENTS:** On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Amb and carried to allow the Chairman and Auditor to sign Purchase Agreements with the following businesses: Sorum Oil, KRB Gravel, True North Steele, Fergusons Waterworks, Buxton Farmers Union, Lakeside Construction, CHS Ag Services and Paulson Gravel.

**ALCOHOL LICENSES:** On motion of Young, seconded by Amb and carried to approve and allow the Chairman and Auditor to sign the beer and liquor (on-sale only) alcohol licenses for The Brass Rail, LLC, pending approval from the State Attorney General's Office. The licenses will be held at the 1908 House rural Buxton, owner Troy Skjerseth dba Amberjack Properties. Licenses are valid from May 1, 2021 to October 31, 2021.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:** Corwyn Martin, Road Superintendent and Matt Lange, KJ met with the board on various issues. Martin informed the Board he signed agreements with Dakota Natural Gas to install 3 meters on the highway property. Bridge 88 (low water crossing), which has been closed for years is in the process of being removed. Started chip sealing. Received quotes for the roof replacements on the Clifford and the Salt Shop from Drain Maker Construction \$25,947.00, Manthey Construction \$29,172.00 and Simonson Construction \$30,110.00. The shingled roofs will be replaced with a tin roof. On motion of Eblen, seconded by Young and carried to hire Drain Maker Construction for the roof replacements. The Roseville Township Board requested the Traill County Highway Department to disk a section of township road, Martin will bill Roseville Township tractor rates plus operator costs. Lange informed the board, quote requests for Bridge 111 are due May 3, 2021. The Kaldorville Bridge #228 is coming along. Lange presented a Phase II Task Order for the Climax Bridge replacement. On motion of Amb, seconded by Nesvig and carried to allow the Chairman to sign the task order contingent on Polk County also signing the agreement. Martin has received calls on the County Road 16 work and informed the individuals Traill County is trying to make the road safer. The new dozer is in.

**REYNOLDS STREET DANCE:** Jordan Adams met with the board via Webex. Adams requested approval to close County Road 25 (main street Reynolds) for a street dance on July 24, 2021 and provide a detour route. On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Amb and carried to approve the closure between 3:00 pm on July 24<sup>th</sup> and 2:30 a.m. on July 25<sup>th</sup>.

**MASK MANDATE:** Commissioner Amb motioned to remove the Traill County mask mandate; motion died for lack of a second.

**NATURAL GAS CONVERSION:** Bobbi Hepper-Olson, Hepper-Olson Architects LTD and Steve Hoepfner, OBERNEL Engineering presented probable costs involved with changing or replacing the current boilers at the courthouse from fuel oil to natural gas. Four options were offered ranging from replacing burners costing \$187,000.00 to replacing the existing boilers to hot water costing \$681,000.00. Ventilation issues were also discussed as the 115-year-old building is within compliance with the ND building codes, however the building lacks proper ventilation. No decisions were made, and the issue will be reviewed during the 2022 budget process.

**CLERK OF COURT:** Jody Schill, Clerk of District Court requested a commissioner to sit on the interview committee to hire a Deputy Clerk of Court. Commissioner Young volunteered.

**BINGHAM TWP LAND:** Devin Abentroth met with the board concerning a Wetland issue. NRCS District Director Curt Zerface and Tax Director Kayla Knudson also were present. Abentroth stated back in 1999 Houston Engineering made an error while surveying the SW1/4NE1/4 Section 2 in Bingham Township. Houston Engineering left out a 6.02 Ac track and Abentroth would like the County to add those acres into the wetland area. Zerface, Knudson and Auditor Haugen explained that the County can not change land descriptions without a proper legal document. Zerface also explained that Abentroth would also need to obtain an updated Wetland Mitigation Agreement from the Federal Government. Abentroth was instructed to contact Houston Engineering to discuss the error, obtain a corrected deed

and Wetland Mitigation Agreement and have them recorded in the Recorder's office. At this time, the land will remain as is until proper documents are recorded.

DES RADIO REPLACEMENT: Steve Hunt, Sheriff and Ben Gates, Assistant DES Director presented an updated report of expected costs involved in updating the current radio systems to the ND State SORN system. Estimated costs to replace radios is \$180,122.46. Estimated costs to replace the E911 Dispatch Center with installation is \$295,121.00. A 10-year maintenance agreement for the Dispatch Center will run \$96,458.00. The ND State utilization fee (for the software) will run \$650.00 per month. The replacement of the equipment will be reviewed during the 2022 budget process.

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

101767	3D SPECIALTIES INC	1,952.17	101788	MATTHEW BENDER AND CO.	27.08
101768	ADVANCED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS	84.00	101789	NDACTVSO	50.00
101769	ALTRU HEALTH SYSTEMS	285.00	101790	ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	280.00
101770	ARAMARK	571.88	101791	NDSU	5,437.51
101771	BAKER FUNERAL HOME	4,650.00	101792	ND 24 7 ATTORNEY GENERAL	240.00
101772	BOULGER FUNERAL HOME	425.00	101793	NODAK ELECTRIC COOP	96.29
101773	BUTLER MACHINERY	38,700.00	101794	NORTHWEST TRUCK TRAILER	70.72
101774	BUTLER MACHINERY CO	222.45	101795	PORTLAND FARMERS UNION	126.88
101775	DAKOTA NATURAL GAS	225.00	101796	PRAXAIR	350.52
101776	FARGO FORKS FREIGHTLINER	72.34	101797	RICHLAND COUNTY JAIL	720.00
101777	GF CO CORRECTIONAL CENTER	2,775.00	101798	SANFORD HEALTH SD	100.00
101778	GRAND FORKS CITY	20.00	101799	TOWN AND COUNTRY COOP	205.72
101779	GLOBAL SAFETY NETWORK INC	214.75	101800	TOSHIBA FINANCIAL SERV MO	369.10
101780	HILLSBORO BANNER	72.00	101801	TRAILL COUNTY TRIBUNE	863.28
101781	HILLSBORO BODY SHOP	923.00	101802	UNDERGROUND VAULT STORAGE	362.50
101782	HATTON COOP OIL CO	121.76	101803	VIKING INSURANCE AND REALTY	200.00
101783	INFORMATION TECH DEPT	1,041.45	101804	VISA	218.15
101784	JACKIE KRALING	132.11	101805	WASTE MANAGEMENT IL	77.82
101785	ROGER E LEE	36.96	101806	XCEL ENERGY	224.04
101786	JENNIFER LINDSETH	51.02	101807	ZEP MANUFACT COMPANY	197.53
101787	LOFFLER COMPANIES INC	55.92			

There being no further business to be brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned to meet again on May 4, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

Attest:

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Glenda Haugen, Auditor

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Kurt Elliott, Chairman