

The Traill County Commissioners came to order on August 15, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. with all members present. On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Amb and carried to approve the agenda as presented. On motion of Elliott, seconded by Eblen and carried to approve the minutes of August 1, 2023.

CORRESPONDANCE: Received AVHSZ financials and 07-27-23 board minutes for review, no action necessary. Commissioners are invited to attend the Farm Bureau Annual meeting on Thursday, August 24, 2023, at 7:00 a.m. at Paula's Café in Mayville. All are invited to help Ray Weber celebrate his retirement on Thursday, August 17th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Community Room.

WEBSITE: On motion of Eblen, seconded by Nesvig to allow the Chairman to sign the agreement with CivicPlus, LLC to begin work on the new website, before the ND State grant is approved, using ARPA funds, upon review by Joe Kramer, Remark Technologies, Commissioners present and voting aye: Eblen, Elliott, Nesvig & Young, voting nay: Commissioner Amb. On motion of Elliott, seconded by Eblen and carried to allow the Chairman to sign a letter addressed to .Gov Domain Registration concerning the new website.

HUMAN RESOURCES: Heather Hovey, Chief Deputy Auditor presented estimates for health insurance rates. Current policy will be increasing 16.77%. Rates were reviewed to lower monthly premiums, however, would have a huge increase to employee single and family deductibles. On motion of Eblen, seconded by Amb and carried to continue with NDPHIT with the current policy and deductibles. Hovey is awaiting information from ND Blue Cross/Shield and NDPERS on rates and various policies. On motion of Amb, seconded by Nesvig and carried to approve the updated Overtime/Comp. Policy #505 which will allow the Sheriff Deputies to receive overtime in lieu of accumulating comp time. On motion of Elliott, seconded by Nesvig and carried to allow the employees to attend a 1-hour luncheon on August 31, 2023 (Noon – 1:00) for Traill County's Employee Appreciation Luncheon.

SHERIFF UPDATES: Steve Hunt, Sheriff presented a letter of resignation from Matt Nelson, E911 Dispatcher effective August 25, 2023. On motion of Amb, seconded by Elliott and carried to allow Hunt to advertise for two dispatchers. Discussion was held on the starting wages for the deputy sheriff positions. On motion of Eblen, seconded by Elliott and carried to use a starting wage of \$49,000.00. Hunt also discussed other benefits that could possibly bring in new employees such as providing more funds towards family health insurance, shift differential pay and allowing deputies to live where they want in Traill County, no motions were made on those topics.

HIGHWAY: Corwyn Martin, Road Superintendent and Matt Lange, KLJ Engineer updated the board on various issues. On motion of Amb, seconded by Nesvig and carried to approve four (4) County Road/Right-of-Way Encroachment & Crossing Permits filed by Halstad Telephone Company, which will run along County Road #13 (Mayville & Norway Townships), County Road #10 (Norway Township), County Road #12 (Mayville Township) and County Road #11 (Norway & Mayville Townships). On motion of Amb, seconded by Elliott and carried to approve a County Road/Right-of-Way Encroachment & Crossing Permit filed by Polar Communications along County Road #1 in Greenfield Township. Lange presented Phase 3 of additional work on the Climax Bridge in the amount of \$97,000.00, which cost will be split with Polk County. On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Eblen and carried to approve the additional work. Lange introduced Shawn Kelly, KLJ Lead Designer on the Climax Bridge. Commissioners will all attend the bridge tour with KLJ following the meeting.

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

107123	ASHLEY ASUZU	60.92	107150	MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC.	6,808.17
107124	BUXTON FARMERS UNION	1,232.06	107151	MAGNUSONS TIRES AND SERVICE	245.00
107125	WEX BENEFITS FEES	56.00	107152	KATIE MUELLER	94.32
107126	BREMMERS MARKET	106.48	107153	JILL MURPHY	847.31
107127	CASS COUNTY FINANCE	1,400.00	107154	NAPA CENTRAL	174.56
107128	DARRELL CROTTY	149.00	107155	NORTH DAKOTA DEPT OF ENVIRON	450.00
107129	ESRI	440.00	107156	NDSU 6050	6,518.77

107130	ELECTRO WATCHMAN, INC	23,429.48	107157	HENDRUM NEPSTAD OIL	1,085.61
107131	FINLEY FARMERS GRAND AND ELE	186.33	107158	OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL	55.00
107132	ERIKA FREEBERG	100.94	107159	OLSEN HARDWARE	41.68
107133	CROOKSTON GREENWAY	329.00	107160	PORTLAND FARMERS UNION	908.13
107134	SHANDA HAKK	67.47	107161	CHICAGO POWER PLAN	2,047.56
107135	HILLSBORO BANNER	1,011.32	107162	PPI CONSULTING	1,174.90
107136	H E EVERSON CO	81.80	107163	ALLISON QUINCER	71.27
107137	HOPE FARMERS UNION OIL	55.65	107164	SWANSTON EQUIPMENT CO	155.23
107138	HIGH POINT NETWORKS	38,348.00	107165	THE SIDWELL COMPANY	12,575.96
107139	INFORMATION TECH DEPT	1,506.00	107166	SECRETARY OF STATE	36.00
107140	KIM JACOBSON	198.62	107167	GRAND FORKS STRATA CORP	8700.43
107141	TINA JOHNSON	68.12	107168	TOWN AND COUNTRY COOP	48.10
107142	KAYLA KNUDSON	738.38	107169	TOSHIBA FINANCIAL SERV MO	274.46
107143	LINDE GAS AND EQUIPMENT INC	396.53	107170	THE LOCK SHOP	430.90
107144	LOFFLER COMPANIES INC	69.94	107171	TRAILL COUNTY TRIBUNE	235.50
107145	MATTHEW BENDER AND COMP	78.43	107172	US IMAGING INC	36,645.88
107146	KELSEY MDUDA	101.53	107173	WHITE CAP LP	3,247.71
107147	BRIANA MILLER	69.43	107174	WALSH COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE	2,375.00
107148	KELSEY MOORHOUSE	269.53	107175	TIM WRIGHT	7,920.00
107149	MAYPORT HARDWARE HANK	19.26	107176	WALLWORK TRUCK CENTER	18.78

There being no further business to be brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 a.m. to meet again in special session, to review the county budgets, on Tuesday, August 29, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on September 5, 2023, at 8:00 a.m.

Attest:

Glenda Haugen, Auditor

Larry Young, Chairman