

The Traill County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. with all members present. Also meeting in person: Charlie Stock, States Attorney. On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Young and carried to approve the minutes of October 6, 2020.

ELECTION GRANT: On motion of Amb, seconded by Elliott and carried to allow the Chairman to sign a letter of acceptance for a \$5,000.00 election grant provided by Mark Zuckerberg and Priscilla Chan. The grant period extends from June 15, 2020 to December 31, 2020 to be used for expenses related to COVID-19 and elections.

NDPHIT: Received notice for Trustee candidates for the NDPHIT Board of Trustees. No action needed.

TRAILL/STEELE COMMISSIONERS JOINT MEETING: Notice was received of a special Traill/Steele Commissioners meeting to be held on 11-10-220 at 1:30 p.m. in the Steele County Courthouse. Purpose of the meeting: to review and approve the Agassiz Valley Human Service Zone Plan.

MASK MANDATE: Christopher Larson, Reuniting Residents and Families Task Force met with commissioners via Webex. Due to the rising COVID-19 numbers and 3 deaths in Traill County, Mr. Larson requested the commissioners to place a mask mandate in Traill County. The mandate would not carry a penalty if not followed. Charlies Stock, States Attorney will review the law and the sample resolution provided by Mr. Larson and bring back to the next commission meeting.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Corwyn Martin updated the commissions on several issues. On motion of Young, seconded by Amb and carried to approve a driveway permit filed by Darrell Miller for a second approach into his property in Ervin Township. Bridge 366, footings have been poured. Martin will receive a quote to fix Bridge 111. Bridge 358 has broken piling and will start the repairs next week. Bridge 396 has been completed. An issue with culvert melting due to a farmer burning ditches. The farmer was in contact with Martin and will pay for the replacement.

HOUSING AUTHORITY: Darek Johnson, Deputy Director of Cass County Housing Authority met with the board and discussed the Disposition and Relocation Plan of the Housing Authority to disburse of properties located in Hillsboro, Hatton, Mayville and Portland. Disposition of property could mean that the property is sold to the current occupants, transfer the property to another non-profit organization, sell the properties and offer Public Housing vouchers to the current occupants. Mr. Johnson was asking the Commissioners for support of the project. On motion of Amb, seconded by Young and carried to allow the Chairman to sign a letter of support on behalf of Traill County.

PAYROLL: Stacy Smelden, Deputy Auditor requested to have Aflac, Colonial Life and New York Life Insurance Companies bill the employee directly at home and do direct payments out of employee's accounts. Issues with billing cycles and paperwork have become as issue. On motion of Elliott, seconded by Nesvig and carried, starting January 1, 2021 Aflac, Colonial Life and New York Life Insurance Companies should bill directly to employees at home.

COURTHOUSE REPAIRS: Jenni Rubash, Custodian met with the board concerning the dome restoration. Phase 1 of the dome restoration has been completed and grant paperwork will be submitted. When additional brick work was being repaired, the subcontractor damaged a new air conditioner unit on the roof. After reviewing photos and discussing, Commissioner Elliott motioned to reduce the tuck-pointing payment request of \$29,456.00 by \$4,900.00 for a new total of \$24,556.00 to replace the damaged air conditioner unit with a new one, Commissioner Young seconded the motion, which motion was passed.

SHERIFF/JAIL: Steve Hunt, Sheriff presented two quotes for painting in the Jail received from Justin Wika, Galesburg. First quote was for walls, tables, ceilings, hallway & storage cell in the amount of \$4,500.00. Second quote was for floors with either just painting with similar paint in the amount of \$2,550.00 or using an epoxy clear seal which will be stronger and last longer in the amount of \$4,200.00. On motion of Amb, seconded by Nesvig and carried to do the epoxy clear seal on floors and do everything stated in the first quote for a total of \$8,700.00.

ROGER ANDERSON: A letter addressed to the Traill County Commissioners was received from Roger Anderson with concerns about drainage issues in Section 3 of Hillsboro Township. Problems dating back 2 years are continuing and not getting fixed such as broken culvert covers, issues with drain tiling approved by the Hillsboro Township and Water Board adding to the drainage issues. Commissioner Nesvig did meet with Mr. Anderson and reviewed documents with him, however the problem is with the Water Board and Hillsboro Township Board, not with the County Commissioners. It was noted that the County Commissioners, while they do approve the Water Board budgets, have no authority on how the Water Board funds are disbursed and the Commissioners do appoint the Water Board Members. The letter was forwarded to the Water Board for review by Ken Nesvig.

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

100541	Autoglass Solutions	109.00	100556	ND 24 7 Attorney General	660.00
100542	Jake or Amanda Amb	100.00	100557	Nodak Electric Coop	217.97

100543	Ameri Pride Linen	592.28	100558	OK Tire Store	140.00
100544	Kelly Archambeau	360.75	100559	Portland Farmers Union	76.86
100545	Burski Excavating Inc	135512.10	100560	Paulson Gravel Service	24390.00
100546	Business Essentials	84.83	100561	Praetorian Digital	1380.00
100547	CDW Government	1424.64	100562	Jennifer Rubash	135.00
100548	Century Link	84.00	100563	The Sidwell Company	200.00
100549	Election System & Software	2993.41	100564	Sorum Oil Company	218.21
100550	Ewing Oil	778.75	100565	ND State Radio Comm	1609.16
100551	GF Co Correctional Center	1725.00	100566	Swingen Construction	12000.00
100552	General Roofing Construction	24556.00	100567	Titan Machinery	36.80
100553	Information Tech Dept	177.60	100568	Trall County Tribune	752.25
100554	KRB Gravel LTD	32840.00	100569	Waste Management IL	78.98
100555	North Dakota One Call	7.20	100570	West Central Regional	300.00
			100571	General Roofing Construction	106647.80

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned to meet again in regular session on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

Attest:

Glenda Haugen, County Auditor

Thomas Eblen, Chairman