

The Traill County Commissioners met in regular session on February 21, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners attending in person: Eblen, Elliott and Young. Commissioner Amb attending via Webex. Commissioner Nesvig absent. A request to add Kayla Knudson & Carla Swanson to the agenda. On motion of Eblen, seconded by Elliott and carried to approve the amended agenda. On motion of Eblen, seconded by Elliott and carried to approve the minutes of 02-07-23.

AVHSZ: Received January Board and financials. *No action needed.*

FEDERAL AID CONTRACTS: On motion of Amb, seconded by Eblen and carried to allow the Chairman, States Attorney and Auditor sign the Federal Aid contracts with Mayo Construction Company (paving of County Road #1 and 2 miles of County Road #16) and Swingen Construction Company (replacement of Bridge #2).

HIGHWAY BUILDING BIDS: On motion of Eblen, seconded by Elliott and carried to open bids. The following bids were received: #1 Lorenz Plumbing & Heating \$37,500.00 and #2 Gateway Building Systems \$389,126.00. On motion of Amb, seconded by Elliott and carried to reject all bids and rebid.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Corwyn Martin, Road Superintendent (in person) and Matt Lange, KLI Engineer (via Webex) updated the board on various issues. Martin presented a list of bridges inspection costs, which he will be requesting a partial reimbursement from the Traill County Water Board in the amount of \$8,796.10. Lange explained the proposed project summary for 2023. Waiting on the April 14, 2023, bid letting to see costs. A meeting will be scheduled with Grand Forks County Superintendent Nick West for March 21, 2023. Discussed missing and faded E911 signs, Martin informed the board that Jerry Tollefson, E911 Coordinator orders signs and the highway department will install.

TAX STATEMENTS: Kayla Knudson, Tax Director and Carla Swanson, Treasurer requested permission to place the Traill County tax statements online at a cost of \$4,000.00, which Knudson has in her budget. On motion of Elliott, seconded by Eblen and carried to allow the request.

SHERIFF/DES: Steve Hunt, Sheriff and Ben Gates, Assistant DES met with the board. Commissioner Young and Sheriff Hunt met with the Walsh County Officials to gather information on their county building a new jail and possibly housing Traill County prisoners with them. Walsh County is now asking Traill County to participate in a needs study assessment for a new jail. The cost to Traill County would be approximately \$ 21,940.00. On motion of Eblen, seconded by Elliott and carried to have Charlie Stock, States Attorney review the agreement and allow the Chairman to sign the agreement. The FEMA Relocation Project plan #14R, has been approved with a total cost of \$115,463.25. The costs are split 90% FEMA, 3% State and 7% homeowner (Qualley) with no cost to the county. On motion of Elliott, seconded by Eblen and carried to allow the Chairman to sign the project data sheet. Discussed rates for Steele County 911 calls. On motion of Eblen, seconded by Elliott and carried to increase monthly rates from \$1000.00 to \$1500.00 for Steele County's share of calls received and handled thru Traill County's 911 system. On motion of Elliott, seconded by Eblen and carried to pay an additional \$6,387.84 for the SIRN project, out of the ARPA Funds.

SALARY SURVEY: Heather Hovey, Chief Deputy Auditor presented the first draft of the salary survey completed by Gallagher Consulting Company. After much discussion, Hovey was instructed to reach out to Gallagher to complete the survey by contacting the counties that did not respond when the survey started and report back at a later date.

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

106014	ALLIANCE BUSINESS CONSULTING	625.00	106035	ALLISON QUINCER	64.85
106015	ASHLEY ASUZU	38.44	106036	STEELE COUNTY	1,586.27
106016	BUXTON FARMERS UNION	48,242.83	106037	TC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	200.00
106017	BUSINESS ESSENTIALS	316.49	106038	TRAILL COUNTY WEED BOARD	275.00
106018	CASS COUNTY FINANCE	1,400.00	106038 V	TRAILL COUNTY WEED BOARD	-275.00
106019	FM REALTORS	35.00	106039	TOSHIBA FINANCIAL SERV MO	310.60

106020	FARGO CASS PUBLIC HEALTH	41.98	106040	VIKING INSURANCE AND REALTY	48.59
106021	MATTHEW GEBHARDT	2,000.00	106041	WORKFORCE SAFETY AND INSURANCE	250.00
106022	SHANDA HAKK	292.13	106042	TOSHIBA FINANCIAL SERV MO	3.00
106023	HILLSBORO BANNER	862.78	106043	ND WEED CONTROL ASSN	275.00
106024	INFORMATION TECH. DEPART.	185.00	106044	AFLAC	1,511.08
106025	KIM JACOBSON	50.00	106045	WEX	2,233.32
106026	KAYLA KNUDSON	363.50	106046	COLONIAL LIFE ACCIDENT INSUR	656.43
106027	LINDE GAS AND EQUIPMENT INC	670.56	106047	NORTH DAKOTA UNITED	45.92
106028	LOFFLER COMPANIES INC	57.31	106048	NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTION	609.00
106029	KELSEY MDUDA	470.73	106049	MN STATE TAX DEPARTMENT	177.60
106030	BRIANA MILLER	125.11	106050	NDPERS RETIRE PURCHASE	187.00
106031	TAMMI MOONEY	26.20	106051	NDPERS DEF COMP	4,170.00
106032	NDEMA	50.00	106052	ND STATE TAX COMMISSIONER	3,026.13
106033	HENDRUM NEPSTAD OIL	514.50	106053	TC TREASURER FOASI	82,806.66
106034	JASON POHLKAMP	83.37	106054	INFORMATION TECH. DEPART.	40,100.85

There being no further business to be brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 a.m. to meet again on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 8:00 a.m.

Attest:

Glenda Haugen, Auditor

Larry Young, Chairman