

The Traill County Commissioners came to order in special session on August 29, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. with all members present. Also present: Corwyn Martin (Road Superintendent), Kayla Knudson (Tax Director), Jody Schill (Clerk of District Court), Carla Swanson (Treasurer), Marlene Eblen (Recorder), Jenni Rubash (Head Custodian), Jil Murphy, (Extension Agent), Steve Hunt (Sheriff), Charlie Stock (States Attorney), Heather Hovey (Chief Deputy Auditor) and Glenda Haugen (Auditor).

THE PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL MEETING: To review the 2024 proposed budgets.

SHERIFF: The Sheriff budget will be reduced by \$87,101.17 which was motioned at the August 1, 2023, meeting.

CUSTODIAN: Discussion on the \$90,000.00 budgeted for repairs, which could be taken out of the ARPA funds. At this time, the \$90,000.00 will remain in the budget until a final decision is made.

DENTAL INSURANCE: Dental rates increased 5.8 % for 2024. A single policy, paid by the county, is currently \$49.10/month and will increase to \$51.70/month. A family policy, paid by the employee, is currently \$73.70/month and will increase to \$77.60/month.

HEALTH INSURANCE: Health Insurance rates increased 16.77% for 2024. A single policy, paid by the county, is currently \$828.03/month and will increase to \$966.89/month. A family policy, paid by the employees, is currently \$1,039.92/month and will increase to \$1,370.47/month. Discussion was held on ways to decrease the employee's share of a family plan. Hovey was instructed to send a survey to all employees asking if they would be interested in a family plan if the rates were reduced between \$342.62 - \$479.66/month and report back at the next meeting.

EMERGENCY FUND: Traill County received the 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche of funding from the Federal Government for the LACTF Grant in the amount of \$50,000.00. A levy of 1.54 mills, for the Emergency Fund, was used to complete the estimated tax statements. The final tax levy for the emergency fund will be reduced to .81 mills if we apply the LACTF Grant money to the emergency fund. On motion of Elliott, seconded by Amb and carried to use the LACTF funds to replenish the emergency fund reducing the mills needed for the December tax statement.

HILLSBORO AIRPORT AUTHORITY: Reviewed the request of \$20,000.00 for the 2024 regular budget of the Hillsboro Airport and an additional one-time request of \$25,000.00 for the ramp reconstruction project. Haugen will check on using the ARPA funds or COVID funds for the additional \$25,000.00 and will report back at the next meeting.

Commissioners asked the department heads to voice their concerns/opinions. Department Heads feel Traill County needs to work on getting our salaries in line so we can fill vacancies and to keep the employees we currently have on staff. The cost of health insurance for families is also important.

There being no further business to be brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 a.m. to meet again in regular session on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 8:00 a.m.

Attest:

Glenda Haugen, Auditor

Larry Young, Chairman