

The Traill County Commissioners came to order on March 15, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Eblen, Elliott, Nesvig and Young. Commissioner Amb attended via Webex. On motion of Young, seconded by Eblen and carried to approve the agenda with no changes. On motion of Eblen, seconded by Elliott and carried to approve the minutes of March 1, 2022.

SAFE KIDS GRAND FORKS: Safe Kids Grand Forks Grant is a program that provides child passenger safety as well as pedestrian safety work in northeast North Dakota. Counties served are Walsh, Pembina, Nelson, Griggs, Steele, Ramsey, Grand Forks and now asking to include Traill County, with no cost to the county. On motion of Amb, seconded by Elliott and carried to allow the Chairman to sign the Grant Application as requested.

FRAUD PREVENTION & INVESTIGATION POLICY #950: ND State Auditors suggested all counties have a written fraud policy and the policy needs to be reviewed every year. On motion of Eblen, seconded by Young and carried to approve Policy #950 Fraud Prevention & Investigation as presented. On motion of Young, seconded by Elliott and carried to appoint Commissioner Amb to the Fraud Prevention Team.

CORRESPONDENCE: Received notice of East Central Regional Water District meeting to be held on March 22, 2022, in Thompson. Received Agassiz Valley Human Service Zone February board meeting minutes and financials.

INDUSTRIAL BUILDERS: *Tabled from last meeting: Roger Haberman and Kerry Meske with Industrial Builders Inc. requesting approval to divert water to the south along County Road #3, in the north ditch, during the time they are installing a box culvert by Kelso rest area, with Industrial Builders, Inc. assuming all responsibility should their work cause any damage to farms lands, roads and property. Matt Lange, KLJ Engineer has reservations with the request without seeing the hydraulics on the project. Commissioner Eblen has concerns about property downstream where the water will be diverted to. On motion of Elliott, seconded by Young to approve the request of Industrial Builders, Inc. once a written statement assuming all responsibility is received in Charlie Stock, States Attorney's office. Those present and voting aye: Elliott, Nesvig, Young and Amb, Commissioner Eblen voting nay, motion passed.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Corwyn Martin, Road Superintendent and Matt Lange, KLJ Engineer met with the board. On motion of Elliott, seconded by Eblen and carried to approve the encroachment permits filed by Polar Communications along County Road #16, sections 28 & 33 in Norman Township, sections 4, 5, 9, 16, 21 in Galesburg Township and Sections 5 & 8 along County Road #5 in Galesburg Township. On motion of Amb, seconded by Eblen and carried to approve the encroachment permit filed by Xcel Energy along County 25/81 in NE1/4 of section 6 in Stavanger Township. On motion of Eblen, seconded by Young and carried to allow Martin to advertise for a motor grader bids in May. Lange discussed Bridge #2, NDSHPO is requiring additional research in regard to the cemetery, which predates the bridge and road, should there potentially be any unmarked graves or anything else of historic nature. KLJ is able to complete a monitoring plan for approval as part of our environmental process, however the plan could cost up to an additional \$5,000.00. On motion of Amb, seconded by Elliott and carried to approve up to \$5,000.00 if the monitoring plan is required. The Kaldorville Bridge #228 project is officially completed.

BOILER CONVERSION: Jenni Rubash, Head Custodian met with the board. Eric Johnson, Mechanical Engineer/CMTA (met via Webex) presented the bids received for the boiler conversion. The following bids were received: Metropolitan Mechanical Company \$247,885.00 and Burnn Boiler & Mechanical \$187,658.00. Bobbi Hepper-Olson, Architects recommended the county go with Burnn Boiler & Mechanical as CMTA have worked with Burnn and felt they are well qualified to complete the work. On motion of Eblen, seconded by Young and carried to accept the bid from Burnn Boiler & Mechanical.

ROAD LEVY ELECTIONS: Traill County ranks 2nd in the state for the number of bridge/water crossings, with Traill County having approximately 450-550 structures. Traill also has approximately 170 miles of pavement and 200 miles of gravel roads. Charlie Stock, States Attorney presented the following measure to place on the ballot for continuing the much needed road levy: *"Traill County currently levies 40 mills for road and bridge construction, maintenance and repair as allowed by North Dakota law. A majority vote is required in order for Traill County to continue to levy up to 40 mills for county road and bridge construction, maintenance, and repair. Should the Traill County Commissioners*

continue to have the authority to levy up to 40 mills for county road and bridge construction, maintenance and repair as allowed under all applicable North Dakota laws?

YES – means you are in favor of levy authority up to 40 mills for road and bridge construction, maintenance, and repair.

NO – means you are not in favor of levy authority to 40 mills for road and bridge construction, maintenance, and repair.

On motion of Elliott, seconded by Young and carried to approve the measure and place on the 2022 Primary Election Ballots.

SHERIFF-SECURITY: Steve Hunt, Sheriff discussed options for public entry into the courthouse. Traill County closed the doors, with limited access to the building during COVID in 2020. The focus now changes to safety issues with the building, preventing incidents such as what happened in Richland County. Hunt presented three options: (1) Continue as is with all doors secured and departments greeting citizens at the door, escorting them in and out of the building (2) Keep all doors secured with departments allowing citizens to enter the courthouse by answering the phone system at their desks or (3) Open all doors during business hours. After much discussion, on motion of Eblen, seconded by Young and carried to go with option #2 with departments allowing the citizens to enter the courthouse by answering the phone system at their desks.

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

103875	BAUER BUILT TIRE SERVICE	5,433.32	103904	TINA JOHNSON	32.76
103876	BUXTON FARMERS UNION	2,619.74	103905	JACKIE KRALING	127.45
103877	WEX BENEFITS FEES	50.00	103906	LAKE AGASSIZ REGIONAL COUNCIL	5,600.00
103878	BUTLER MACHINERY	1,411.21	103907	LAWSON PRODUCTS	75.60
103879	MEL CARSEN	9,553.50	103908	LITTLE FALLS MACHINE INC	1,169.13
103880	CDW GOVERNMENT	11,933.00	103909	LINDE GAS AND EQUIPMENT INC	402.25
103881	CAPITAL ONE TRADE CREDIT	57.99	103910	MC DECORATING	8,385.00
103882	ND DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	11.50	103911	MERRILL AND JANET MEYER	29.00
103883	BROOKE L DUVAL	289.23	103912	BETHANY MORROW	285.06
103884	THOMAS EBLEN	150.00	103913	MSU DINNING SERVICES	1,788.00
103885	EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL WATER	286.99	103914	FARNAMS GENUINE PARTS NAPA	637.14
103886	FIRST CHOICE APPAREL	30.00	103915	NDACE CONFERENCE	275.00
103887	FARGO FORKS FREIGHTLINER	3,791.67	103916	ND 24 7 ATTORNEY GENERAL	560.00
103888	FINLEY FARMERS GRAND AND ELEVA	144.42	103917	NELSON INTERNATIONAL	527.05
103889	FLATEN AND JOHNSON TRUCK	131.27	103918	OLSEN HARDWARE	159.50
103890	FLEET PRIDE TRUCK	55.73	103919	PORTLAND FARMERS UNION	4,443.91
103891	GENERAL EQUIP AND SUPPLIES	1,872.20	103920	PORTLAND CITY	160.40
103892	GF CO CORRECTIONAL CENTER	900.00	103921	CHICAGO POWER PLAN	5,736.01
103893	GRAINGER	40.03	103922	RDO TRUCK CENTER	491.65
103894	HATTON CITY	3,773.69	103923	JENNIFER RUBASH	150.00
103895	HILLSBORO BANNER	96.00	103924	SEATOL	30.00
103896	RACHAEL HILTWEIN	156.53	103925	SIGN SOLUTIONS	1,344.82
103897	HILLSBORO LUMBER	306.36	103926	TOWN AND COUNTRY COOP	142.41
103898	HILLSBORO MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	2,099.63	103927	TOSHIBA FINANCIAL SERV MO	310.04
103899	HOPE GLASS	1,620.00	103928	VILLAGE FAMILY SERVICE	1,890.00
103900	HEATHER HOVEY	364.80	103929	WHEELER	38,071.00
103901	INFORMATION TECH DEPT	1,653.90	103930	JUDD WILSON	1,100.00
103902	INLAND TRUCK PARTS	5,370.83	103931	XCEL ENERGY	285.79
103903	KIM JACOBSON	550.74			

There being no further business to be brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 a.m. to meet again on April 5, 2022, at 8:00 a.m.

Attest:

Glenda Haugen, Auditor

Ken Nesvig, Chairman