

The Traill County Commissioners came to order on April 4, 2017 at 8:00 with all Commissioners present.

MINUTES: On motion of Elliott, seconded by Young and carried to approve the minutes of March 21, 2017 as printed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Reviewed the County Capital Projects Levy, NDCC 57-15-10.6. Received notice from NDDOT concerning grants monies available for Special Road Fund projects having to do with roadways leaving to recreational areas. Received notice from Civil Engineering/Planning/Surveying on the intersection improvement on ND 18 in Section 20, Township 145, Range 52, the Board will review this with Corwyn Martin, Road Superintendent.

CONSTRUCTION MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT: On motion of Eblen, seconded by Amb and carried to have the States Attorney, Auditor and Chairman sign the NDDOT Construction and Maintenance Agreement for federal aid project #49-128-15.1, BRC-4916(055).

BEER & LIQUOR RESOLUTION: On motion of Young, seconded by Amb and carried to approve an updated Beer & Liquor Resolution which will be given to all township beer & liquor applicants.

TAX DIRECTOR: Kayla Knudson presented the following applications for Tax Exemptions for single-family residential property: 1. Parcel #04-0000-00496-020 owners Justin & Amy Mootz, 2. Parcel #06-0000-00939-040 owner Jereamy & Danae Holms, 3. 15-0000-02420-010 owners Luke & De nae Schmidt and #4. Parcel #15-0000-02393-010 owners Matt & Sharon Grove. On motion of Eblen, seconded by Amb and carried to approve all exemptions presented, with Knudson completing the "cost of building" with permit #2. Discussion was held on verifying income for the Farm Residence Exemptions as the State had developed a spreadsheet and is moving forward with this. On motion of Elliott, seconded by Eblen and carried to begin verification of income for all Farm Residence Exemption forms completed starting with the 2018 Tax Year.

WORK STUDY STUDENT: Emily Cost, VSO and Jared Ferguson, ND Division of Voc. Rehab informed the Board of a program to help individuals gather work experience. They have a senior that could work at the courthouse on a summer internship, working 20 hours per week, helping various offices. The Voc. Rehab center would provide all necessary equipment, pay wages and all benefits for this individual. On motion of Amb, seconded by Young and carried to approve the Work Study Student and have our States Attorney review the contract before signing the agreement.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Dan Hogenson, Bridge Foreman, and Peter Haugen presented a ditch cleaning permit from Haugen Farms. After reviewing the application, the commissioner instructed Hogenson to take a look at area and bring the application back to the next meeting. On motion of Eblen, seconded by Elliott and carried to approve the Right-Of-Way Encroachment with Polar Communications along County Road 16, Sections 10, 15, 22, 27 & 34 Township 146 Range 53 with the stipulation they must bear under the payment as to not disturb the road surface. Hogenson will contact them and report back to the next meeting. Hogenson informed the Board the Highway Department will begin summer hours (10 hour days) the week after Easter.

Matt Lange and Kris Bakkegard with KLJ met with the Board and gave updates on the Caledonia Bridge project. The Commissioners are requesting Charles Stock, States Attorney to review the Utility Permit submitted by Halstad Telephone and bring back to the next meeting. The Board will review the Code 3 Bridge report when Corwyn Martin returns to work.

REYNOLDS UNITED CO-OP: Paul Coppin, Manager of Reynolds United Co-Op and Travis Hegg, Buxton City Council Member asked the Board for guidance concerning a new/expanding business exemption which had been filed with the city of Buxton sometime in June of 2013. The city of Buxton and Reynolds United Co-Op can find no paperwork as to the exact date this was filed. During the county wide reassessment of all elevators, the omitted property was discovered. After much research, it was determined that the Reynolds United Co-Op elevator should have filed the proper forms with the Traill County Commissioners, as the property lies within the Township jurisdiction. According to Mr. Coppin, the city thought they had annexed the property into the city limits about the same time the exemption forms were filed. No record of the annexation has been recorded. After much discussion, the Board instructed Kayla Knudson, Tax Director to contact Charles Stock, States Attorney to review the laws and try to resolve this issue, reporting back to the Board at the next meeting.

ELECTION: Glenda Haugen, Auditor informed the Board of a lawsuit against the ND Secretary of State Office made by the Native American Rights Fund over ND voter identification laws. Under the open records law, the Native American Rights Fund is requesting copies of all election poll books dating back to 2008. All copies must be redacted to remove the voter's identification number and date of birth. Haugen stated she is waiting on word from the Association if the coping needs to be completed. On motion of Elliott, seconded by Amb and carried to authorize overtime pay for Deputy Hovey and to hire an individual to help compete the process if the request is made mandatory.

SHERIFF: Steve Hunt informed the Board he had hired a Deputy Sheriff. On motion of Eblen, seconded by Amb and carried to permit Hunt to advertise for Jail Meals.

STATES ATTORNEY: Charles Stock met with the Board, via conference call. On motion of Young, seconded by Elliott and carried to allow Cheryl Johnson, Traill County Legal Secretary to assist Mr. Stock with Steele County issues as long as the work is done on her own time.

WEED BOARD: On motion of Amb, seconded by Eblen and carried to appoint Craig Huchins on the Weed Board to fill District #5.

LEC REMODEL PROJECT: Bobby Hepper-Olson updated the Board on the Jail project. The completed date has been pushed back to June 1st. On motion of Young, seconded by Eblen and carried to approve the change orders as presented, along with the storage cabinets for Social Service storage area.

On motion duly made and carried, the following bills paid by the County Auditor to April 1, 2017 were approved:

90868	Discovery Benefits (Fees)	93.50	90871	NDPERS – Retirement	34,524.54
90877	TC Treasurer – FOASI	56,382.63	78228-78296	March Payroll	165,411.37

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

90943	3D Specialties Inc.	231.98	90944	Aanderud, Marilyn	110.21
90945	Fargo Acme Tools	199.99	90946	Berg Auto Supply	435.76
90947	Bismarck Comfort Inn	245.70	90948	Bismarck Comfort Suites	245.70
90949	Big Jim's E-Side Tire Inc.	342.70	90950	ND BCBS	5357.60

90951	Bismarck Ramkota Hotel	163.80	90952	CHS Credit Card	211.82
90953	Certified Laboratories	411.00	90954	Shantel Chase	129.24
90955	Emily Cost	442.17	90956	Nick Crocker	350.80
90957	Dale's Food Pride	48.73	90958	Diversified Contractors	68530.65
90959	Fastenal Company	252.10	90960	Finley Motors, Inc.	122.48
90961	Fleet Pride Truck	100.25	90962	Great America Leasing	102.14
90963	GF-Traill Water District	115.37	90964	Grand Forks Welding	143.46
90965	Great Plains Benefits	250.00	90966	Kathleen Hansen	54.04
90967	Hatton Comm Centennial CTR	62.50	90968	Hatton Co-Op Oil Co.	263.59
90969	Hatton Ford Inc.	249.30	90970	Hillsboro Municipal Utilities	3211.97
90971	Hepper Olson Architects	5687.20	90972	Inland Truck Parts	241.28
90973	Kim Jacobson	459.42	90974	John Deere Financial	631.86
90975	Johnson, Mottinger, Gree.	295.00	90976	Julie's Radio Ranch	89.99
90977	Bismarck KLJ	42886.52	90978	Luther Family Ford	21.00
90979	Mac's Inc.	278.90	90980	Tammi Mooney	87.74
90981	NDACO	153.50	90982	ND Attorney General	1460.00
90983	NDPERS-Insurance	44196.11	90984	NDSU Extension Pesticide Pro.	2430.00
90985	NDSU-Grand Forks	15.00	90986	Pamela Nelson	35.85
90987	National Undercar Warehouse	253.31	90988	Olsen Hardware	222.32
90989	Ottertail Power Company	75.75	90990	Pitney Bowes Global Finan.	894.00
90991	Paul's Hometown Repair	88.99	90992	Polar Communications	126.18
90993	Chicago-Power Plan	4057.32	90994	Premium Waters Inc.	31.00
90995	RBB Electric	16200.00	90996	Record Keepers Inc	32.00
90997	Edna Riendeau	3.50	90998	Reardon Office Equipment	383.20
90999	Remark Tech Consulting	1691.14	91000	Tammy Sand	127.70
91001	Alyssa Scheve	362.33	91002	Seatol	1750.00
91003	Sminc Structural Material	21.00	91004	Terry Smith	735.04
91005	Sorum Oil Company	40.00	91006	ND State Radio Comm.	180.00
91007	Shopko Stores Operating Co.	109.79	91008	Stein's Inc	256.64
91009	Charles Stock	17.59	91010	Sturdevant's	181.46
91011	Larry Syverson	22.47	91012	Traill County Tribune	763.00
91013	Traill Rural Water Dist.	103.00	91014	Truck Utilities Inc	399.02
91015	Verizon Wireless	607.62	91016	Verizon Wireless	178.00
91017	Verizon Wireless	155.62	91018	Verizon Wireless	50.82
91019	Waste Management IL	132.90	91020	Waste Management	65.52
91021	Wells Fargo Bank (Rent)	650.00	91022	Wright Implement Inc.	642.86
91023	Larry Young	598.39	91024	Zee Medical Services	62.90
91025	Halstad Telephone Company	2724.24			

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 to meet again on April 18, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.

Glenda Haugen, County Auditor

Kendal Nesvig, Chairman

