

The Traill County Commissioners came to order on August 17, 2021, with all members present. The agenda was amended to include discussion on applying for a Certificate of Indebtedness. On motion of Eblen, seconded by Young and carried to approve the agenda as amended. On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Eblen and carried to approve the minutes of 08-03-21 with one correction.

INDEMNITY BOND: On motion of Young, seconded by Amb and carried to approve an Indemnity Bond for Lost Instruments for check #27789 in the amount of \$57.02 for Larry and Cathy Lande.

WELLS FARGO OFFICE SPACE: On motion of Young, seconded by Amb to allow the Auditor to send letters to various banks within the county to obtain interest rates on a \$500,000 loan for the possibility of purchasing the Wells Fargo Bank Building. All members present and voting aye, motion carried.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Corwyn Martin, Road Superintendent updated the board on various issues. On motion of Amb, seconded by Young and carried to approve a request from Mark Osland to install an approach to his farm located in SW ¼ of section 27 in Morgan Township. On motion of Amb, seconded by Nesvig and carried to approve a ditch cleaning permit filed by Earle Lien along CR #15 in section 9 in Roseville Township. On motion of Eblen, seconded by Amb and carried to allow the Chairman to sign a construction contract with All Finish Concrete, Inc. for work on Bridge 111. On motion of Amb, seconded by Nesvig and carried to allow Martin to advertise for fall gravel bids with an opening date of 09-07-21 at 8:15 a.m. Martin requested to have time at the next meeting to discuss the 2021-2022 bridge and road construction issues. Martin is meeting with the Water Board to discuss removing bridge #55 that was closed several years ago. The State requires all bridges to be inspected even if they are not being used. Discussion on the speed limit signs posted along County Road 21. The slower speeds are to help reduce wear and tear on the roads with the heavy trucks, Commissioners agreed to keep the posting speed at 35.

HEALTH DISTRICT: Brenda Stallman, Traill District Health Director and Kim Jacobson, AVHS Director met with the board concerning the new COVID Delta Variant. Currently the Delta Variant is more contagious with a high transmission between people with new cases of young individuals (under 12) ending up in the hospital. The State currently has 74 active cases requiring hospitalization. However, we are not testing as many individuals as last year, so the numbers could be higher. Mask wearing in public is the best way for us to protect ourselves and others around us. Discussion was held on implementing another countywide mask mandate; however, no decisions were made at this time to implement the mandate. Discussion was held on county employees being vaccinated. Stallman explained that vaccination records do not fall under HIPPA regulations, and those records are available. Currently the county has 19 employees that are not vaccinated. On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Eblen to require all county employees to get fully vaccinated or be subject to always wearing a mask when indoors/offices and must be tested on a weekly basis effective Monday, August 23, 2021. All Commissioners present and voting aye, except for Commissioner Amb voting nae, motion passed.

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

102440	ARAMARK	206.87	102458	GRANDIN NEPSTAD OIL	459.11
102441	A & S LLC	320.00	102459	ND POST BOARD	90.00
102442	DAVID BRANDON	750.00	102460	ONE CALL CONCEPT	8.40
102443	BUSINESS ESSENTIALS	74.59	102461	ODAY EQUIPMENT LLC	353.37
102444	ND DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	34,926.44	102462	PC LAW TIME MATTERS	468.00
102445	EWING OIL	105.06	102463	PORTLAND FARMERS UNION	822.11
102446	GF CO CORRECTIONAL CENTER	2475.00	102464	PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT	368.20
102447	GRAINGER	65.58	102465	PRAXAIR	390.15
102448	GENERAL ROOFING CONSTRUCTION	109,201.00	102466	PREMIUM WATER INC	39.69
102449	HATTON CITY	315.24	102467	RAMADA BISMARCK HOTEL	345.60
102450	HILLSBORO INN	288.85	102468	RESIDENCE INN	86.40
102451	HILLSBORO LUMBER	38.97	102469	SWANSTON EQUIPMENT CO	2,577.73
102452	HALSTAD TELEPHONE COMPANY	102.27	102470	SORUM OIL COMPANY	1,245.70

102453	INFORMATION TECH DEPT	1,098.65	102471	TOWN AND COUNTRY COOP	58.39
102454	NAPA MAYVILLE	282.13	102472	TOSHIBA FINANCIAL SERV MO	306.80
102455	FARNAMS GENUINE PARTS NAPA	248.76	102473	TRAILL COUNTY TRIBUNE	67.50
102456	NDACO 877	50.00	102474	US POSTMASTER	55.00
102457	ND 24 7 ATTORNEY GENERAL	155.00	102475	XCEL ENERGY	189.43

There being no further business to be brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 a.m. to meet again on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

Glenda Haugen, Auditor

Kurt Elliott, Chairman