

The Traill County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. with the following members in-person: Commissioners Eblen, Elliott, Nesvig and Young. Commissioner Amb was present via Webex. On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Young and carried to approve the minutes of July 21, 2020.

BUDGETS: Red River Basin requested \$4,756.00 for the 2021 budget season. Commissioners decided to leave the budget at \$3,755.00.

ELECTIONS: On motion of Young, seconded by Elliott and carried, to set the precincts and allow one polling place to be open on election day at the Mayville Armory.

E911 VOTE: Commissioner Nesvig introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption which motion was seconded by Commissioner: **RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE EXISTING EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNICATIONS (9-1-1) FEE:**

WHEREAS, the emergency services communication (9-1-1) system is critical to public safety in Traill County; and

WHEREAS, the monthly 9-1-1 fee on “assessed communications service” (telephone access line, wireless access line and unique voice over internet protocol service) imposed pursuant to the North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) 57-40.6 is essential to the operation and maintenance of the emergency services communications (9-1-1) system for Traill County; and

WHEREAS, NDCC Section 57-40.6-02(2) mandates a political subdivision shall apply an additional \$.50 fee on top of the local 9-1-1 fee established under North Dakota Century Code Section 57-40.6-01(1) to be remitted to the Treasurer for replacement of 9-1-1 equipment; and

WHEREAS, the current Traill County fee limited to \$1.00 per month per assessed communications service is no longer adequate to appropriately fund the operation and maintenance of the emergency services communications (9-1-1) system for Traill County; and

WHEREAS NDCC Section 57-40.6-02 provides a process of imposing 9-1-1 fees by governing board resolution and approval of the voters of up to \$1.50 per month per assessed communications service.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Traill County Board of Commissioners proposes an increase of the existing 9-1-1 fee not to exceed \$1.50 per month per communication connection applied to all assessed communication services and directs that the following measure be placed on the county ballot for statewide general election scheduled for November 3, 2020 and if approved shall become effective January 1, 2021.

Upon roll call vote: Eblen-Yes, Elliott-Yes, Nesvig-Yes, Young-Yes, and Amb-Yes. This is to certify that the above resolution was adopted and passed at a meeting of the Board of Traill County Commissioners on August 4, 2020.

INDEMNITY BOND ON LOST INSTRUMENTS: On motion of Young, seconded by Nesvig and carried to allow the Treasurer to replace check #97082 in the amount of \$799.70 for Snap On Tools, as check was lost. On motion of Young, seconded by Nesvig and carried to allow the Treasurer to replace check #97216 in the amount of \$24.00 for Allison Klassen, as check was lost.

REPORTS: Received the Agassiz Valley Human Service Zone monthly financials and board minutes. No action required.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Matt Lange, KLJ met with the Board. The environmental document has been completed for Bridge #228 (Kaldorville) On motion of Elliott, seconded by Young and carried to allow the Chairman to sign the Executive Decisions for structure replacement and incidentals for Bridge 228, using Alternative B-Proposal. On motion of Elliott, seconded by Nesvig and carried to allow Matt Lange, KLJ to make road right-of-way offers to

landowners on behalf of Traill County, following the current values of land. On motion of Young, seconded by Amb and carried to allow the Chairman to sign an Amendment to Engineer-Owner Agreement with KLJ Engineering, LLC in the amount of \$67,500.00 for project #366, low water crossing. Corwyn Martin, Road Superintendent informed the board that the bridge inspectors found issues with Bridge #271. On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Elliott and carried to allow Martin to add this bridge to his list of repairs. Kevin Sondreal requested funds for dust control along County Road #25 during harvest. On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Young and carried to approve the \$15,000.00 request. Martin explained that he had an engine blow up in a truck and will be getting that replaced. Martin discussed an issue between two landowners concerning drainage problems. Commissioner Nesvig and Martin will meet with the landowners and report back to the Commission at a future meeting. BRIDGE 92: Harley Scholl, Kevin Weller, Kevin Paulsrud and Derek Paulsrud voiced concerns about Bridge 92, located in Elm River, section 22. Harvey Scholl spoke for the group indicating this bridge is on a school bus route and is well traveled. The group is asking for this bridge to be repaired or replaced. Martin explained that the bridge could possibly be approved by FEMA. On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Young and carried to allow Martin to gather estimates and have KLJ do a study on the bridge and bring back to a future meeting. Martin informed the Board that the County Road #11 project is on hold until he meets with the Traill County Water Board. Martin will begin interviewing for a new employee.

UNIFIED COMMAND TEAM consisting of Brenda Stallman, Steve Hunt, Ben Gates, Kim Jacobson, Jim Murphy and Charlie Stock gave updates on COVID-19. Murphy is still here to help and Covid19 is far from over. Stallman provided numbers of positive cases in Traill County from July 1st thru today and positive cases are on the rise. Today (08-04-20) added 4 new cases. Large events are occurring causing the increase in positive numbers. We have an entire sports team under quarantine. Stallman strongly encourages all county employees to follow the CDC guidelines when at work and outside of work. Jacobson discussed the County Building Status report which (as of today) has 36 counties open and 17 counties closed to the public. The report shows 37 counties using telecommuting options and 16 counties have employees back in the offices. The report also shows 17 counties are closed, 34 open, 2 counties are open by appointment only. Pembina County was open to public but closed on 08-03-20 for appointments only. The consensus of the Unified Command Team is to leave Traill County closed to the public with limited staff in offices and others telecommuting. Stock informed the Commission court proceedings are being held with the public having limited access to the building. Stock also suggested that the county have mandatory meetings for all employees re-educating them on the COVID-19 policies. Jenni Rubash, Custodian (in-person) and Chad Tice, Halstad Telephone presented a quote to install security access devices for the courthouse. The quote includes additional cameras, fob access and intercom button at entry doors in the amount of \$26,763.00 with a yearly software maintenance service charge of \$960.00. This quote may change based on the number of access points requested along with new doors and electrical at additional costs. This option will be reviewed at a later date. Ben Gates discussed the Cares Act and funding updates. The ND Emergency Commission is meeting to discuss the disbursements that should go out to all counties this fall.

HUMAN SERVICES: Kim Jacobson, Agassiz Valley Human Service Zone Director presented her 2021 budget which has been approved by the ND DHS. On motion of Elliott, seconded by Nesvig and carried to ratify/approve the total Zone operating budget of \$1,436,744.07 with projected revenues of \$85,000.00 for a net total of \$1,351,744.07.
**Please note: a correction to the dollars presented at this meeting were amended at the 08-18-20 meeting.*

DOMES UPDATES: Jenni Rubash, Custodian discussed the paint colors for the dome. General Roofing & Construction feels the dome should be painted a different color and Rubash would like to see the dome painted the same as it was and has been for the past several years. On motion of Amb, seconded by Young and carried to paint the dome with the same colors as it was. Glenda Haugen, Auditor will forward the painting request to General Roofing Construction.

E911 DISPATCHERS: Stacy Ernst, Chief Dispatcher, Tami Moore, Dispatcher and Steve Hunt, Sheriff presented their request for holiday pay and courthouse closures pay. After review and discussion, Commissioner Eblen requested for Ken Nesvig, Sheriff Portfolio holder, Charlie Stock, States Attorney and the payroll office to meet and discuss the requested options and report back at a future meeting.

On motion duly made and carried, the following bills paid by the County Auditor to August 1, 2020 were allowed paid to-wit:

100041	NDPERS Retirement	44306.49	100052	TC Treasurer FOASI	66078.51
100047	Discovery Benefit Fees	66.00	100053	Mayville Township	10128.60
81619-81702	July Payroll	209093.79			

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

100116	JP Morgan Chase Bank	8253.67	100146	Lawson Products	54.72
100117	NDPERS Insurance	60855.58	100147	Larson Welding and Machine	37.60
100118	Advanced Drainage Systems	267.52	100148	North Dakota One Call	12.00
100119	Ameri Pride Linen	387.75	100149	NDSU	3583.34
100120	Kelly Archambeau	42.92	100150	Nodak Electric Coop	46.90
100121	ND BCBS	6089.70	100151	Northern Fire Equipment	51.75
100122	Bob Barker Co	60.63	100152	Olsen Hardware	78.57
100123	Business Essentials	223.66	100153	Ottertail Power Co	69.51
100124	Butler Machinery	62.34	100154	Polar Communications	126.18
100125	Central Door Hardware	285.50	100155	Chicago Power Plan	3279.19
100126	Certified Laboratories	1036.00	100156	Reardon Office Equipment	92.99
100127	Dollar General Regions	101.13	100157	Remark Tech Consulting	1139.80
100128	Dakota Mud Jack Inc	5490.00	100158	Razor Tracking Inc	150.00
100129	ND Dept of Transportation	139449.38	100159	Tammy Sand	197.60
100130	East Central Regional Water	220.39	100160	Seatol	2000.00
100131	Ewing Oil	247.24	100161	Stones Mobile Radio	105.95
100132	Global Safety Network	406.00	100162	Steins Inc	70.23
100133	Hillsboro Banner	36.00	100163	Steele County	1300.00
100134	Hillsboro Drug and Gift	7.89	100164	Grand Forks Strata Corp	39493.01
100135	Hillsboro Municipal	2699.37	100165	Subsurface Inc	68125.00
100136	Rebecca Hodgson	15.40	100166	The Lock Shop	19.75
100137	Halstad Telephone Co	2499.09	100167	Verizon Wireless	345.66
100138	Interstate Towing	585.40	100168	Verizon Wireless	82.78
100139	Kim Jacobson	128.88	100169	Visa	128.99
100140	John Deere Credit	141.00	100170	Waste Management	71.73
100141	Tom Klemetson	400.00	100171	Western Energy Association	500.00
100142	KLJ Engineering LLC	109389.06	100172	Wells Fargo Bank Rent	985.00
100143	Jackie Kraling	100.23	100173	Walkers Lawncare LLC	11853.75
100144	KRB Gravel LTD	28000.00	100174	Wright Implement	414.65
100145	Jill Lagein	95.83	100175	West Side Steel	77.16
			100176	Zep Manufacturing Co	537.69

ATTEST:

Glenda Haugen, Auditor

Thomas Eblen, Chairman