

The Traill County Commissioners came to order on July 18, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. with all members present.

MINUTES: On motion of Eblen, seconded by Young and carried to approve the minutes of July 5, 2017 as presented. On motion of Elliott, seconded by Eblen and carried to approve the 2017 Board of Equalization minutes as printed on page 571 in Commissioner's minute book, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Received a letter of thanks from the President & COO of Energy Transfer concerning Traill County's involvement in the Dakota Access Pipeline protest. Commissioners received the 6 month financial reports for county budgets.

BRIDGE LOAN: On motion of Eblen, seconded by Young and carried to allow the County Auditor to send letters to various banks in the county relative to borrowing Certificates of Indebtedness for a Bridge Loan in the amount of \$200,000.00.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Melissa Beach, ECD Director presented the board with her 2016 Annual Report.

TREASURER: Connie Weber, Treasurer presented the unclaimed property report. On motion of Young, seconded by Amb and carried, to approve the list of checks, 1 year or older, to be sent to ND State as Unclaimed Property in accordance with NDCC.

Commissioner Elliott introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption which motion was seconded by Commissioner Amb:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that banks in the county be designated depositories of public funds in the custody of the County Treasurer and in an amount not to exceed FDIC Certificates as follows, to wit: Wells Fargo-Hillsboro; Goose River Bank, Hillsboro, Mayville & Hatton; Aspire-Hatton; First & Farmers Bank, Portland & Mayville; First State Bank, Buxton; Dakota Heritage Bank-Hunter, Galesburg Branch & Hillsboro Branch (for such amounts as the county may find necessary).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pledges as assets in the county \$3,718,252 Wells Fargo: \$755,000 Goose River Bank, Hillsboro, Mayville & Hatton: \$930,000 Aspire: \$11,655,350 First & Farmers Bank: \$7,600,000 First State Bank: \$355,000 Dakota Heritage Bank-Hunter Galesburg Branch & Hillsboro Branch: are hereby approved for additional deposits by the County Treasurer in excess of FDIC Certificates \$250,000 as of June 30, 2017.

On roll call vote, the following members voted aye for the adoption of the foregoing resolution: Commissioners Young, Elliott, Eblen, Nesvig and Amb. The resolution was declared adopted.

HIGHWAY: Corwyn Martin, Road Superintendent gave updates on various road issues. Martin will be getting quotes for an 8 x 8 box culvert for Bridge 111.

UND PROPERTY: UND Wildlife Ecology Assistant Professor Jay Boulanger, PH.D. expressed interest on behalf UND to partner with Traill County in establishing a Wildlife Management Area located in Section 18 of Ervin Township. UND owns land surrounding property owned by Traill County. Commissioners are interested in the proposal but will contact legal counsel to discuss any liability issues with the project and will contact Professor Boulanger to return to a future board meeting.

STORM 07-11-17: Sheriff Steve Hunt, Custodian Jenni Rubash, County Agent Alyssa Scheve and 4-H Youth Development Agent Rachel Hiam discussed storm damages. ND Insurance Reserve Fund representative will be at the courthouse on Wednesday, July 19th to assess the damage. Areas of concern are as follows: located on courthouse property: (1) communications tower (2) roof on garage/generator building (3) heating/cooling units on roof of Sheriff's building (4) Lincoln statute and (4) several trees. Located on highway department property: (1) 4-H Quonset building. Hillsboro City declared an Emergency Declaration due to this storm. Charlie Stock, St. Attorney will be contacted to draft a Declaration for Traill County and present the Declaration at the next meeting allowing the County to access Emergency Funds for the repairs not covered by insurance.

EMPLOYEE POLICY ISSUES: Charlie Stock, States Attorney was present via phone call. Discussion was held on establishing an Employee Policy Committee. Committee would consist of States Attorney, Sheriff, Highway Superintendent, Auditor and Risk Manager. Commissioners were in favor of the committee. Discussion on final paycheck for Deputy Sheriff Steinhouse. Commissioners instructed Stock to draft a letter to Steinhouse notifying him the county will pay him an additional \$226.44 in vacation and \$14.69 sick leave payout, less applicable payroll taxes, however no action was taken on the Holiday

issue in question. Once Steinhouse signs off on acceptance of the additional pay, a payroll check will be issued.

CUSTODIAN: Jenni Rubash presented a contract from Farmers Union Oil, Portland for rental of the LP tank for the Sheriff's department. Auditor will contact Farmers Union Oil and inquire about purchasing the tank instead of leasing and bring to the next meeting.

On motion duly made and carried, the following bills paid by the County Auditor on July 10th, 2017 were approved:

91674 Halstad Telephone Comp. 2736.51

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

91675	Fargo Acme Tools	279.99	91676	Ameri Pride Linen	451.40
91677	Agassiz Seed & Supply	5410.00	91678	Brad Beck	2312.50
91679	Buxton Farmers Union	1009.36	91680	Mel Carsen	5050.96
91681	CFSTC	250.00	91682	Dale's Food Pride	34.91
91683	Dakota Hose & Fittings	600.32	91684	Marlene Eblen	159.60
91685	Farnam's Genuine Parts	663.52	91686	Flint Hills Resources	24386.64
91687	Finley Motors Inc.	73.89	91688	Great America Leas.	102.14
91689	Gateway Chevrolet	77.23	91690	GF Co. Correctional	3675.00
91691	GT Tree Service	8775.00	91692	Graber Voice & Data	1267.00
91693	Hillsboro Banner	332.69	91694	Hatton Co-op Oil	114.87
91695	Hillsboro Drug & Gift	10.47	91696	Halstad Elevator Co.	35.00
91697	H.E. Everson Co.	15.07	91698	Hillsboro Lumber	53.76
91699	Information Tech Dept	537.15	91700	Inland Truck Parts	13.21
91701	Jamestown Communic.	1113.40	91702	Karl's Tv & Appliance	1418.81
91703	Andrew Marquart	178.41	91704	Minnesota Departm.	20.00
91705	Menards - GF	19.47	91706	Motion Industries Inc	166.32
91707	Mayport Farmers Co-op	659.49	91708	Magnuson's Tires	5345.24
91709	NDACO	50.00	91710	ND Insurance Dept.	5263.40
91711	Nodak Electric Co.	211.57	91712	Office of Atty. Gen.	1010.00
91713	Olsen Hardware	4.49	91714	Pharm Chem Inc.	75.00
91715	Portland Farmers Union	2559.08	91716	Praxair	531.71
91717	Premium Waters Inc.	50.75	91718	Reardon Office Equip	80.47
91719	Red River Basin	3755.00	91720	Rust Sales Inc	311.60
91721	Alyssa Scheve	26.75	91722	Stone's Mobile Radio	1810.51
91723	ND State Radio Comm.	240.00	91724	Summit Companies	274.25
91725	Toshiba Finan. Serv. Dallas	118.59	91726	Traill County Tribune	423.12
91727	Verizon Wireless	51.39	91728	Visa	2700.73
91729	Wallwork Truck Center	124.03	91730	Xcel Energy	118.45
91731	Zee Medical Services	42.35			

There being no further business to be brought before the meeting, Chairman Nesvig adjourned to meet again on August 1st, 2017 starting at 8:00 a.m.

Attest:

Glenda Haugen, County Auditor

Ken Nesvig, Chairman