

The Traill County Commissioners came to order on March 16, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. with the following Commissioners present in-person: Eblen, Elliott and Nesvig. Commissioners Amb and Young attended via Webex. On Motion of Nesvig seconded by Eblen and carried to approve the agenda with no corrections. On motion of Eblen, seconded by Young and carried to approve the minutes of March 2, 2021 as presented.

**NATURAL GAS:** On motion of Eblen, seconded by Nesvig and carried to allow the Chairman to sign the Agreement for Architectural Services with Hepper Olson Architects in the amount of \$6,800.00 for a Natural Gas boiler study on converting boilers to hot water.

**COVID VACCINES:** On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Amb and carried to allow the county employees to receive time off to receive COVID vaccines administered by the Traill District health and not have to use their personal time off such as vacation or sick leave to do so.

**HIGHWAY:** Corwyn Martin, Road Superintendent & Matt Lang, KLJ met with the board on various issues. On motion of Amb, seconded by Eblen and carried to allow the States Attorney, Chairman and Auditor to sign the County Federal Aid Contract with NDDOT for project #BRO-0049(027) in the amount of \$1,275,965.00. On motion of Eblen, seconded by Amb and carried to allow the Chairman to sign the Construction Engineering Services Agreement with KLJ in the amount of \$205,357.31 for BRO-0049(027). Discussion was held on Bridge 111. Issues with the gravel washing away, with the big rock water protection remaining stable. On motion of Amb, seconded by Nesvig and carried to allow Martin to replace the existing gravel roadway with a concrete road top and leave the existing big rock protection in place. On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Eblen and carried, to allow the Chairman and Auditor to sign an Agreement for Engineering Services with KLJ for Bridge 111 design and construction services. Traill County Highway Department is expecting \$113,578.88 from the COVID Federal Aid Fund. Also discussed were the funds the county is expecting from the President's Relief Fund approximately \$1,558,533.00. At this time Traill County has not received any funds from either account. Load limits went on March 15, 2021 and will continue until further notice.

**HIGHWAY BIDS:** On motion of Eblen, seconded by Nesvig and carried to open gravel bids. Bids received from J.C. & J. Trucking (Bejou MN), Lakeside Construction (Finley), Paulson Gravel (Mayville) and KRB (Mayville). On motion of Amb, seconded by Young and carried to accept all bids for the betterment of the county. On motion of Eblen, seconded by Nesvig and carried to open bituminous oil bids. One bid was received from Flint Hills Resources (Marshall MN). On motion of Eblen, seconded by Amb and carried to accept the Flint Hills Resources bid. On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Eblen and carried to open culvert bids. Bids received from Ferguson (Fargo), True North Steele (Fargo) and ADS (Buxton). On motion of Amb seconded by Eblen and carried to accept all bids for the betterment of the county. On motion of Eblen, seconded by Young and carried to open the fuel bids. Bids received from Farmers Union Oil (Buxton), Agri Valley (Grand Forks) and Sorum Oil (Hillsboro). On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Eblen and carried to accept all bids for the betterment of the county.

**SHERIFF:** Steve Hunt, Sheriff presented a Fire Emergency & Burn Ban Declaration for Traill County. Commissioner Amb introduced the following Declaration and moved its adoption: FIRE EMERGENCY & BURN BAN DECLARATION FOR TRAILL COUNTY. WHEREAS, Traill County North Dakota has been and continues to be in a period of abnormally dry conditions compiled with high winds which could result in an increased potential for rural fires; and WHEREAS, all available resources remain committed to protecting life and property; and WHEREAS, the impact of rural fires will threaten the health, well-being, and safety of citizens in Traill County; and WHEREAS, the cost of response in the inordinate equipment wear may be far in excess of available Traill County resources. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Traill County Commissioners declares a Fire Emergency and Burn Ban (to include garbage/pit burning, burning of farmland, cropland and/or ditches, and the use of fire to demolish structures without permission from designated fire authority) to remain in effect when the North Dakota Rangeland Fire Danger Rating is in the extreme and/or a Red Flag Warning has been issued for Traill County, North Dakota; EXCEPTING residential campfires. This Fire Declaration and Burn Ban will expire on November 1<sup>st</sup> unless otherwise deemed necessary to expire by the board of Traill County commissioners. To view the Burn Ban map of North Dakota, go to the following website. This site is updated every morning. <https://ndresponse.gov/burn-ban-restrictions-fire-danger-maps#firedangerratingmap>. Any individual who willfully violates this burn ban by local order NDCC 37-17.1-10.1 is guilty of a Class B Misdemeanor. The Maximum penalties for a Class B Misdemeanor are up to

30 days in jail and up to a \$1500.00 fine. The motion for the adoption of the foregoing Declaration was duly seconded by Commissioner Nesvig. Upon roll call vote, the following Commissioners voted aye: Eblen, Elliott, Nesvig, Young and Amb. The following commissioners voted nay: none. Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021, at Traill County, ND. Attest: Kurt Elliott, Commission Chair and Glenda Haugen, Auditor. Hunt informed the board of the new Deputy Sheriff Sarah Larsen will be stationed in Mayville. Discussed the SIREN 2020 project with new radios costing between \$6,000.00 and \$7,000.00 each with a State reimbursement of about \$1,500.00 per radio. On motion of Amb, seconded by Young and carried to allow Hunt to purchase the new radios as he purchases new patrol cars starting in 2021.

TAX DIRECTOR: Kayla Knudson, Tax Director presented an abatement due to house fire. On motion of Eblen, seconded by Amb and carried to approve the abatement or refund of taxes on parcel #29-0002-08767-000 reducing the true & full value by \$57,500.00.

OFFICE SPACE: Commissioner Eblen discussed the offices left vacant by Human Services after they moved employees to the Wells Fargo Bank. Department Heads were contacted about the need for an office. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

**REGULAR BILLS:**

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

101550	Fargo Acme Tools	162.99	101580	NDACO 877	1147.35
101551	Altru Health Systems	530.00	101581	Nodak Electric Coop	113.34
101552	Appraver LLC	26.68	101582	Grandin Nepstad Oil	1428.90
101553	Aramark	389.00	101583	Northern Engine and Supply	20.04
101554	Buxton Farmers Union	962.00	101584	Northern Lights Inn	83.60
101555	Butler Machinery	480.35	101585	Dylan Norgard	50.00
101556	Cass County Finance	4303.80	101586	Northern Safety Technology	225.04
101557	CDW Government	3502.02	101587	Olsen Hardware	181.19
101558	Code 4 Services Inc	2771.80	101588	Precision Electric Inc	135.00
101559	GF Co Correctional Center	3375.00	101589	Portland Farmers Union	1966.35
101560	Gillund Enterprises	412.32	101590	Post Board	45.00
101561	General Roofing Construction	13788.00	101591	Chicago Power Plan	1077.59
101562	Hillsboro Banner	252.00	101592	Praxair	600.13
101563	Hatton Coop Oil Co	134.43	101593	Protection Systems Inc	534.00
101564	HE Everson Co	110.58	101594	Premium Waters Inc	43.65
101565	Hillsboro Lumber	19.41	101595	Swanston Equipment Co	131.00
101566	Rebecca Hodgson	63.80	101596	Sorum Oil Co	1871.25
101567	Information Tech Dept	1038.75	101597	Sturdevants	1229.35
101568	Inland Truck Parts	1674.24	101598	Town and Country Coop	87.98
101569	Lake Agassiz Regional Council	5600.00	101599	Toshiba Financial Serv MO	306.80
101570	Loffler Companies Inc	33.95	101600	Traill County Tribune	38.00
101571	Macs Inc	6.97	101601	The Sidwell Company	60.00
101572	Matthew Bender and Company	82.10	101602	Tyler Technologies Inc	4716.06
101573	Mebulbs	796.07	101603	Tool Warehouse Inc	240.23
101574	Minnkota Enviroservices Inc	35.00	101604	Waste Management IL	76.94
101575	Minnkota Communications	730.40	101605	Watchguard	218.00
101576	Mayport Hardware Hank	36.98	101606	Wells Fargo Bank Rent	985.00
101577	Marshall and Swift	371.95	101607	Wallwork Truck Center	459.19

101578	National Association of County	200.00	101608	Xcel Energy	219.96
101579	Farnams Genuine Parts Napa	897.83			

There being no further business to be brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 a.m. to meet again on April 6, 2021.

ATTEST:

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Glenda Haugen, Auditor

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Kurt Elliott, Chairman