

The Traill County Commissioners came to order on May 18, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Eblen, Elliott, Nesvig and Amb. Commissioner Young absent. No changes to the agenda. On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Amb and carried to approve the agenda. On motion of Eblen, seconded by Nesvig and carried to approve the minutes of May 4, 2021.

LETTER OF SUPPORT: On motion of Amb, seconded by Eblen to allow the chairman to sign letters of support for Jason Lovas to join the State Water Commission. Letters will be sent to Governor Doug Burgum, Lt. Governor Brent Sanford and Chief of Staff Jace Beehlar.

HOUSING AUTHORITY: On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Eblen to allow the chairman to sign the amended TC Housing Environmental Review Record.

JUNE-SPECIAL MEETING DATE: On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Amb and carried to set departmental budget reviews for Monday, June 28, 2021, starting at 8:00 am.

JULY MEETING CHANGE: On motion of Amb, seconded by Nesvig and carried to cancel the July 6, 2021 meeting and allow the Auditor's office to pay bills and present the bills for review at the July 20, 2021 meeting.

OCTOBER MEETING CHANGE: On motion of Amb, seconded by Nesvig and carried to move the 1st commission meeting in October to Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. to allow commissioners and department heads to attend the NDACo Annual meeting in Bismarck.

U.S. TREASURY RECOVERY FUNDS: The county is slated to receive \$1,560,899.00 from the Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. At this time, it is unclear as to exactly what the funds can be used on, other than the expenses must be COVID related and cannot be used for pension funding and tax relief. On motion of Eblen, seconded by Amb and carried to appoint Glenda Haugen, Auditor and Heather Hovey, Chief Deputy Auditor as financial accountants for the US Treasury's Recovery Funds. On motion of Amb, seconded by Nesvig and carried to have the Auditor set up a separate account for the Recovery Funds.

CORRESPONDENCE: Received an invitation to attend the ND Water Education Foundation summer tours.

AUDITOR: Glenda Haugen, Auditor informed the board, Leslie Frederick has been hired as Deputy Auditor and will be starting on Monday, May 24, 2021.

COUNTY PARK: Ken Nesvig informed the board, the County Park will be opening May 22, 2021.

HIGHWAY: Corwyn Martin, Road Superintendent and Matt Lange, KLI met with the board. On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Amb and carried to allow the Chairman to sign a Driveway Permit filed by Kevin Ackerman on the South side of CR #11 In the NW ¼ of Section 6 in Herberg Township. Martin informed the board he will be moving the chip sealing project on CR 81 to the 2022 projects and do CR 11 this year. Lange informed the board Bridge 366 which will be inspected, and signs corrected, formal bids have been sent for Bridge 111 and Bridge 228 is coming along quickly and could wrap up early if no complications arise.

TAX DIRECTOR: Kayla Knudson met with the board. On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Eblen and carried to approve an abatement of taxes for Devin Abentroth for parcels #02-0000-00143-006 and #02-0000-00145-006 per NDCC 57-02-10.

HILLSBORO DAYS: Jim Murphy, TC EDC Director requested permission to use the courthouse lawn during Hillsboro Days on June 19th. On motion of Amb, seconded by Eblen and carried to allow the request with proof of Liability Insurance.

SHERIFF: Sheriff Steve Hunt announced that Deputy Shawn Skager has resigned. On motion of Amb seconded by Nesvig and carried to allow Sheriff Hunt to advertise for a new deputy.

NIELSVILLE BRIDGE: Several landowners and business owners met with the board concerned about Traill County not applying for the newest federal grant called the RAISE (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity) Grant, which would help pay for the replacement of the Nielsville Bridge. The bridge has been closed for several years causing hardship to area farmers and business owners. The group felt the County has given up on the bridge. The Commissioners, Road Superintendent and KLJ Representative explained that if the county applied for the grant and was awarded the grant, the county would have to have proof of funds to fix the bridge. The ND DOT does not have funding available to help with the cost leaving the balance to be paid by Traill and Polk Counties which could be upwards of \$1,000,000. At this time, the county is committed to the Climax bridge, with ND DOT paying 80% and the balance of 20% being split between Traill and Polk Counties. The group suggested the Commissioners check into borrowing money from the Legacy Fund, however that would put a strain on the taxpayers. No motion was made to apply for the new grant.

RECORDER: Marlen Eblen, County Recorder requested an adjustment to her deputy's salary indicating the salaries are not equal in the county and compared to other counties with the same workload. Recorder Eblen requested a \$6,000 increase to begin in June 2021. On motion of Amb, seconded by Elliott to grant the request. Commissioner Eblen requested to put this request on hold until the salary committee can meet to review the request. Commissioner Amb rescinded his motion.

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

101942	3D SPECIALTIES INC	2,574.00	101960	ND 24 7 ATTORNEY GENERAL	300.00
101943	ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	317.88	101961	NODAK ELECTRIC COOP	18.13
101944	ACME ELECTRIC GF	179.00	101962	PORTLAND FARMERS UNION	2,344.86
101945	FARGO ACME TOOLS	1,288.55	101963	PRAXAIR	383.27
101946	ADVANCED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS	9,889.82	101964	SWANSTON EQUIPMENT CO	296.45
101947	ARAMARK	389.00	101965	THE SIDWELL COMPANY	120.00
101948	BUTLER MACHINERY	3,728.30	101966	GRAND FORKS STRATA CORP	31,884.69
101949	GF CO CORRECTIONAL CENTER	5,400.00	101967	STURDEVANTS	4,046.14
101950	HILLSBORO BANNER	857.79	101968	TOSHIBA FINANCIAL SERV MO	306.80
101951	HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS	13.98	101969	THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR CORP	2,045.71
101952	HILLSBORO LUMBER	10.40	101970	THE LOCK SHOP	238.00
101953	HR COLLABORATIVE	100.00	101971	TRAILL COUNTY TRIBUNE	607.50
101954	INFORMATION TECH DEPT	1,073.50	101972	WASTE MANAGEMENT IL	445.21
101955	KAYLA KNUDSON	324.80	101973	WASLIEN ELECTRIC	4,131.67
101956	LAWSON PRODUCTS	135.05	101974	WRIGHT IMPLEMENT	360.00
101957	MAYPORT HARDWARE HANK	71.87	101975	XCEL ENERGY	188.42
101958	FARNAMS GENUINE PARTS	592.93	101976	ZEE MEDICAL SERVICES	49.15
101959	NDACO 877	114.00	101977	Sorum Oil	17,080.01
101990	Hatton Co-op	50.14	101991	OK Tire	64.95
101992	Olsen Hardware	63.20	101993	Portland Farmers Union	90.19
101994	Town and Country Co-op	140.38			

There being no further business to be brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m. to meet again on June 1, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

Attest:

Glenda Haugen, Auditor

Kurt Elliott, Chairman