

The Traill County Commissioners came to order on October 19, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. with all members present. Commissioner Eblen requested to add #9 "Courthouse" to the agenda. On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Young and carried to approve the amended agenda. On motion of Young, seconded by Eblen and carried to approve the regular minutes of October 7, 2021. On motion of Eblen, seconded by Nesvig and carried to approve the Executive minutes of October 7, 2021.

TAX FORECLOSURE SALE: On motion of Young, seconded by Amb and carried to set the sale price of the following parcels, with the sale to be held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at the courthouse: (1) Parcel #18-0000-02814-001 in Mayville Township, NW ¼ less park (5), Parc #66(2.00) and Lots A-G and less Moen & less 98.90. AC 8.31 sale price \$638.05. (2) Parcel #29-0002-08963-000 in Portland City, W ½ of Lot 4 & all of Lot 5 Block 46, Original Townsite \$5,669.89. (3) Parcel #29-0002-08971-000 in Portland City, Lots 9, 10 & 11 Block 46 Original Townsite \$3,667.02. (4) Parcel #29-0002-08493-000 in Portland City, Lots 9 & 10 Block 14 Original Townsite \$1,613.32. (5) Parcel #32-0003-05070-000 in Galesburg City, Lot 1 Block 2 Kemps Addition \$2,480.22.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY GRANT: On motion of Eblen, seconded by Young and carried to approve a transfer of funds from the Traill County General Fund to the Historical Society in the amount of \$5,000.00 for grants to be distributed to nonprofit entities.

AVHSZ: Received a copy of September board minutes and August financials. No action needed.

RAFFLE PERMIT: On motion of Young, seconded by Amb and carried to approve a raffle permit filed by Central Valley Dollars for Scholars with the drawing to be held on 02-11-22.

HWY DEPARTMENT: Corwyn Martin, Road Superintendent and Matt Lange, KLJ met with the board. Martin discussed County Road 25 with Nick West, Grand Forks County Engineer. West is requesting Traill County to add County Road #25 to the county's paving projects with the hopes of additional Federal Aid funds becoming available. On motion of Amb, seconded by Nesvig and carried to add County Road 25 to the Federal Aid project listing. Discussed the posted load limit of 18 tons on Bridge 424, ½ mile north of Grandin in Kelso Twp, which limit is posted by the ND DOT. Bridge 424 has a rating of 25 tons and an operating limit of 41 tons with the NDDOT. Martin and Lange are questioning why the bridge is posted so low and have been in contact with NDDOT on increasing the limit and will follow up on the issue at the next meeting. The contractor on Bridge 111 was given an option to start work in the fall of 2021 or the spring of 2022, as weather has caused delays this fall, they were given approval to start in 2022. Lange met with Polk County on the Climax Bridge. Polk County likes the option picked by Traill County for the alignment and DOT has approved funding for the fall of 2023 or spring of 2024. Martin has a map of all closed bridges and Code 3 bridges in his office. Lange discussed the Bismarck DOT meeting with potential 40% increase to the transportation bill. Discussed the "off system" bridge funding which could create more federal funds for bridges. Currently Traill County receives \$350,000.00 in Federal Aid annually.

TAX DIRECTOR: Kayla Knudson, Tax Director presented an application for abatement for parcel #04-0000-00565-020 for Pete Kritzberger for the 2019 and 2020 tax statement. On motion of Amb, seconded by Eblen and carried to approve the abatement.

SHERIFF: Steve Hunt, Sheriff updated the board on the riverbank issue for Mike Qualley in Bohnsack Township. The riverbank is very close to house and has been approved by FEMA with a 75% cost to FEMA, 10% cost to State and 15% cost to the local (homeowner).

ARPA FUNDING: Ben Gates, Assistant DES Director and Charlie Stock, States Attorney discussed the ARPA funding with requests already received from Mayville and Portland City to replace existing water, sewer and water tower. Gates suggested creating a committee to create a project application process which can be sent to various tax entities throughout the county. The committee would be the contact point to receive completed applications, review the applications, and make recommendations to the Commissioners with the Commissioners making the final decision in disbursing of the ARPA funds. On motion of Amb, seconded by Young and carried to appoint the following

individuals to the ARPA Committee: Assistant DES Director Ben Gates, States Attorney Charlie Stock, Auditor Glenda Haugen, Chief Deputy Auditor Heather Hovey, Economic Development Director Jim Murphy, and Commissioner Nesvig.

COURTHOUSE: Commissioner Eblen informed the board he has been in talks with Bobbi Hepper-Olson Architects about the conversion of the boilers over to natural gas. Hepper-Olson will put together a proposal and meet with all commissioners at a future meeting. Commissioner Elliott inquired about space within the courthouse to house a new employee for the Tax Director's office, no options were given.

ROAD LEVY MEETING: Senator Randy Lemm, Representatives Jared Hagert and Mike Beltz met with the Commission over concerns about the future of county road funding. Currently Traill County levies three separate mill levies for a total of 40 Mills to fund the road department. According to the law enacted back in 2015, all road funds must be combined into one road levy, with a 10-Mill limit, with an option to ask voters for an additional 20 mills, giving the county a total of only 30 mills. This changed the number of mills that can be levied from 40 to 30 and the change takes effect on January 1, 2025. Traill County needs 40 mills to continue the works it does. Traill County is one of few counties with 420 bridges within the county. The cost of upkeep to keep bridges and roads open has increased over the years not decreased. In 2017, the Legislators approve an additional 10 Mills under the Capital Project Levy 57-15-06.7 in which to levy for the road department, however this must also be approved by the voters. Discussion on the Prairie Dog Funds and how the counties throughout the state have not received any money from this fund. Lemm, Hagert and Beltz informed those in attendance, a special session of the Legislation will discuss some funding sources, with possible ARPA Funds becoming available from the state to the county, but that could change between now and when the special session is held. All counties are not equal, when it comes to funds generated by the mills using the counties valuations. The larger counties have no problems raising funds to continue their work on roads and bridges, while Traill County struggles with the limited dollars and the work involved. In 2022, Traill County will be looking to voters to approve two levies. The vote will not increase the mills, it will only continue with current funding provided by the mills, for a total of 40 mills. Commissioners and all attending thanked Lemm, Hagert and Beltz for attending and listening to our concerns over the road funding.

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

102797	ADA ELECTRIC INC	100.00	102817	MATTHEW NELSON	124.60
102798	FOSTER	1500.00	102818	OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL	290.00
102799	BUXTON FARMERS UNION	21835.33	102819	PRAXAIR	384.52
102800	BOEDDEKER BRUCE	58.79	102820	JOHN M PRESTON	590.00
102801	BUTLER MACHINERY	1075.28	102821	PREMIUM WATERS INC	26.14
102802	CASS COUNTY FINANCE	85.00	102822	ND STATE RADIO COMM	240.00
102803	CUSTOM STRIPES INC.	1840.00	102823	TOWN AND COUNTRY COOP	286.46
102804	EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL WATER	39.84	102824	TOSHIBA FINANCIAL SERV MO	394.72
102805	FARM AND HOME PUBLISHERS	500.00	102825	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC	222.26
102806	GF CO CORRECTIONAL CENTER	150.00	102826	WELLS FARGO BANK RENT	985.00
102807	GOOSE RIVER HEAT AND COOL	12812.00	102827	FOSTER	500.00
102808	GLOBAL SAFETY NETWORK INC	685.00	102828	XCEL ENERGY	177.60
102809	HILLSBORO LUMBER	27.97	102829	LEIGH GUNKEL	460.00
102810	INFORMATION SYSTEMS CORP	5780.00	102915	AFLAC	1476.24
102811	INFORMATION TECH DEPT	148.10	102916	DISCOVERY BENEFITS	1903.85
102812	LOVRO ELECTRIC LLC	571.52	102917	COLONIAL LIFE ACCIDENT INSUR	389.21
102813	MAGNUSONS TIRES AND SERVICE	968.64	102918	NORTH DAKOTA UNITED	45.92
102814	NAPA MAYVILLE	186.47	102919	NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTION	659.00
102815	ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	68.00	102920	TC TREASURER FOASI	68395.45
102816	NDSU	4656.24	102921	NODAK ELECTRIC COOP	48.35

There being no further business to be brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m. to meet again on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at 8:00 a.m.

Attest:

Glenda Haugen, Auditor

Kurt Elliott, Chairman