

The Traill County Commissioners met in regular session on **Tuesday, September 15, 2020** at 8:00 a.m. with all - members present. This meeting was also held via Webex. On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Amb and carried to approve the regular minutes of September 1, 2020. On motion of Young, seconded by Elliott and carried to approve the special budget meeting minutes of September 9, 2020.

ELECTION: On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Young and carried to approve the following inspectors for the upcoming General Election: Vote-By-Mail site will be Julie Foss and Mayville Voting site is Marlene Johnson.

COUNTY PARK: On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Young and carried to close Belmont Park for the season on September 28, 2020.

CARES FUNDING: Traill County received \$313,855.65 from North Dakota State OMB for the COVID-19 Cares funding. The funding will be used to reimburse expenses incurred due to the COVID-19 virus. On motion of Amb, seconded by Young and carried to place the funds in a separate account.

PROPANE CONTRACTS: On motion of Amb, seconded by Elliott and carried to allow the Chairman to sign the propane contracts with Portland Farmers Union and Buxton Farmers Union.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Corwyn Martin, Road Superintendent and Matt Lange, KLI updated the board on various issues. On motion of Amb, seconded by Young and carried to allow Martin to open the stockpile bids. One bid was received from KRB Trucking, Mayville. On motion of Elliott, seconded by Amb and carried to accept the KRB Trucking bid. The box culvert for Bridge 416 has been installed. Jay Showers & Corey Ackerman won first place in developing a culvert cleaner and will be acknowledged at the Rapid City, SD fall conference. On motion of Amb, seconded by Nesvig and carried to allow the Chairman and Auditor to sign an approach permit for Dale Boeddeker along County Road 13, section 13 in the W1/2E1/2SW1/4 in Eldorado Township. On motion of Amb, seconded by Young and carried to allow the Chairman and Auditor to sign a ditch cleaning permit for Larry Linneman along County Road 26, section 9 in Buxton Township. On motion of Young, seconded by Elliott and carried to allow the Chairman and Auditor to sign a Drain Tile Discharge permit for Leslie Amb along County Road 19, section 7 in the NW1/4. On motion of Amb, seconded by Elliott and carried to allow the Chairman and Auditor to sign a Right-of-way Encroachment permit for Corwyn Martin to lower a culvert and ditch clean along County Road 9, section 24 in Norman Township. Lange discussed the upcoming ND DOT meeting for funding available to the County and gave updates on various projects.

TAX DIRECTOR: Kayla Knudson, Tax Director presented an abatement for John Ludwig. On motion of Young, seconded by Amb and carried to approve the abatement for parcel #05-0000-00625-020 for the tax years 2018 & 2019.

HEALTH INSURANCE: Heather Hovey, Chief Deputy Auditor discussed the 4-tiers for the new health insurance. After surveying the employees to see if they would be interested in going with a different "tier", Hovey received only one request to change tiers. With only one request to change tiers, it would result in a change to the monthly premiums we are assessed. Increase to the monthly premiums would be approximately \$8.00 per month for the single policy which the county pays or \$56.64 per month if the increase is assessed to the employees with family plans. The goal in switching insurance companies was to save both the county and the employees money while keeping the same health benefit. On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Elliott to keep the two tiers of family insurance and single insurance. All present and voting aye: Elliott, Nesvig and Eblen, voting nay: Amb and Young, motion passed to stay with the current tiers.

WATER BOARD: Jason Siegert, Water Board, Paul Fossum & John Diehl met with the board to discuss the Hillsboro Drain #26 project. The shared project between the Water Board and Traill County was to clean the ditch which started approximately 2 years ago but was never finished. Fossum and Diehl asked that the project get finished. Commissioner Nesvig apologized for the delay and the Commissioners will check with Martin about getting the work completed but gave no completion dates at this time.

BUDGET DISCUSSIONS: The 2021 proposed budget was reviewed. The following budgets were discussed: Health Insurance, Ambulance levy, Capital Improvement, Bridge Loan, Sheriff, DES and Emergency Fund with a final decision being made at the October 6, 2020 meeting. SALARIES: On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Young to grant all full-time employees a 2.5% raise or \$125.00 per month, whichever is greater, those present and voting aye: Commissioners Nesvig, Amb & Young with Commissioner Elliott voting nay, motion passed. On motion of Amb, seconded by Young to grant permanent part-time employees a 2.5% raise or \$125.00 per month, with the \$125.00 per month being prorated based on the number of hours the permanent part-time employee was hired to work, whichever is more. This motion also grants a 2.5% raise to returning seasonal employees, Commissioners present and voting aye: Nesvig, Amb & Young with Commissioner Elliott voting nay, motion passed.

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

100338	Fargo Acme Tools	27.27	100357	Grandin Nepstad Oil	35.03
100339	Ameri Pride Linen	394.26	100358	Northern States Supply	161.82
100340	Buxton Farmers Union	13205.95	100359	OK Tire Store	6658.92
100341	Century link	84.00	100360	Olsen Hardware	93.82
100342	Crane Johnson Lumber	71.87	100361	Opp Construction	3485.16
100343	Flaten and Johnson Truck	39658.90	100362	Derek Osland	78.00
100344	GF Co Correctional Center	3979.56	100363	Jeff Paulson	500.00
100345	Goose River Heat and Cool	125.00	100364	Portland Farmers Union	22293.35
100346	Hillsboro Banner	862.08	100365	Paulson Gravel Service	45590.00
100347	Hatton Free Press	305.00	100366	Chicago Power Plan	1844.96
100348	Hillsboro Lumber	87.44	100367	The Sidwell Company	1100.00
100349	Information Tech Dept	1075.05	100368	Grand Forks Strata Corp	1275.38
100350	Jill Lagein	365.98	100369	Sturdevants	70.95
100351	Lawson Products	6.05	100370	Toshiba Financial Service	303.86
100352	Nelson Auto Center	35092.00	100371	Valley United Coop	257.33
100353	Farnams Genuine Parts	519.64	100372	Waste Management	297.83
100354	ND 24 7 Attorney General	465.00	100373	Wright Implement	365.90
100355	Nodak Electric Coop	384.27	100374	Wallwork Truck Center	253.33
100356	Nelson International	85.73	100375	Xcel Energy	184.72

There being no further business to be brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. to meet again on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

Attest:

Glenda Haugen, County Auditor

Thomas Eblen, Chairman