

The Traill County Commissioners came to order on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, with the following members present: Commissioners Nesvig, Elliott and Young. Absent and not voting, Commissioners Eblen and Amb. Glenda Haugen requested to add Mike Beltz to the agenda. On motion of Young, seconded by Elliott and carried to approve the agenda as amended. On motion of Young, seconded by Elliott and carried to approve the minutes of April 5, 2022.

**LOAD RESTRICTIONS:** On motion of Young, seconded by Elliott to request assistance from the ND Highway Patrol enforcing load restrictions.

**INDUSTRIAL BUILDERS:** On motion of Elliott, seconded by Young and carried to rescind the motion made on March 15, 2022 concerning Industrial Builders diverting the water during construction, as Industrial Builders will leave the water as is.

**HILLSBORO STARS & STRIPES:** On motion of Young, seconded by Elliott and carried to sign up for the 2022 Hillsboro Stars & Stripes flag project at a cost of \$280.00.

**PUBLIC MEETINGS:** Townhall meetings will be held to explain the Traill County Measure #1 on road levies which will appear on the June ballot. The following meetings/times have been set: (1) May 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm at the Traill County Courthouse Community Room (2) May 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm at 26 Plummer Building (formally Traill County Rural Water building) in Clifford. (3) May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Mayville City Hall (4) May 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm at the Hatton Community Center and (5) May 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm at the KC Hall in Reynolds.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:** Corwyn Martin, Road Superintendent (in person) and Matt Lange, KLJ (via Webex) met with the board on various matters. On motion of Young, seconded by Elliott and carried to approve a Right of Way Encroachment Permit filed by East Central Regional Water District along County Road #4 in the SE ¼ and County Road #2 in the NE ¼ and County Road #21 in the NE ¼, all in Belmont Township. Discussed the payment for County Road #25 for chip sealing which is split with Grand Forks County. Martin will check with the company to see if they will accept two checks, one from each county. Lange informed the board that various projects will be held up due to the weather.

**TAX DIRECTOR:** Kayla Knudson, Tax Director requested permission for her Deputy to alter her work schedule to accommodate the public. Commissioners don't have any issues with her request.

**AVHSZ:** Kim Jacobson, AVHSZ Director informed the board the URM (Unoccupied Refugee Minor) Program is up and running with 9 additional staff members being hired. The lease with Dakota Heritage expires on April 30, 2022, and a new lease with the updated square footage will take affect on May 1, 2022, with a monthly increase due to the updated square footage. Jacobson will be moving 3 employees to the Dakota Heritage Bank freeing up space in the courthouse for other uses. Discussion concerning the 2020 and 2021 Human Service Indirect budget surplus totaling \$44,448.43 located in the General Fund. Haugen explained all General Fund budgets with a surplus at the end of the year is used as cash on hand and helps to reduce the mill levies. Jacobson is requesting the surplus funds for future use, such as the increase in rent at Dakota Heritage. Haugen explained, the cash is in the General Fund, however with Jacobson using the surplus amounts, this may cause her indirect budget to be overdrawn at the end of the year.

**ARPA COMMITTEE:** Ben Gates, ARPA Committee Chairman explained the process in which the committee reviewed the eleven applicants, ranking the projects high, medium and low, based on the benefits to the taxpayers. All applicants qualified following the federal guidelines. After much discussion, the following motions were made and passed: (1) On motion of Elliott, seconded by Young and carried to accept the ARPA Funding under the Final Rule's Standard Deduction Allowance. (2) On motion of Elliott, seconded by Young and carried to accept the application for the Mayville and Hillsboro Fire Department's mobile (truck) radio upgrades totaling \$37,798.80 (3) On motion of Young, seconded by Elliott and carried to approve the application for Buxton City's emergency siren system awarding them a "partial" amount of \$10,000.00 (4) On motion of Elliott, seconded by Young and carried to leave the balance of the ARPA Funds in the account to be used for future projects at Commissioners discretion.

DES: Ben Gates, Assistant DES Director requested and was approved the following expenses from the ARPA Funding account, with both projects benefiting all Traill County residents: (1) On motion of Elliott seconded by Young and carried to allocate \$315,591.00 for the Traill County SORN Dispatch Center upgrades for the E911 system. (2) On motion of Young, seconded by Elliott and carried to allocate \$178,827.77 for the Sheriff Department upgrades on patrol vehicles, portable and non-portable radios, which includes installation and programming charges.

SALARY SURVEY: Glenda Haugen, Auditor requested the Commissioners to reconsider having a salary survey completed by an outside company, which will cost approximately \$30,000.00. Haugen explained that watching the bottom line is important, however, we need to do something to keep current employees and attract new employees. After much discussion, on motion of Young, seconded by Elliott and carried to table this discussion until the next meeting.

PRAIRIE DOG FUNDING: Mike Beltz, District 20 Representative presented proposed Prairie Dog Funding amounts that may be available later this fall. House Bill 1066, approved in the 2019 Legislative Session provides funding from the oil and gas revenues collected by the State and shall be used on infrastructure needs. Traill County is slated to receive \$3,051,898 while the cities total \$ 1,560,500 and townships \$4,837,398. Representative Beltz stressed the word "proposed" and asked Traill County to not spend the money until it is received.

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

104075	ARAMARK W9	1,372.89	104092	MAYPORT HARDWARE HANK	24.99
104076	ASHLEY ASUZU	98.28	104093	NDACO 877	198.00
104077	BUTLER MACHINERY	961.00	104094	NDSU 7070	5,587.50
104078	FARGO FORKS FREIGHTLINER	249.01	104095	NDSU EXTENSION PESTPROGR	750.00
104079	GREAT AMERICA LEASING	91.00	104096	ND 24 7 ATTORNEY GENERAL	570.00
104080	GF CO CORRECTIONAL CENTER	300.00	104097	GRANDIN NEPSTAD OIL	1,836.55
104081	SHANDA HAKK	76.05	104098	OTTOS WELDING	364.50
104082	HILLSBORO BANNER	607.30	104099	RDO TRUCK CENTER	269.63
104083	HILLSBORO STARS AND STRIPES	280.00	104100	REMARK TECH CONSULTING	5,400.00
104084	INFORMATION TECH DEPT	1,086.20	104101	SEACHANGE	5,232.10
104085	KIM JACOBSON	216.14	104102	SORUM OIL COMPANY	861.37
104086	JACKIE KRALING	70.83	104103	STEELE COUNTY	9.86
104087	LINDE GAS AND EQUIPMENT INC	368.06	104104	TOWN AND COUNTRY COOP	307.70
104088	JENNIFER LEVITT	26.49	104105	TOSHIBA FINANCIAL SERV MO	355.62
104089	LOFFLER COMPANIES INC	15.32	104106	TRAILL COUNTY TRIBUNE	263.00
104090	LARSON WELDING AND MACHINE	686.27	104107	WALLWORK TRUCK CENTER	1,097.56
104091	KELSEY MOORHOUSE	119.90	104108	XCEL ENERGY	284.30

There being no further business to be brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 a.m. to meet again on May 3, 2022, at 8:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

Glenda Haugen, Auditor

Ken Nesvig, Chairman