

The Traill County Commissioners came to order in regular session on March 7, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. with the following members present in person: Commissioners Eblen, Nesvig and Young. Commissioners Elliott and Amb attended via Webex. A request to add Steve Hunt, Sheriff to the agenda. On motion of Eblen, seconded by Nesvig and carried to approve the amended agenda. On motion of Eblen, seconded by Nesvig and carried to approve the minutes of 02-21-23.

ARCA SEARCH: Glenda Haugen, Auditor informed the board that the ARCA Search Company has completed scanning commissioner minutes from February 1875 thru December 2022. We should have the complete upload by the end of June.

SHERIFF: Steve Hunt, Sheriff discussed the Walsh County Professional Services Agreement that was approved on 02-21-23, in the amount of \$21,940.00 for a jail study to be completed by The Samuels Group, Inc.. Walsh County is seeking mill levy support as well as monthly financial assistance in exchange for bed space in their new proposed facility. Due to other counties backing out of the proposal, Traill County's share, for the study, has now increased \$5,540.00, for a total of \$27,480.00. On motion of Amb, seconded by Nesvig and carried to place this project on hold, giving Hunt time to talk with other counties and bring this back to the next meeting. On motion of Eblen, seconded by Amb and carried to allow the Sheriff to sign an agreement with Walsh County to house Traill County prisoners at a cost of \$95.00 per day plus medical expenses, pending Charlie Stock, States Attorney's approval.

HIGHWAY BIDS: On motion of Eblen, seconded by Nesvig and carried to open bids. Gravel bids were received from JC & J Trucking, KRB Gravel, Lakeside Construction and Paulson Gravel. On motion of Amb, seconded by Elliott and carried to accept all gravel bids for the betterment of Traill County. Fuel bids were received from Buxton Farmers Union Oil and Sorum Oil. On motion of Eblen, seconded by Nesvig and carried to accept all fuel bids for the betterment of Traill County. Culvert bids were received from Ferguson Waterworks and TrueNorth Steel. On motion of Eblen, seconded by Nesvig and carried to accept all culvert bids for the betterment of Traill County.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Corwyn Martin, Road Superintendent met in person and Matt Lange, KJL Engineer meet via Webex. Lange informed the board that NDDOT approved the following bridge applications submitted for replacement and/or removal: Bridges approved for replacement are Bridge #403 in Galesburg Township, Bridge #114A in Kelso Township and Bridge #425 in Hillsboro City. NDDOT also approved the removal of Bridge #94 in Elm River Township. Martin requested to rebid the new shop later this summer to be built in 2024 which request was granted. Martin attended the Elm River Diversion meeting and expressed his concerns with the waterflow and updates that need to be done. On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Eblen and carried to allow Martin to purchase a trailer from Bloomfield Inc., in the amount of \$12,190.00.

PROPERTY INSURANCE BIDS: On motion of Eblen, seconded by Nesvig and carried to open the bids. One bid was received from Heritage Insurance Services for the April 2023-April 2024 policy year. On motion of Eblen, seconded by Nesvig and carried to accept the NDIRF renewal for \$2 Million Liability Policy in the amount of \$74,063.00.

GROTHMANN: Barry Grothmann met with the board over concerns on road conditions and road signs. Highway 81 has buckled but has since been "signed" by the highway department. County Road #1 is in tough shape and Grothmann also has issues with Hong Trucking. Grothmann was asked to meet with Commissioner Amb, Sheriff Hunt and Road Superintendent Martin to further discuss the issues.

COUNTY PARK: Pam and Wayne Berg, caretakers at the county park updated the commissioners on needed repairs such as work on the toilets and lighting. Discussed looking into a grant from Garrison Diversion. Martin will get a gravel order in for this spring.

TAX DIRECTOR: Kayla Knudson, Tax Director presented an application for a 2-year tax exemption for a single residential home for Paul Winkelman on property #03-4003-04384-002. On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Eblen and carried to approve the exemption. Knudson also presented an updated Sidwell contract. On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Eblen and carried to approve the updated contract upon approval of Charlie Stock, States Attorney.

AUDITOR'S WARRANTS: On motion duly made and carried, the following bills paid by the County Auditor to March 1, 2023, were allowed paid to-wit:

106053 Traill County Treasurer (FOASI)	82,806.66	106055 NDPERS-Retirement	53,154.55
84394-84492 February Payroll	355,790.31		

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

106124	ALLIANCE BUSINESS CONSULTING,	812.50	106159	LOVRO ELECTRIC LLC	90.00
106125	FARGO ACME TOOLS	134.70	106160	LARSON WELDING AND MACHINE	917.70
106126	ARAMARK	243.47	106161	MID AMERICA STEEL, INC.	60.00
106127	BUXTON FARMERS UNION	1746.00	106162	MATTHEW BENDER AND COMPANY	28.58
106128	BARKUS LAW FIRM	270.00	106163	MIKES CUSTOM TRUCK, INC.	2202.33
106129	BLOOMFIELD ENTERPRISES	12190.00	106164	MILLERS FRESH FOODS	17.68
106130	ND BLUE CROSS SHIELD BILLING	7067.30	106165	KELSEY MOORHOUSE	189.30
106131	BUSINESS ESSENTIALS	538.67	106166	MOTION INDUSTRIES INC	153.17
106132	CERTIFIED LABORATORIES	608.95	106167	KATIE MUELLER	27.50
106133	CNH INDUSTRIAL RETAIL ACCOUNTS	1901.60	106168	JILL MURPHY	315.06
106134	DAKOTA HERITAGE BANK	1860.00	106169	NAPA	115.99
106135	EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL WATER	323.00	106170	NDACO	3097.43
106136	ELECTION SYSTEM AND SOFTWARE	438.46	106171	NDSU SOIL TESTING LAB	19.50
106137	FIRST CHOICE APPAREL	170.00	106172	NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY	48.00
106138	FINLEY FARMERS GRAND AND ELAV	182.55	106173	ND SHERIFF AND DEPUTY ASSN	500.00
106139	FAMILY HEALTHCARE CENTER	69.00	106174	ND 24 7 ATTORNEY GENERAL	497.00
106140	FLATEN AND JOHNSON TRUCK	86.00	106175	NORTHERN ENGINE AND SUPPLY	410.17
106141	ERIKA FREEBERG	264.07	106176	NORTHERN FIRE EQUIPMENT	79.00
106142	TEXAS GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL	117.00	106177	NORTHERN SALT INCORPORATED	4403.70
106143	MATTHEW GEBHARDT	1100.00	106178	OLSEN HARDWARE	98.60
106144	GENERAL EQUIP AND SUPPLIES	3651.49	106179	OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY	167.52
106145	COUNTY OF GRAND FORKS	2043.55	106180	OFFICE OF STATE TAX COMMISSION	65.20
106146	GRAINGER	251.75	106181	PORTLAND FARMERS UNION	2423.79
106147	GOOSE RIVER HEAT AND COOL	1523.00	106182	REMARK TECH CONSULTING	1900.00
106148	HILLSBORO BANNER	39.00	106183	SANDBO PLUMBING	559.70
106149	HATTON COOP OIL CO	56.31	106184	SEATOL	2000.00
106150	H E EVERSON CO	57.88	106185	SORUM OIL COMPANY	1958.74
106151	HILLSBORO LUMBER	331.48	106186	TAYLOR TOOLS	226.50
106152	HILLSBORO MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	3092.03	106187	STEELE COUNTY	1586.27
106153	HOPE GLASS	860.00	106188	UNITED POWER EQUIPMENT	76.78
106154	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	1013.95	106189	WALLWORK TRUCK CENTER	490.44
106155	JOHN DEERE CREDIT	48.42	106190	XCEL ENERGY	326.95
106156	KLJ ENGINEERING LLC	93169.07	106191	JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA	23802.00
106157	LAWSON PRODUCTS	472.25	106192	NDPERS INSURANCE	2781.05
106158	LITTLE FALLS MACHINE INC	554.93	106193	WEX BENEFITS FEES	59.50

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 a.m. to meet again in regular session on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

Attest: Glenda Haugen, Auditor

Larry Young, Commissioners