

The Traill County Commissioners came to order on May 4, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. with all members present in person. Commissioner Young requested to add salary disparities to the agenda. On motion of Young, seconded by Amb and carried to approve the updated agenda. On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Eblen and carried to approve the minutes of April 20, 2021 as presented.

BEAVER DAMS: Commissioner Elliott was informed a beaver dam is blocking a culvert at the entrance to the Elm River Park. Culvert belongs to county. Corwyn Martin, Road Superintendent has been informed and will work to remove the dam.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Corwyn Martin, Road Superintendent & Matt Lange, KJ met with the board. On motion of Amb, seconded by Eblen and carried to allow the Auditor and Chairman to sign a purchase agreement with JC & J Trucking. The Tiger Grant is coming up and questioned if Traill County would like to apply for the Nielsville Bridge. Martin recommended to not apply at this time as the county is committed to fixing the Climax Bridge and cannot afford to fix both. Lange stated there is another grant called The Raise Grant, we could apply for which would cost \$6,000.00 to start the process, the application would be due by July 12, 2021. On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Eblen to apply for the new grant at a cost of \$6,000.00. Commissioner Nesvig voting aye, Commissioners Eblen, Young, Amb and Elliott voting nay, motion failed. Crew will be doing a mastic repair on County Road 1 followed by chip sealing. Nodak Electric requested to plow under County Road 4 at the intersection of 15th Street North. Martin will follow up with Nodak. Lange discussed the low water crossing on County Road 11, only one bid of \$156,000.00 was received. KJ estimated the project to cost \$95,000.00. Because of the high bid, Lange requested to delay the project into 2022, Commissioners agreed. Kaldorville Bridge is moving along. Lange will correct the signs at Bridge 366.

SHERIFF: Steve Hunt, Sheriff and Heather Hovey, Chief Deputy Auditor met with the board. On motion of Amb, seconded by Nesvig and carried to allow Sheriff/E911 employees to donate sick leave hours to Deputy Weber. On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Amb and carried to approve Deputy Weber's request for a 30-day personal leave, following employee policy #602.

MASK MANDATE: Brenda Stallman, Traill District Health Director met with the board. Discussion was held on the current mask mandate policy. Stallman informed the board that due to the fact the Governor and the State Health Officer can no longer implement a mask mandate, the Traill District Health Board is recommending the mask mandate be changed to a mask advisory. Stallman reiterated, we are still in a pandemic statewide and masks are necessary and help stop the spread. On motion of Young, seconded by Amb to rescind the mask mandate and implement a mask advisory. Commissioners Young, Amb and Elliott voting aye, Commissioners Eblen and Nesvig voting nay, motion passed.

COURTHOUSE ACCESS: Discussion was held on limiting access to the courthouse. Currently all doors are locked with access points at each door by using a touch pad system. Offices allow people to enter after answering a series of questions. Should entrance into courthouse be limited to one door to control number of people entering and for security purposes? On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Eblen and carried to continue as is with all doors being locked and visitors being welcomed into the building by using the touch pad system and requiring all visitors to wear a mask.

SALARY DISPARITY: Commissioner Young requested to form a committee to review salaries for Traill County employees. Glenda Haugen, Auditor asked to include benefit review along with the salaries. A committee consisting of Commissioners Young and Eblen, Auditor Glenda Haugen, Chief Deputy Auditor Heather Hovey and States Attorney Charlie Stock was formed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Received a final report of the 67th Legislative Assembly from District 20th Representative Mike Beltz. Received the monthly financial and board meeting minutes for the AVHSZ.

AUDITOR'S WARRANTS: On motion duly made and carried, the following bills paid by the County Auditor to May 1, 2021 were allowed paid to-wit:

101818	TC Treasurer FOASI	70,717.90	101809/101822	NDPERS Retirement	44,742.79
101941	Discovery Benefits Fees	50.00	82391-82474	April Payroll	298,371.50

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

101887	ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	144.00	101914	MARSHALL AND SWIFT BOECKH LLC	656.20
101888	ADVANCED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS	5,487.76	101915	MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC.	6,117.37
101889	ND BLUE CROSS SHIELD BILLING	5,805.00	101916	NORTH DAKOTA ONE CALL	2.40
101890	CASS COUNTY FINANCE	2,210.00	101917	NORTHERN ENGINE AND SUPPLY	332.16
101891	CERTIFIED LABORATORIES	750.00	101918	ODAY EQUIPMENT LLC	650.57
101892	DREAMMAKERS CONSTRUCTION	12,973.75	101919	OLSEN HARDWARE	263.50
101893	BROOKE L DUVAL	205.48	101920	OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY	80.75
101894	MARLENE EBLEN	204.21	101921	CHICAGO POWER PLAN	328.25
101895	EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL WATER	232.52	101922	R S ELECTRIC LLC	9,920.00
101896	ERNIES REPAIR	727.22	101923	REMARK TECH CONSULTING	11,255.20
101897	FARGO FORKS FREIGHTLINER	29.85	101924	TAMMY SAND	357.44
101898	GREAT AMERICA LEASING	117.00	101925	SEATOL	2,000.00
101899	GENERAL EQUIP AND SUPPLIES	1,741.56	101926	SWANSTON EQUIPMENT CO	318.68
101900	HILLSBORO KIWANIS FOOD	50.00	101927	SORUM OIL COMPANY	16,458.02
101901	HILLSBORO MUNICIPAL UTILITY	2,607.27	101928	ND STATE RADIO COMM	1,644.36
101902	HEPPER OLSON ARCHITECTS	6,800.00	101929	GRAND FORKS STRATA CORP	969.62
101903	HALSTAD TELEPHONE COMPANY	102.27	101930	TITAN MACHINERY	24.70
101904	INFORMATION TECH DEPT	40.00	101931	TRAILL COUNTY TRIBUNE	119.00
101905	KIM JACOBSON	135.12	101932	WELLS FARGO BANK RENT	985.00
101906	JOHN DEERE CREDIT	583.60	101933	WOLD TOWNSHIP	1,198.19
101907	JAMAR TECHNOLOGIES INC	993.00	101934	WEST SIDE STEEL	121.93
101908	KLJ ENGINEERING LLC	12,972.23	101935	XCEL ENERGY	928.57
101909	JACKIE KRALING	78.90	101936	JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA	14,825.05
101910	KRISTIN LEE	100.00	101937	ND PUBLIC HEALTH INSURANCE TRU	53,245.58
101911	LARSON WELDING AND MACHINE	123.05	101938	VOID	0.00
101912	SARA MACK	100.00	101939	STEELE COUNTY	1,332.50
101913	MILLERS FRESH FOODS	35.65			

There being no further business to be brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned to meet again on May 18, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

Attest:

Glenda Haugen, Auditor

Kurt Elliott, Chairman