

The Traill County Commissioners came to order on August 1, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. with all members present. Auditor Haugen requested to add Heather Hovey to the agenda. On motion of Eblen, seconded by Nesvig and carried to approve the amended agenda. On motion of Elliott, seconded by Eblen and carried to approve the regular and special minutes of July 18, 2023.

AVHSZ: On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Eblen and carried to ratify the 2024 AVHSZ budget in the amount of \$1,683,093.04. Received copies of AVHSZ financials and June board minutes.

TRANSFERS:

(1) On motion of Amb, seconded by Nesvig and carried to transfer \$58,030.54 from 2022 Disaster Fund #8057 to the Emergency Fund #2910.

(2) On motion of Eblen, seconded by Amb and carried to transfer \$19,955.87 from 2023 Winter Disaster Fund #8058 to Emergency Fund #2910.

(3) On motion of Elliott, seconded by Nesvig and carried to transfer \$173,012.15 from 2023 Winter Disaster Fund #8058 to Emergency Fund #2910.

(4) On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Amb and carried to transfer \$33,852.67 from 2023 Winter Disaster Fund #8058 to Road & Bridge Fund #2130.

(5) On motion of Amb, seconded by Eblen and carried to transfer \$50,000.00 from LATCF Grant Fund #2977 to Emergency Fund #2910 to help cover the expenses of the motor grader repairs, see check #106581 dated 05-15-23.

COMMISSION MEETINGS: On motion of Amb, seconded by Nesvig to hold one (1) commission meeting per month; on the second Tuesday of each month; starting January 9, 2024, on a 6-month trial basis only. Commissioners voting aye: Elliott, Nesvig, Young and Amb, Commissioner Eblen voting nay, motion passed.

HIGHWAY: Corwyn Martin, Road Superintendent and Matt Lange, KIJ updated the board on various issues. On motion of Amb, seconded by Nesvig and carried to have the road department install an 18' culvert along County Road #23 for Jerry Olson to have access to his property. Bids for the new Mayville shop will be opened on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 8:05 a.m. Bridge tour will be held on August 15, 2023 immediately following the regular commission meeting. Chip sealing will wrap up today, Bridge 69 is almost complete with crew moving onto culvert and maintenance work. Lange informed the board that beams will be set on Bridge #2, Bridge #403 is under contract and he will be meeting with Hillsboro City leaders. Final plan for the Climax Bridge are due Friday with bid letting in October. Lange discussed the payment schedule between Polk and Traill County for the Climax Bridge. Traill will receive the bills from ND DOT and submit them to Polk County, which will cover their half as agreed upon in the contracts.

COUNTY ROAD 25: Kevin Sondreal requested funding for dust control on County Road #25 for the October harvest season. Dust control costs are shared with Traill County, Grand Forks County and the Reynolds Truck Haulers. Estimated total cost is \$50,880.00. On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Amb and carried to approve the dust control up to a limit of \$15,000.00.

SHERIFF: Steve Hunt, Sheriff requested a policy change to the overtime policy. Currently his deputies are granted comp time in lieu of overtime. With staff shortages, Hunt will have funds to cover the expected overtime costs. On motion of Amb, seconded by Elliott and carried to allow the Sheriff Deputies to receive overtime and update the overtime policy to reflect the change. Hunt informed the board he will be traveling out-of-state for special training. The Hazard Mitigation meeting will be held Wednesday, August 2, 2023, 6:30 p.m. at Mayville State University.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott for Traill County to affirm to North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System that Traill County is formed pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 11-01 and is neither a non-profit corporation nor a for-profit corporation, to join the NDPERS Public Safety Defined Benefit Retirement Plan and offer the plan to all eligible employees of the Traill County Sheriff's Department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nesvig. The Board approved joining the NDPERS Public Safety Defined Benefit Retirement Plan effective January 1, 2024. Commissioners present and voting in favor of the motion: Eblen, Elliott, Nesvig, Young and Amb, motion carried.

Commissioner Eblen requested Hunt to look at starting wages for new deputies and come back to the next meeting to discuss. On motion of Eblen, seconded by Amb and carried to allow Hunt to order and install body cams and replace cameras in all vehicles, totaling \$87,101.17 to be paid out of the ARPA Fund.

CUSTODIAN: Jenni Rubash, Head Custodian and Commissioner Eblen discussed a meeting that was held with Bobbi Hepper Olson, Architect concerning the deteriorating front steps, removing the existing fuel tank and parking lot expansion. On motion of Eblen, seconded by Nesvig and carried to enter into an agreement for architectural services with Hepper Olson Architects, LTD in the amount of \$8,920.00. On motion of Amb, seconded by Elliott and carried to allow the Chairman to sign the State Historical Grant paperwork once they are completed.

HEALTH INSURANCE: Heather Hovey, Chief Deputy Auditor presented 2024 health insurance premiums with NDPHIT. Premiums are increasing 16.77%. Effective January 1, 2024, a single policy will increase from \$828.03 to \$966.89 and a family policy will increase from \$2,001.68 to \$2,337.36. Hovey was instructed to research other health insurance companies such as NDPERS and BCBS to inquire about similar policies.

2024 ESTIMATED BUDGETS: Glenda Haugen, Auditor presented the estimated 2023 valuations which will be used for the 2024 budgets. Traill County has a Taxable Valuation of \$68,656,223.00. On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Elliott and carried to approve the 2024 Estimated Tax Statements with a proposed total State & County budget of \$7,809,852.46 and a proposed total mill of 114.28. The final budget and mills will be determined on or before October 3, 2023.

AUDITOR'S WARRANTS: On motion duly made and carried, the following bills paid by the County Auditor to August 1, 2024, were allowed paid to-wit:

107004 Traill County Treasurer (FOASI)	87,603.20	107005 NDPERS-Retirement	53,096.14
84913-85023 July Payroll	373,621.15		

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

107006-107066 Tax Collections		107067 NDPHIT-Health Insurance	72,887.67
107068 ALLIANCE BUSINESS CONSULT	250.00	107095 MICHELLE MOONEY	351.08
107069 APPRIVER LLC	754.00	107096 MAGNUSONS TIRES AND SERVICE	2278.82
107070 BECK LEANN	57.64	107097 NELSON AUTO CENTER	37457.66
107071 BENCO EQUIPMENT	100.00	107098 NATIONWIDE	50.00
107072 ND BLUE CROSS SHIELD BILLING	7006.49	107099 NDACO 877	30.00
107073 BISMARCK RADISSON HOTEL	352.80	107100 NORTH DAKOTA ASSOCIATION OF	120.00
107074 RICHARD AND JILL CAMRUD	3100.00	107101 NELSON INTERNATIONAL	34.89
107075 DAKOTA HERITAGE BANK	1920.00	107102 HENDRUM NEPSTAD OIL	38.36
107076 ND DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	528,299.50	107103 NORTHERN ENGINE AND SUPPLY	8.25
107077 EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL	326.98	107104 NORTHERN FIRE EQUIPMENT	171.45
107078 FED EX FREIGHT	38.07	107105 OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY	84.60
107079 FARGO GLASS AND PAINT	982.50	107106 GARY AND JOAN PETERSON	8300.00
107080 GREAT AMERICA LEASING	91.00	107107 PHILOMENA PETERSON	6200.00
107081 GF CO CORRECTIONAL CENTER	1602.29	107108 PAULS HOMETOWN REPAIR	122.50
107082 GOOSE RIVER HEAT AND COOL	1970.00	107109 REMARK TECH CONSULTING	1900.00
107083 HOOVES AND HEARTS 4H CLUB	250.00	107110 SANDBO PLUMBING	352.75
107084 GLENDA HAUGEN	322.34	107111 SEATOL	2000.00
107085 HILLSBORO CITY PARK BOARD	40.00	107112 SWANSTON EQUIPMENT CO	7840.14
107086 HITS INC	350.00	107113 SIGN SOLUTIONS	819.50

107087	HUSKY MARKETING AND SUPPLY	84479.78	107114	GRAND FORKS STRATA CORP	41845.44
107088	HILLSBORO MUNICIPAL UTIL	2272.11	107115	CARLA SWANSON	415.66
107089	INFORMATION SYSTEMS CORP	585.00	107116	SWINGEN CONSTRUCTION	5950.00
107090	INFORMATION TECH DEPT	259.70	107117	VALLEY BUS COACHES LLC	2350.00
107091	LINDE GAS AND EQUIPMENT INC	1220.64	107118	WALSH COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE	95.00
107092	LOFFLER COMPANIES INC	48.27	107119	WESTERN ENERGY ASSOCIATION	500.00
107093	MILLERS ELECTRICAL SERVICES	440.69	107120	WOLD JOHNSON P.C.	1075.00
107094	MILLERS FRESH FOODS	61.19			

There being no further business to be brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:29 a.m. to meet again in regular session on August 15, 2023 ,at 8:00 a.m.

Attest:

Glenda Haugen, Auditor

Larry Young, Chairman