

The Traill County Commissioners came to order in special session on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. with all members present via WebEx. Members of the Unified Command Team present were Ben Gates, Brenda Stallman, Kim Jacobson, Steve Hunt, Charlie Stock and Jim Murphy.

COVID-19 UPDATES:

BEN GATES: presented the weekly Situation Report, which is on file in the Auditor's office. The Luther Memorial Home mass testing originally reported having 18 positive cases, however due to equipment failure, in Bismarck, the staff and residents were retested which resulted in 10 positive cases.

BRENDA STALLMAN: Thanked all the volunteers that helped during the mass testing, which was held on Saturday, May 23, 2020 at MPCG, Mayville. Out of 384 tests, only 1 positive test was confirmed, and that individual does not live in Traill County. Stallman explained that her department will be turning their focus back on their normal duties with the state taking care of the testing, but her department will continue to help where needed. The masks that Traill County have not been received, Stallman will check on that order. Commissioner Amb discussed the hardship the false negative tests placed on small business and individuals working at the Luther Memorial Home, with some individuals having to use their paid-time-off, vacation or sick leave because of being quarantined. Charlie Stock offered his time to discuss with the individuals or businesses within our community, to explain the Family Cares Act, which is there to help with continued wages during these times.

KIM JACOBSON: Human Services continues to offer support and help during this time and encourages families and individuals to reach out to her department to inquire about services that may be available to them.

STEVE HUNT: The Traill County jail remains closed and inmates are being housed in other facilities because of his inability to separate inmates from each other. Hunt will meet with Commissioner Nesvig to discuss the future of the jail and will bring back any suggestions to a full commission meeting in the near future.

CHARLIE STOCK: Discussed the court procedures that have been put in place, with court scheduled for June 17, 2020. Stock also thanked everyone for help during this time.

JIM MURPHY: EDC office continues to have press releases and will help in any way needed.

SAFETY PLANNING TEAM: The Unified Command Team would like a Safety Planning Team appointed to review the workplace assessment reports from each office and to plan for the return of employees back to work. The Safety Planning Team will consist of John Wright, Tony Ernst, Stacy Smelden, Kim Jacobson and Brenda Stallman. The team will put together information and report to the commissioners at a future meeting.

There being no further business to be brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m. to meet again on Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Attest:

Glenda Haugen, Auditor

Thomas Eblen, Chairman