

The Traill County Board of Commissioners came to order on December 1, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. with all members present with Commissioner Amb arriving later.

On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Larson and carried to approve the minutes of November 17, 2015 as presented.

On motion of Elliott, seconded by Nesvig and carried to allow the Chairman and County Auditor to sign County Deeds for the properties that were bought at the tax forfeited property sale on November 17, 2015

A group of concerned citizens met with the County Commission concerning the Nielsville Bridge Project, after discussing the matter at great length: The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Nesvig:

WHEREAS, it has become imperative to close the interstate Nielsville Bridge due to failure in the decking rendering the bridge unsafe for travel; and

WHEREAS, it is clear the importance of the Nielsville Bridge to local commerce, fire and rescue, farm to market and general travel cannot be overstated; and

WHEREAS, representatives and local individuals have approached both the Polk County, Minnesota Board of Commissioners and the Traill County, North Dakota Board of Commissioners to seek action to address the bridge deficiencies and reopen the bridge in the shortest time possible; and

WHEREAS, the two county boards have now met together jointly twice to assess options for funding and repair through local, state and federal means; and

WHEREAS, state and federal representatives have been contacted and reviewed the status of the Nielsville Bridge; and

WHEREAS, it is clear to both counties and surrounding regional users of this originally federally financed and constructed bridge that the priority need for this bridge still exists as it did when the initial federal and state interest conceived, funded and constructed this bridge; and

WHEREAS, this key regional economic and security link also spans the flood prone Red River of the North creating unique engineering and design requirements that require more than just a local repair and maintenance response to the current bridge deficiencies; and

WHEREAS, after direct consultation between the respective county boards, expressed citizen input from the region, vocalized support from cities and townships in the region, and legislative interest and support for addressing the Nielsville Bridge;

BE IT HEARBY RESOLVED, that the Polk County, Minnesota Board of Commissioners along with the Traill County, North Dakota Board of Commissioners

unanimously commit to seeking support, funding and design options for addressing the Nielsville Bridge at the earliest feasible time in order to reopen the bridge for commerce, safety and travel in the region.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that both boards will act to represent this interest, direct staff and resources to pursue this interest, maintain communication and review progress in pursuing this interest jointly, and continue to seek local, state and federal support to address the needs of the bridge with all deliberate speed.

Commissioner Larson seconded the foregoing resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote. YEAS: 5 NAYS: 0

Tony Ernst, Chief Deputy Sheriff met with the commission asked for permission to advertise for prisoner board for 2016. On motion of Larson, seconded by Elliott and carried to allow quotes to be opened on December 15, 2016 at 8:05 a.m. Ernst had also asked permission to carry over 80 hours of unused vacation that he has not been able to use with the medical issues of Sheriff Hunt. On motion of Larson, seconded by Amb and carried allow the request of Ernst to carry over 80 hours of unused vacation leave into 2016.

Cory Martin, Road Superintendent met with the commission on various matters. He presented an Flowage Easement Agreement on behalf of Joseph F Larson II for a project in the SW¹/₄SW¹/₄ Section 8 of Viking Township. Martin stated that States Attorney Larson had looked it over and with some minor changes to the agreement gave his approval. On motion of Amb, seconded by Larson to allow the Chairman to sign the agreement as presented. Martin informed Steele County that he had met with the Steele County Road Superintendent and informed him that Traill County will decline the proposal of the CR #5 project. Martin presented the bid tabulations from the excavator bid that tabled from the previous meeting. On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Elliott and carried to accept the bid of RDO, Grand Forks for a John Deere 250G Excavator in the amount of \$203,716.00.

Alyssa Scheve, County Agent gave an update on what has been going on in her office and what will be going on in the upcoming months.

On motion duly made and carried, the following bills paid by the County Auditor to December 1, 2015 were approved:

87120 Discovery Benefits-FLEX	88.00	87124 NDPERS-Retirement	26615.29
87130 TC Treasurer-FOASI	17113.58	76981-77061 Payroll	236559.23

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

87131 3D Specialties	6,599.40	87132 Marilyn Aanderud	132.25
87133 All Parts Pickup & auto	37.41	87134 Aqua Pure Water	31.00
87135 Berg Auto Supply	94.45	87136 Bismarck Comfort Inn	400.00
87137 Bismarck Comfort Suites	80.00	87138 Sandra Bertsch	273.70
87139 Blue Cross/Shield	5,020.00	87140 Bismarck Radisson	1,441.80
87141 CHS Credit Card	156.69	87142 Shantel Chase	293.38

87143 Cole Papers Inc.	290.37	87144 GF Co Corrections	375.00
87145 Grand Forks Housing	600.00	87146 Ground Up Ag Service	500.04
87147 Rick & Emily Guzal	300.00	87148 Becky Hams	77.93
87149 Kathleen Hansen	171.93	87150 Mary Ann Hayward	297.30
87151 Hillsboro Banner	19.25	87152 HE Everson	8.50
87153 Rachael Hiam	46.00	87154 Hillsboro Utilities	2,138.30
87155 Home of Economy	169.99	87156 Kim Jacobson	732.43
87157 John Deere Credit	376.88	87158 Allison Klassen	23.00
87159 Bismarck – KLJ	55,260.38	87160 Kayla Knudson	388.65
87161 KRB Gravel Ltd	40,188.00	87162 Pamela Lacher	80.50
87163 Kristin Lee	62.30	87164 Aleya Leibfried	41.83
87165 Lester Apartments	600.00	87166 M & M Contractors	108,232.45
87167 Tammi Mooney	487.03	87168 Kayla Morrow	115.35
87169 Bethany Morrow	226.14	87170 NDACo	2,305.00
87171 NDPERS-Insurance	45,648.05	87172 Pamela Nelson	34.50
87173 Northstar Safety Inc.	170.00	87174 Northern Safety Tech	444.37
87175 Olsen Chain & Cable	85.41	87176 Overhead Door Co	105.30
87177 Olsen Hardware	13.33	87178 Ottertail Power Co	111.38
87179 Polar Communications	126.18	87180 Purchase Power	3,350.00
87181 Payment Remittance Center	82.42	87182 Payment Remittance	25.53
87183 Edna Riendeau	459.92	87184 Reardon Office Equip	1,816.03
87185 Jennifer Rubash	135.00	87186 Schmidt & Associates	330.00
87187 Tammy Sand	175.38	87188 Stan's Communications	944.75
87189 Alyssa Scheve	92.00	87190 Seatol	3,500.00
87191 Sanford Health Hillsboro	80.00	87192 Sorum Oil Comp	7,545.00
87193 Snap-On Tools	52.00	87194 Stein's Inc	499.41
87195 Toshiba Financial Services	85.30	87196 Tool Warehouse Inc	110.65
87197 Jamie Vander Linden	53.00	87198 Verizon Wireless	178.17
87199 John Wright	80.50	87200 Wallwork Truck	458.37

The following communications were received: Notice of the ND Water Users Association convention December 9-10 in Bismarck; Notice of the Lake Agassiz Water Authority Board of Directors meeting scheduled in December 18th; Copy of the December 2015 LEADER Letter from NDACo and Notice from NDDOT concerning assistance in where highway/rail traffic safety could be improved.

There being no further business Chairman Eblen adjourned the meeting at 8:45 a.m. to meet again on December 15, 2015 starting at 8:00 a.m.

Attest:

Rebecca M Braaten, County Auditor

Thomas Eblen, Chairman