

The Traill County Commissioners came to order on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Eblen & Elliott attending in person and Commissioners Amb, Young and Nesvig attending online.

Additions or deletions to the agenda: None

Public Comments: None

On motion of Eblen, seconded by Amb and carried to approve the agenda.

On motion of Eblen, seconded by Young and carried to approve the minutes of March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

On motion of Amb, seconded by Nesvig and carried to approve the County Auditor to send a letter to ND Highway Patrol for year-round assistance enforcing load restriction on Traill County roads.

On motion of Amb, seconded by Eblen and carried to approve advertisement of the Highway Supervisor position.

On motion of Eblen, seconded by Amb and carried to open gravel bids.

On motion of Amb, seconded by Nesvig and carried to accept all gravel bids.

COUNTY PAYABLES: On motion of Young, seconded by Eblen and carried to approve the regular bills presented for payment and the Auditor's warrants as follows:

KLJ ENGINEERING LLC	10106.04	111504	Mary Remore	180.00	111548
MICHELE JACOBS	14.00	111505	MATTHEW BENDER	79.93	111549
WEX	70.00	111506	MAYPORT HARD	8.29	111550
ACME TOOLS	859.32	111514	MILLERS ELECTRICAL	1133.06	111551
ADVANCED BUSINESS	562.90	111515	MISSION	479.00	111552
AVHSZ	200.00	111516	MOONEY, MICHELLE	408.10	111553
APPRIVER LLC	846.38	111517	MORGAN TOWNSHIP	95.00	111554
AUSTIN BARIL	90.00	111518	MOTOROLA SOL	57258.52	111555
BALCO UNIFORM	409.00	111519	NAPA	39.43	111556
BLOCK ONE OFFICES LLC	2460.00	111520	NAPA CENTRAL	643.79	111557
BOULGER FUNERAL HOME	3500.00	111521	ND ASSOCIATION	450.00	111558
BUXTON CITY AUDITOR	229.00	111522	ND BLUE CROSS	7942.16	111559
BUXTON FARMERS UNION	224.56	111523	NODAK ELECTRIC	15.15	111560
CASS COUNTY FINANCE	10949.26	111524	NORTHERN ENGINE	35.80	111561
CDW GOVERNMENT	413.00	111525	OK TIRE STORE	391.00	111562
CHICAGO POWER PLAN	484.22	111526	OTTERTAIL POWER	169.17	111563
CITY OF GRAND FORKS	230.00	111527	PAULS HOMETOWN	318.20	111564
CODE 4 SERVICES INC	37954.86	111528	POLAR COMM	87.40	111565
Cub Cadet - Wright	114.98	111529	PORTLAND FARMERS	3122.38	111566
DAKOTA HERITAGE BANK	2000.00	111530	Razor Tracking	188.53	111567
DAKOTA NATURAL	1837.45	111531	RECORD KEEPERS	17.50	111568
EAST CENTRAL	290.68	111511	REMARK TECH CONS	8790.00	111512
EAST TRAILL AMB	216.00	111532	SANDBO PLUMBING	672.23	111570
ELECTION SYSTEM	334.74	111533	SOCIAL SERVICES	70.00	111571
FAMILY HEALTH	474.00	111534	Shari Nerby	12.00	111572
FINLEY MOTORS	65.15	111535	SIWEK HARDWARE	332.56	111573

GENERAL EQUIP	16.30	111536	SORUM OIL	393.50	111574
GRAND FORKS	753.83	111537	STEELE COUNTY	1777.21	111575
HILLSBORO BODY	250.00	111538	TEAM LABORATORY	940.00	111576
HILLSBORO UTILITIES	1480.08	111539	TURNING WRENCHES	204.83	111577
INFORMATION TECH	1563.00	111540	VESTIS	1125.47	111513
INLAND TRUCK	1551.44	111541	WALLWORK TRUCK	1357.18	111578
Jason Pohlkamp	58.00	111542	WEST SIDE STEEL	56.71	111579
JOHN DEERE	111.82	111543	WOLD JOHNSON	100.00	111580
Kelli Tvedt	58.00	111544	XCEL ENERGY	153.66	111581
KRIS ENGINEERING	4930.04	111545	BANK OF NORTH	18.66	DD
LAWSON PROD	111.45	111546	ND PUBLIC HEALTH	27367.56	DD
Mac's Hardware	84.37	111547	NDPERS	2195.02	ACH
			TAX COLLECTIONS	441180.71	DD

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Corwyn Martin, Road Superintendent, informed the Commission that the Highway Department will transition to 10-hour workdays beginning April 13, 2026. He also noted that interviews for an open road position are scheduled for Friday, April 10, 2026. Matt Lange, KLJ Engineer, provided an update on the bid openings for Bridge 361 and Bridge 374. The original estimate for the projects was just under \$3,000,000; however, the low bid came in significantly lower at \$2,351,235. The North Dakota Department of Transportation has indicated they would concur with the County Commission if the bid were awarded. A motion was made by Commissioner Amb, seconded by Commissioner Eblen, and carried to approve signing the agreement contingent upon obtaining the necessary right-of-way signatures. Lange also reported that, after reviewing budgets and planned projects, there is a request to sign a contract for Highway 21, with County Road 10 and Bridge 173 identified as a secondary options dependent on funding. A motion was made by Commissioner Nesvig, seconded by Commissioner Amb, and carried to approve signing the agreement. Additionally, Lange updated the Commission on Highway 16 and the Climax Bridge, noting that Bridge 114A will be closed for an extended period.

SHERIFF: Steve Hunt, Sheriff, updated the Commission on K-9 program funding. He reported that donations are gradually being received and anticipates that sufficient funding may be available by August to begin the process.

AUDITOR: Heather Hovey, Auditor, requested approval for the transfer of funds from inactive highway fund accounts into the active Road and Bridge Fund. A motion was made by Commissioner Eblen, seconded by Commissioner Amb, and carried to approve the transfer of \$95,397.22 from the old Farm-to-Market account, \$28,591.41 from the old County Road account, and a negative balance adjustment of \$177.02 from the old Highway Distribution account into the active Road and Bridge Fund. Hovey also requested approval to correct an interest allocation error. On motion of Eblen, seconded by Young, and carried to approve the transfer of \$11,345.71 in interest that had been incorrectly deposited into the Capital Projects - Sheriff Vehicles account, and to reallocate those funds to the Capital Projects - Road and Bridge account. Hovey requested approval to issue refunds to the cities for unused funds from the 2025 budget. The refund amounts are as follows: \$41,209.63 to Mayville City, \$29,424.76 to Hillsboro City, \$11,448.16 to Portland City, and \$11,448.16 to Hatton City. A motion was made by Commissioner Eblen, seconded by Commissioner Nesvig, and carried to authorize the Auditor to issue the refund checks. Hovey asked for guidance on the 2027 budgets as well as how much the commission would like to hold as cash on hand. Following discussion, the Commission requested that the 2026 budgets and cash on hand be used as a baseline for the 2027 budgeting process, with a 20% increase applied to the insurance premium line item in each budget. On motion of Eblen, seconded by Nesvig and passed to approve Julie Foss and Rebecca Gunderson as the inspectors for the primary and general elections.

There being no further business to be brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 a.m. to meet again on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.

Attest:

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Heather Hovey, Auditor

Kurt Elliott, Commission Chair