

The Traill County Commissioners came to order on March 17th, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Eblen, Elliott, Nesvig, and Young in person and Commissioner Amb attending online.

Additions or deletions to the agenda: Nesvig requested that Home Rule be added to the agenda.

Public Comments: None

On motion of Young, seconded by Nesvig and carried to approve the agenda.

On motion of Eblen, seconded by Nesvig and carried to approve the minutes of March 3rd, 2026.

On motion of Young, seconded by Eblen and carried to approve opening of insurance bids. On motion of Young, seconded by Nesvig, and carried, the Board approved county insurance with Heritage Insurance/NDIRF at the current 3-million-dollar coverage.

On motion of Amb, seconded by Nesvig, and carried, the Board approved signing the Industrial Builders contract for project BRC-BRJ-4900(050) for \$1,584,693.60.

Commissioners received a letter from the Court Facilities Improvement Advisory Committee that states if Traill would like to be considered for any grant money, applications need to be in by May 31st, 2026.

On motion of Eblen, seconded by Young and carried, the Board approved the beer and liquor licenses for Goose River Golf Course.

Commission received a letter from NDIRF that was informational regarding our health insurance. No action needed.

On Motion of Young, seconded by Eblen and carried, to allow Elliott to sign the County Township General Fund Balance report as of 12-31-2025 that will be sent to the state.

The Commission received a letter and ballot from East Central Regional Water District if the Commission would like to vote on new members on their board.

Water Resource District sent information on the Roseville drain #19. No action needed.

On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Young, and carried, the Board approved adoption of the home rule charter as written. On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Young, and carried, a roll call vote was taken. Members Eblen, Elliott, Nesvig, Amb, and Young all voted aye. The Board thereby approved the creation of a resolution to be placed on the June ballot.

At the request of the Commission, the Auditor was directed to prepare a Q&A document addressing questions that arose during the Home Rule Charter meeting held on March 16, 2026, in Hillsboro.

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:

ADVANCED BUSINESS	346.61	111457	MICHELE JACOBS	76.00	111481
APPRIVER LLC	844.58	111458	MILLERS FRESH	17.27	111482
CENTRAL SQUARE	15520.05	111459	MORROW, BETHANY	943.55	111483
CUSTOM STRIPES	44.00	111460	NAPA	1256.46	111484
DAKOTA NATURAL	3479.58	111461	NAPA CENTRAL	245.07	111485
FAMILY HEALTH	513.50	111462	ND 24/7 ATTORNEY	672.00	111486
FINLEY MOTORS	45.27	111463	ND CLERKS ASS	100.00	111487
Gilbertson's	738.40	111464	ND COUNTY RECOR	500.00	111488
H. E. EVERSON	11.95	111465	ND DEPT OF TRANS	239115.48	111489

HATTON COOP OIL	118.97	111466	NEW CENTURY PRESS	171.40	111490
HILLSBORO BANNER	548.99	111467	OK TIRE STORE	1609.72	111491
HILLSBORO UTILITIES	1399.42	111468	ONE CALL CONCEPTS	4.50	111492
HOVEY, HEATHER	426.40	111469	PAULS HOMETOWN	334.34	111493
HR COLLABORATIVE	300.00	111470	POLAR COMM	87.40	111494
INFORMATION TECH	1573.65	111471	PORTLAND FARMERS	1984.75	111495
JACOBSON, KIMBERLY	740.58	111472	RDO TRUCK CENTER	8567.51	111496
JM STRATEGIES LLC	8750.00	111473	S & A, INC.	440.00	111497
KLJ ENGINEERING LLC	42625.82	111474	SIWEK HARDWARE	5.66	111498
LAWSON PRODUCTS	148.58	111475	TYLER TECH	28245.50	111499
LEE, KRISTIN	19.14	111476	VANESSA BURR	65.13	111500
LEXIPOL LLC	6474.26	111477	VANGUARD APPRAIS	2100.00	111501
LINDE GAS EQUIP	529.35	111478	TYLER TECH	6019.02	111503
MARSHALL SWIFT	413.15	111479	CALEDONIA TOWNS	20.00	111502
MEGAN KLECKNER	481.50	111480	JP MORGAN	34616.20	ACH

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Jim Murphy, EDC Director, presented information to the Commission regarding new ADA compliance regulations for the county website, which must be implemented by April 2027. He noted that failure to bring the website into compliance could result in potential fines. Murphy will return at a later date with additional details regarding anticipated costs and responsibility for completing the ADA updates.

TAX DIRECTOR: Kayla Knudson, County Tax Director, presented an abatement request for Randy Knudson, whose property sustained damage during the June 2025 storms. The township had previously denied the request; however, Knudson advised the Commission that the request was fair and recommended approval. On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Eblen, and carried, the Board approved the abatement. Knudson also requested authorization from the Commission to have Charlie Stock, State's Attorney submit a request for an Attorney General's opinion to obtain guidance by June. On motion of Eblen, seconded by Young, and carried, the Board approved Knudson to have Stock submit the request for an Attorney General's opinion.

PAUL HALDO AND MARISSA KIRBY: At the February 3, 2026, meeting, analysis was provided regarding the proposed purchase of 80 acres of land. Matt Lange, KLJ Engineer, noted that if easements are needed, they can be difficult to obtain once the land is designated as Game and Fish property. The Commission requested that Traill County Water Resource be consulted on this matter and directed Paul Haldo to bring the item back for further discussion at the April 21st meeting to allow time for additional research on the concerns.

SHERIFF: Steve Hunt, County Sheriff, requested a change to the County's North East Coordinated Regional Interoperability Board (CRIB) representatives, designating Ben Gates, Assistant DES, as the primary representative and Jerry Tollefson as the alternate. On motion of Amb, seconded by Young, and carried, the Board approved the change. Hunt also requested that Traill County apply for the Court Facilities Grant to fund the purchase of new metal detectors and handheld units. Any required matching funds from Traill County would be paid from the Capital Improvements Fund. Hunt will return at a future meeting with cost estimates for the equipment. Additionally, Hunt informed the Commission that he has hired two new staff members, bringing his office to full staffing. He further reported that \$21,000 has already been received in donations to support the Police Dog Program.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Corwyn Martin, Road Superintendent, informed the Commission that road restrictions will go into effect on March 18, 2026. He also requested approval to move his staff to summer hours, consisting of 10-hour shifts, Monday through Thursday, beginning April 6, 2026, weather permitting. On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Young, and carried, the Board approved the change in hours. Martin reported that the open position in the Highway Department has been advertised and requested to run the posting for an additional week before proceeding with interviews. Butler provided financing paperwork to the County for

review and signature. After discussion, the Highway Department and Auditor's Office will work together to determine funding sources for the purchase of a new motor grader to avoid entering into a financing agreement that would incur additional finance charges. Martin also noted that Traill County will require engineering services for upcoming Industrial Builders work. On motion of Eblen, seconded by Young, and carried, the Board approved KLJ as the engineering firm. Matt Lange, KLJ Engineer, reminded the Commission of the bid opening scheduled for March 31, 2026, for two bridge projects. He also provided an update on planned projects for 2026 and 2027.

There being no further business to be brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 a.m. to meet again on April 7th, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.

Attest:

Heather Hovey, Auditor

Kurt Elliott, Commission Chair