

The Traill County Commissioners came to order on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Eblen, Nesvig, and Young in person and Commissioner Amb attending online. Commissioner Elliott was not present.

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

On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Young and carried approve the minutes of December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

On motion of Young, seconded by Nesvig and carried to appoint Kurt Elliott, Chairman for 2026.

On motion of Eblen, seconded by Young and carried to appoint Ken Nesvig, Vice-Chairman for 2026.

COMMISSION PORTFOILIOS: On motion of Young, seconded by Eblen and carried to appoint the following Commissioners to the 2026 portfolios:

- (a) Courthouse: Thomas Eblen
- (b) Sheriff/Jail: Kurt Elliott
- (c) Road: Les Amb
- (d) VSO: Larry Young
- (e) EDC: Kurt Elliott/Ken Nesvig
- (f) Housing Authority: Young

On motion of Eblen, seconded by Young and carried to follow the ND State OMB rates for mileage for 2026, set at \$.725 for personal vehicle mileage.

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

111206	ADVANCED BUSINESS	\$	143.57	111222	Mary Remore	\$	180.00
111207	ALLIANCE BUSINESS	\$	125.00	111223	MENARDS	\$	611.43
111197	AMB, LESLIE	\$	342.30	111224	ND DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	\$	7,452.92
111208	BRENNANS GARAGE LLC	\$	400.00	ACH	ND PUBLIC HEALTH INS TRUST	\$	116,628.31
111209	CASS COUNTY FINANCE	\$	4,716.31	ACH	NDPERS	\$	68,602.82
111210	CHICAGO POWER PLAN	\$	1,551.99	111225	NODAK ELECTRIC COOP	\$	226.50
111211	CODE 4 SERVICES INC	\$	11,585.88	111226	ONE CALL CONCEPTS INC	\$	6.00
111212	DAKOTA HERITAGE BANK	\$	2,000.00	111227	PAULS HOMETOWN REPAIR	\$	78.25
111213	EC REGIONAL WATER	\$	400.40	ACH	PAYROLL	\$	327,793.56
ACH	FEDERAL TAX	\$	113,880.47	111198	PEPPERBALL	\$	7,295.00
111214	FINLEY MOTORS, INC.	\$	602.72	111228	POLAR COMMUNICATIONS	\$	87.40
111215	GALLS	\$	90.95	111229	Razor Tracking	\$	575.00
111216	GRAND FORKS COUNTY	\$	4,307.46	111230	REMARK TECH CONSULTING	\$	900.00
111217	HILLSBORO MUNICIPAL	\$	1,231.99	111199	SCHNEIDER GEOSPATIAL, LLC	\$	20,000.00
111218	JOHN DEERE CREDIT	\$	640.66	111200	STEELE COUNTY	\$	43,153.21
111219	KRB GRAVEL LTD	\$	24,940.00	111196	TRAILL COUNTY TREASURER	\$	5,724.23
111220	LAKE REGION LAW ENFORC	\$	810.00	111232	TURNING WRENCHES LLC	\$	118.00
111221	LITTLE FALLS MACHINE	\$	1,261.41	111201	YOUNG, LARRY	\$	478.30

On motion of Young, seconded by Eblen, and carried, with Eblen, Young, and Amb yea and Nesvig nay, to appoint Nesvig to the AVHSZ Board for a three-year term.

A letter was received from the State Historical Society regarding the removal of the Ellingson Farm District from the National Register of Historic Places. Comments concerning the proposed removal may be submitted by January 30, 2026.

Commissioners received a letter from the Department of Agriculture regarding the 2026 North Dakota Agriculture Commissioner's Weed Forum, to be held in Bismarck on January 6, 2026. Traill County weed officers are required to attend.

The AVHSZ Board meeting schedule for 2026 was received. No action was required by the Commission.

Reminder of offices up for election in 2026 was provided. No action was required by the Commission.

Ben Gates, DES Assistant, requested the Commission sign a letter of support for Sanford to assist with a grant for Traill County to obtain a CAD system. Steve Hunt, Sheriff, provided additional explanation regarding the benefits expected from the CAD system. On motion by Eblen, seconded by Young and carried to authorize Nesvig to sign the letter of support.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Corwyn Martin, Road Superintendent, and Matt Lange, KLJ Engineer, conducted a bid opening. Action was tabled until the next meeting to allow Martin time to review the bids. Martin presented an encroachment permit request for Les Amb located off County Road 19. On motion of Eblen, seconded by Young and carried to sign the permit. Martin also inquired about radios for his department. Discussion was tabled with the Commissioners requesting that he return with information identifying potential funding sources for the radios. Lange presented an annual agreement for professional services from KLJ. On motion of Eblen, seconded by Young and carried to allow Nesvig to sign the agreement with KLJ. Lange also updated the commission on various projects.

HILLSBORO AIRPORT AUTHORITY: Devon Cote and Kyle Klapper requested that the Board postpone the possessory interest tax on the hangars to allow the owners additional time, as they were not aware the tax had been applied. Kayla Knudson, Tax Director, advised Cote that applications for tax exemptions or abatements must first be reviewed by the Township Board before being submitted to the County for final approval. Cote and Knudson will follow up regarding the next steps.

There being no further business to be brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 a.m. to meet again on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 8:00 a.m.

Attest:

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Heather Hovey, Auditor

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Ken Nesvig, Vice-Chair