

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF WALSH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 2, 2019**

April 2, 2019 - 9:00 a.m.

Members present: Chairman Barta, Commissioners Anderson, Burianek, Skorheim and Wild.

Motion by Anderson to approve the March 19, 2019 regular meeting minutes, bills and agenda additions of Drain 90, Oslo Bridge, Soils Committee and Rostvet Road. Second by Wild. Upon roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

There will be a Drain 90 informational meeting on April 16th in the Farmers Room at 10:30 a.m.

Commissioners Anderson & Burianek attended a BTAG/Oslo Flood Mitigation meeting and gave an update.

Ed Sevigny, Tax Director, appeared for the following:

- Provided drawings, calculations and information on the Linette Kratochvil abatement. Linette Kratochvil was present. **Motion by Anderson to follow the recommendation of the soils committee and the tax director and deny the 2018 abatement.** Second by Wild. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.
Linette Kratochvil Norton Twp 26-6396 2018 RET Denied
- At the soils meeting the Soils Committee decided not to make any adjustments such as rock, frequent flooding or salinity for any 2018 abatements. **Motion by Burianek to follow recommendation of soils committee and not provide any adjustments for 2018 rocks, frequent flooding or salinity on 2018 abatements.** Second by Wild. Upon roll call vote, Skorheim voted no, Wild, Burianek and Anderson voted yes. Motion carried.
- **Motion by Anderson to follow the recommendation of the City of Park River and the tax director and to approve the Helt abatement for 2018.** Second by Skorheim. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.
Michael & Amber Helt Park River City 38-12254 2018 RET \$168,680
- Informed the commissioners that Darren Kadlec has resigned from the Soils Committee. Ed will get some recommendations from the committee for that district and will bring back some suggestions for a new committee member.
- Reminded the commissioners of the GIS demo by Pro West at 2:30 today in the Farmers Room.

Jill Trenda, Treasurer, presented Pledge of Assets and explained pledge pool. **Motion by Burianek to accept Pledge of Securities as presented.** Second by Wild. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.

Bremer Bank		\$1,831,650.40
	\$1,581,650.40 pledged plus FDIC Insurance of \$250,000.00	
Choice Financial Group		\$118,000,000.00

Citizens State Bank		\$356,097.00
	\$106,097.00 pledged plus FDIC Insurance of \$250,000.00	
First United Bank		\$15,999,217.97
KodaBank	FDIC Insurance of \$250,000.00	
US Bank	FDIC Insurance of \$250,000.00	
Wells Fargo	FDIC Insurance of \$250,000.00	

JR Steele, Assistant State’s Attorney, appeared to discuss the Kliniske Planning and Zoning issue the commissioners had asked for advice on. Discussed the Walsh County Planning & Zoning Manual, time frame of the matter and it being a civil matter. The State’s Attorney’s office will draft a letter to Mr. Kliniske with their findings.

Brent Nelson, Emergency Manager, appeared for the following:

- Gave a flood update. **Motion by Burianek to approve and sign the emergency declaration.** Second by Wild. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried. Flood information can be found on the county website and links are also on the Emergency Management Facebook page.

**WALSH COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
EMERGENCY DECLARATION**

WHEREAS, Walsh County has the potential for damage to roads, bridges, culvers, farmlands, homes, businesses and other public facilities from overland flooding and flooding of its rivers as they reach or exceed flood stage; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service (NWS) flood outlooks indicate the potential for significant river, tributary and overland spring flooding within the county, and

WHEREAS, the county has a 50 percent probability of moderate flooding on the Park River and Forest River with major flooding forecasted on the Red River; and

WHEREAS, the potential for additional precipitation during the melt will significantly increase the threat within the watersheds and will increase the risk throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, the impact of these damages threaten the health, well-being and public safety of the citizens of Walsh County; and

WHEREAS, the cost of preparedness, clean-up, repair, and replacement of such damaged facilities is far in excess of County resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Walsh County Board of Commissioners declares an emergency and orders the activation and utilization of the Emergency Operations Plan, its procedures, attachments and appendices to monitor the situation, develop a detailed damage assessment, alleviate hardship and initiate appropriate relief actions and mitigation measures by departments and agencies of local government to limit the hardships and impact of the emergency upon the citizens of Walsh County.

DATED at Grafton, North Dakota, this 2nd day of April, 2019.

- Brent met with the fire chiefs and they would like to see the burning ban policy left as is. Keep it countywide with no exceptions.

Sharon Lipsh, Highway Superintendent, appeared for the following:

- Reviewed bids for the grader and discussed delivery date. Butler representative pointed out an error in the pricing as he didn't follow format so a correction was made. Butler was asked about utilizing the RDO guaranteed buyback and stated he will provide Walsh County with a motor grader at no charge until the new one is ready. **Motion by Skorheim to accept the bid from Butler for \$111,200 net bid with buyback and delivery in 12-16 weeks.** Second by Wild. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.
- No update on Homme Boat Dock and no permits have come in. Removed from agenda.
- Townships must now sign an agreement to have the County as their application agent. All but 5 townships have returned them. **Motion by Burianek to have the chairman sign the FEMA agreements.** Second by Anderson. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.
- Strata is getting rid of some equipment and they have a pup trailer for sale for \$8,500. The county trailer is very old and is showing its age. **Motion by Wild to purchase the pup trailer from Strata for \$8,500.** Second by Anderson. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.
- Discussed procedure when a county vehicle needs to be towed. Denton Offutt provided some recommendations for towing equipment. **Motion by Anderson to approve purchase of towing equipment for \$5500 to \$6000.** Second by Skorheim. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.
- Informed the commissioners that the Prairie Dog bill passed.
- Commissioner Skorheim was wondering where the Conrad Rostvet road issue is at. It is not a county or KLJ issue. Dennis Markusen provided the work on it as a private contractor. Interested parties should reach out to him.
- Discussed spring park board meeting which will be held on April 8th at 9:00 a.m. in the commissioners room.

Julius Wangler and Greg Dusek are willing to serve another term on the Planning and Zoning Committee. **Motion by Wild to reappoint Greg Dusek and Julius Wangler to the Walsh County Planning and Zoning Board.** Second by Burianek. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.

Report of county offices for fees collected during March: County Recorder \$5,531.35 and Sheriff fees \$1,651.98.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Ernie Barta, Chairman

Attest:

Kris Molde, Auditor