

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF WALSH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 17, 2021**

August 17, 2021 – 8:30 a.m.

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

The meeting was called to order and bills were reviewed.

At 9:00 a.m. the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Brintnell moved to approve the August 3, 2021 regular meeting minutes, monthly bills and additions of administrator meeting update, shop roof, and LEC clean out. Second by Burianek. Motion carried.

Commissioners Anderson and Barta along with Tanya Wieler, Human Resource Director, met with 3 department heads yesterday for their input and thoughts in regard to the county possibly hiring an administrator, what their duties might include and how it could possibly improve the efficiency of the county. This is only in the research and exploring stage.

Ron Jurgens, Sheriff, appeared for the following:

- Discussed the DOCR investigation after 2 prisoners escaped on May 28, 2021. The jail was found to be non-complaint because dispatch had access to the door controls. Because dispatch will soon be moving out of that building the sheriff would like the controls left there. In order to leave the controls in their current location a policy was put in place. The policy was signed by Brent Nelson, the dispatch supervisor and shared with dispatchers. Brent was also in the audience and was asked about dispatch protocol, policies, disciplinary action and training records. Ron will provide Brent with a copy of the DOCR report. Discussed the need to communicate.
- The jail is still without access to a backup generator. It is a huge safety concern to have a blackout in the jail. Brent has reached out to Samson's Electric, Rock's Electric and Kieley Electric. No one has provided a cost. Brent will follow up with Samson's Electric and stress the need for this project to be completed.

Sharon Lipsh, Highway Superintendent, appeared for the following:

- **Motion by Anderson to approve the 2 utility permits for Nodak Electric, Section 28/33 Harriston Township and Section 16/17 Walsh Centre.** Second by Barta. Upon roll call vote all vote yes. Motion carried.
- **Motion by Brintnell to approve the 2 drainage permits for Cyril Suda and Sons, Section 8, St Andrews Township and Section 25, Martin Township and Lone Wolf Farms, Section 27, Walsh Centre Township.** Second by Barta. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.
- Set September 8th as the date for the bridge tour. We will leave from the courthouse at 9:00 AM. KLJ would be willing to come along and provide lunch. Commissioner Burianek requested that they drive by Nash.

- Received 3 bids for the sidewalk in front of the courthouse. **Motion by Anderson to accept the bid from Park River Contracting for \$10,950 with the county providing gravel and old concrete dumping.** Second by Burianek. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried. The work should be completed this year and will be paid out of the off year election fund.
- Will replace the bridge in Vernon Township with three 8 foot pipes that are 50 feet instead of 40. Has visited with the township about the final decision. If they have concerns about snow or flooding they can reach out to Sharon.
- The roof on Shop 4 is turning into a much bigger project to fix. Sharon has been working with Kerry from Leon's Building Center who has gone above and beyond assisting with this roof project. The roof was foamed many years ago hiding more problems. According to the old janitor of the school the roof was never maintained. It will cost \$150,000-\$200,000 to fix. Pastorek Construction is the only company with the equipment to do the job. Would like to buy the supplies from Leon's.

Brent Nelson, Emergency Manager, appeared to discuss the following:

- Steamatic has completed cleaning out the vents in the LEC Building. No black mold was found. The unit on the roof is cleaned and sanitized annually by Custom Aire.
- Requested bids from Thru-O-Clean, Demester Cleaning and Steamatic for a thorough cleaning of the LEC Building. Steamatic is the only company that provided a bid and will do the lobby and basement meeting room floors for an additional charge. **Motion by Anderson to accept the bid from Steamatic for \$2750 to include the additional wet mopping.** Second by Barta. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.
- Bonnie's was done cleaning on August 8th and Brent has been doing some cleaning. Everyone will need to pitch in until someone is hired. A vacuum will be purchased for the LEC building.

The Cares Fund wish list was reviewed. The highway department request for \$400,000 for the County Road 19 project which will be removed as a loan was taken out for the project. A laptop for the tax director will also be removed as it was added into the tax director's budget for next year. Discussed putting the funds into the buildings, setting priorities with safety being a priority.

Budget hearing will be September 21, 2021 at 9:00 AM.

Dennis Skorheim, Chairman

Attest:

Kris Molde, Auditor