

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF WALSH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 20, 2019**

August 20, 2019 - 9:00 a.m.

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

Motion by Burianek to approve the August 6, 2019 regular meeting minutes, August 15, 2019 Presidents Tour minutes and additions of election update & Bylin Dam. Second by Wild. Motion carried.

The old election equipment has been picked up and the new election equipment has been delivered to Walsh County. Election Systems and Software has already been here to unpack, inspect and test the new equipment. Training for the new election equipment will take place September 16-17 in Grand Forks and September 18-19 in Devils Lake.

Dan Gaustad, attorney for the water board, will send a letter to Keith Bylin in regard to dumping on water board property.

Ron Jurgens, Sheriff, appeared for the following:

- Another jailer quit after working only half the month. **Motion by Anderson to advertise and fill the jail position.** Second by Wild. Upon roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.
- On September 3rd a new deputy will start and the sheriff's office will be fully staffed.

Yvette Moe, Recorder, informed the commissioners that the US Imaging Company has completed the imaging from 1885 to 1997. She has a proposal for \$4000 to upload the deeds and miscellaneous records at the end of September or first part of October. **Motion by Skorheim to pay the \$4000 and upload the documents.** Second by Anderson. Upon roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Jill Trendera, Treasurer, appeared for the following:

- Presented the 2nd quarter treasurer's report. **Motion by Wild to approve the 2nd quarter treasurer's report as presented.** Second by Anderson. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.

Quarterly Treasurer's Report
2nd Quarter 2019

Balance on hand as of April 1, 2019	\$10,733,021.79
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 2,685,206.54</u>
	\$13,418,228.33
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ (3,065,583.07)</u>
Balance on hand as of June 30, 2019	\$ 10,352,645.26

- **Motion by Anderson to approve the 2nd quarter treasurer's checks as presented.** Second by Burianek. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.
- The estimated statements will be outsourced saving the county time and money.

Sharon Lipsh, Highway Superintendent, appeared for the following:

- Presented drainage permits. **Motion by Burianek to approve the drainage permits for Steve & Lee Lessard, Section 16, Oakwood Township and Cyril Suda and Sons, Section 36, Martin Township.** Second by Anderson. Upon roll call vote, all vote yes. Motion carried.
- Provided an opinion of cost to pave the boat ramp and campground road. If we paved these 2 areas everything from Highway 17 through the entire park would be paved. **Motion by Wild to proceed with grant applications process for funds to pave boat ramp & campground road.** Second by Anderson. Upon roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.
- Donny Suda requested to lower a culvert on County Road 15. Commissioners questioned if they would be cleaning out the ditches. Would like to know what Suda's plans are. Will consider if they plan to clean.
- There are 111 right-of-way violations. Sharon provided a map, list of violators and a sample letter. **Motion by Wild to send the letter and right-of-way ordinance to those in violation of the policy.** Second by Burianek. Upon roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.
- County Road 15 flood damage totaled \$22,458.25. **Motion by Anderson to pay for flood damages with Emergency Fund dollars.** Second by Burianek. Upon roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.
- Gave an update on county flood sites. All the paperwork was done electronically this year.
- Ted Kerian has until September 30th to remove the mobile homes the county has taken for back taxes. If they aren't removed by then the Highway Department will remove them on October 1st or soon after.
- Work on the Forest River Bridge will begin on August 21st.
- Work on County Road 12B has started.
- Sharon is working on a county-wide bridge list.
- Discussed a concern of rocks on the west end of a culvert.
- Commissioner Anderson, thanked the other commissioners for their knowledge of locations throughout the county.
- **Motion by Burianek to sign final certificates for railroad projects RSO C650 (002) and RSC 3432 (002).** Second by Anderson. Upon roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

The budget hearing for Walsh County will be held on September 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the courthouse in the commissioner's chamber.

The commissioners have decided not to bill the other entities for a share of the estimated tax statements. Ultimately it is all taxpayer dollars that pay for it.

Senator, Robert Fors and Representative Wayne Trottier were present to discuss issues and concerns the County has before the next legislative session. One of the County's biggest concerns is the county jail, inspections and the DOCR. The following were discussed:

- We get dinged for paperwork but pass an inspection with an 89. While some jails are run by dispatchers.
- Spent 9 hours inspecting the jail.
- Don't get a list of issues that need to be addressed after an inspections and then they come back and ask why something wasn't fixed.
- Reduced maximum of prisoners from 21 to 16. It has been 21 bed jail for 45 years.
- Can no longer house female prisoners.
- Services are being reduced as deputies are being taken off the street to transport prisoners.
- Looking to catch us on something instead of working with us to correct it.
- Feel like smaller jails are being singled out.
- DOCR no longer provides training. More expensive to send to other training across the state.
- DOCR requires a Population Control Committee but we can't make any decisions on our jail not knowing the future of it.
- Discussed use of Legacy Fund.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Ernie Barta, Chairman

Attest:

Kris Molde, Auditor