

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF WALSH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 3, 2021**

August 3, 2021 – 8:30 a.m.

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

Reviewed bills.

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the July 20, 2021 regular meeting minutes with correction, monthly bills, St Gianna’s Home Gaming Permit and additions of NDDOT Bridge Inspection/Certification of Match, Shop 4 roof and bridge closure. Second by Brintnell. Motion carried.

The County received a service contract for the AVI System in the LEC Courtroom which we weren’t aware of when the system was put in. The bill for \$2092.00 will be paid out of the Technology Fund.

Jill Trenda, Treasurer, appeared for the following:

- Presented the 2nd quarter treasurer’s report. Discussed revenue, disbursements and comparison to last year. **Motion by Barta to approve the 2021 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 2021

Balance on hand as of April 1, 2021	\$ 13,639,651.62
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 1,963,354.06</u>
	\$ 15,603,005.68
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ (3,700,147.77)</u>
Balance on hand as of June 30, 2021	\$ 11,902,857.91

- **Motion by Anderson to approve the 2nd quarter treasurer’s checks as presented.** Second by Brintnell. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.

Katrina Hodny, Veterans Service Officer, appeared to ask for a mill increase for next year as she will be leaving and would like to have plenty of time to train her replacement. She has visited with her portfolio holder, Commissioner Burianek and Tanya from HR and expressed how she would like to see the process play out. Commissioners will dictate hiring process. After a lengthy discussion **motion by Burianek to advertise to fill the position.** Second by Barta. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried. Chairman Skorheim thanked her for her service and caring for our Veterans.

Brent Nelson, Emergency Manager, appeared for the following:

- Presented a Resolution to Adopt the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan which is needed for the Homme Shelter. **Motion by Brintnell to approve and sign the Resolution to adopt the plan.** Second by Anderson. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.

Adoption Resolution

Walsh County
State of North Dakota

Resolution of the Walsh County Commission Adopting the Walsh Counties, North Dakota Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan as approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Whereas, the County Commission for Walsh County, North Dakota recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within the county; and

Whereas, Walsh County participated in the preparation of a multi-hazard mitigation plan hereby known as the Walsh County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

Whereas, the Walsh County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property within the city from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

Whereas, the commission is adopting the final plan that is approved by FEMA; and

Whereas, adoption by the Walsh County Commission demonstrates its commitment to the hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the Walsh County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan as approved by FEMA: and

Now therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WALSH COUNTY COMMISSION THAT:

Walsh County adopts the 2021 Walsh County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan as approved by FEMA.

This 3rd day of August, 2021

By _____
Dennis Skorheim, Commission Chairman

Attest: _____
Kris Molde, County Auditor

- Notified Commissioners that the last day for Bonnie's Cleaning Service to cleaning the LEC Building is August 8, 2021. Steamatic Cleaning is cleaning the duct work at the LEC Building today. Mentioned using Covid funds for the cleaning. The whole building needs to be thoroughly cleaned first. **Motion by Anderson to get bids to hire out the cleaning of the LEC Building.** Second by Burianek. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.
- Discussed option for replacing his pickup. Nothing currently available on the state website. Could possibly buy a used vehicle. His current vehicle has 125,000 miles on it. Could continue to drive current vehicle for another year. After some discussion he will keep driving the vehicle that he has.

Sharon Lipsh, Highway Superintendent, appeared for the following:

- Presented a drainage permit for Grant Skibicki to add a new driveway. **Motion by Burianek to approve the drainage permit for Grant Skibicki, Section 26, Medford Township.** Second by Anderson. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.
- Presented 2 utility permits for Nodak Electric. **Motion by Brintnell to approve the 2 utility permits for Nodak Electric across County Road 4 and County Rd 16.** Second by Barta. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.
- Two more strips of land in the County's name were found after the first strip of land in NW1/4 Section 26, in St. Andrews Township was found. Sharon has talked to the

landowners and they are all willing to take back the land. Sharon also visited with Dennis Markusen, previous highway superintendent and he was surprised and had no knowledge of it. Sharon also checked with the Water Board and they have no interest in the property. **Motion by Barta to quit claim deed the strips back to the landowners.** Second by Anderson. Upon roll call all voted yes. Motion carried. Sharon draw up the quit claim deeds.

- Homme Dam Caretaker Blaire would like to purchase a shed from Sam's Club to store vests, paddles and other recreational supplies. **Motion by Anderson to go ahead and purchase shed for \$799 to \$899 from Sam's Club.** Second by Brintnell. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.
- Received a bill from Department of Transportation for bridge inspections. We used to pay \$25 a bridge and now an independent company has been hired. The county's 20% portion for 2 years is \$96,000. This was not budgeted for but will be paid out of highway department funds. **Motion by Barta to sign the Certification of Local match for bridge inspections.** Second by Anderson. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.
- Kenny Hylden and Orville Kjelland from Vernon Township were present to discuss options for Vernon Township Bridge including arch pipe, structural plate pipe and box culvert. Kenny Hylden asked what if we wait to fix the bridge with the possibility of getting federal aid down the road for infrastructure. Biggest issue is safety and when we do it we need to do it right. Sharon will talk to the water board since the bridge crosses a legal drain and will continue to do some research.
- A bridge on a township road in Norton Township Section 26/35 has been closed.
- Hasn't found anyone to repair the Shop 4 roof since it was damaged in a wind storm. Bloomquist suggested putting tin over what's there.
- Mentioned an email from Terry Traynor in regard to a possible amendment for the use of Rescue Funds for infrastructure.
- Gave a brief update from the interim legislative water study group meeting she recently attended.

The Second Amendment Advocate County Resolution for Walsh County follows other counties. Anderson mentioned that a lot of Walsh County residents are in favor of this. **Motion by Barta to approve and sign the Second Amendment Advocate County Resolution.** Second by Anderson. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.

**SECOND AMENDMENT ADVOCATE COUNTY
JULY 20, 2021**

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution reads "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed"; and

WHEREAS, Article 1, Section 1 of the Constitution of North Dakota provides, "All individuals are by nature equally free and independent and have certain inalienable rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing and protecting property and reputation, pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness, and to keep and bear arms for the defense of their person, family, property, and the state, and for the lawful hunting, recreational and other lawful purposes, which shall not be infringed"; and

WHEREAS, certain legislation introduced in past sessions of the North Dakota Legislative Assembly, and certain legislation introduced in the current session of the United States Congress could have the effect of infringing on the rights of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms, as guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Walsh County Board of Commissioners is concerned about the passage of any bill containing language which could be interpreted as infringing on the rights of the citizens of Walsh County to keep and bears arms or could begin a slippery slope of the restrictions on the Second Amendment of the citizens of Walsh County; and

WHEREAS, the Walsh County Board of Commissioners wishes to express its deep commitment to the rights of the citizens of Walsh County to keep and bear arms; and

WHEREAS, the Walsh County Board of Commissioners wishes to express opposition to any law that would unconstitutionally restrict the rights under the Second Amendment of the citizens of Walsh County to bear arms, and

WHEREAS, the Walsh County Board of Commissioners wishes to express its intent to stand as an Advocate County for the Second Amendment rights and to oppose, within the limits of the Constitutions of the United States and the State of North Dakota, any efforts to unconstitutionally restrict such rights, and to use such legal means at its disposal to protect the rights of the citizens to keep and bear arms, including through legal action, the power of appropriation of public funds, and the right to petition for redress of grievances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WALSH COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA,

That the Board of Commissioners hereby declares its intent to oppose unconstitutional restrictions on the right to keep and bear arms though such legal means as may be expedient including, without limitation, court action; and

That the board of Commissioners hereby declares Walsh County, North Dakota as a "Second Amendment Advocate."

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION

The undersigned Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Walsh County, North Dakota, hereby certifies that the Resolution set forth above was adopted during an open meeting on July 20, 2021, by the Board of Commissioners with the following votes:

Aye: <u><i>Loree Barta</i></u>	Nay: _____
Aye: <u><i>Harold Anderson</i></u>	Nay: _____
Aye: <u><i>Krist Birnall</i></u>	Nay: _____
Aye: <u><i>Laura Burianek</i></u>	Nay: _____
Aye: <u><i>Dennis Skorheim</i></u>	Nay: _____

Abstentions: _____

Signed and witnessed this 20th day of July, 2021

<u><i>Dennis Skorheim</i></u> Dennis Skorheim, Chairman	<u><i>Kris Molde</i></u> Kris Molde, Auditor
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Discussed budget and reduction in mills for county agent, county general and JDA. Veterans Service has carryover funds and no mills will be added at this time. **Motion by Barta to approve the budget at 115 mills which includes a reduction of 8.25 mills, county general from 60 to 55 mills, county agent from 2.5 to .50 mills and Job Development Authority from 2.25 to 1 mill.** Second by Burianek. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.

Report of county offices for fees collected during July: County Recorder \$7,623.30 and Sheriff fees \$1,617.94

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Dennis Skorheim, Chairman

Attest:

Kris Molde, Auditor

**THE FOLLOWING BILLS HAVE BEEN AUDITED
WERE ON MOTION ORDERED PAID BY WARRANT APPROVED 08-03-2021**

55127	DACOTAH PAPER CO	1,814.42
55128	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	1,081.35
55129	MARCO TECHNOLOGIES	974.47
55130	QUADIENT LEASING USA	652.17
55131	WALSH COUNTY RECORD	71.00
55132	TANYA WIELER	2,747.50
55133	BUTLER MACHINERY	815.37
55134	DACOTAH PAPER CO	573.10
55135	FAIRDALE CAFE	186.90
55136	FILTER CARE INC	14.33
55137	GRAFTON AUTO ELECTRIC	1,521.61
55138	GRAFTON TRUE VALUE	294.41
55139	HOME OF ECONOMY	23.98
55140	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	35.18
55141	KRINGSTAD IRONWORKS	11.79
55142	QUILL LLC	175.96
55143	DOCU SHRED INC	30.53
55144	NODAK ELECTRIC COOP	118.66
55145	QUILL LLC	70.57
55146	SAMSON ELECTRIC LTD	1,000.00
55147	BALCO UNIFORM CO INC	1,203.87
55148	CUSTOM AIRE	306.00
55149	DAKOTA EAST	7.81
55150	GILLELAND CHEVROLET	43,369.00
55151	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	217.75
55152	LIFE SKILLS AND TRANSITION CEN	643.95
55153	MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS	93.53
55154	MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS	435.84
55155	REDWOOD TOXICOLOGY LAB	55.00
55156	SYSCO NORTH DAKOTA INC	546.97
55157	TIGER COMMISSARY SERVICES	214.50
55158	WARD COUNTY	530.00
55159	CARDMEMBER SERVICE	75.20
55160	ND STATES ATTY ASSOCIATION	450.00
55161	VERIZON WIRELESS	208.12
55162	LAAVEG LAW	27.00
55163	SWS CREDIT SERVICES	373.00
55164	SWS CREDIT SERVICES	2,073.92
55165	MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS	44.18
55166	AR AUDIT SERVICES INC	391.55
55167	ASSURITY LIFE INSURANCE CO	641.68
55168	CREDIT BUREAU OF BISMARCK INC	374.71
55169	DISCOVERY BENEFITS	2,577.97
55170	DISCOVERY BENEFITS	59.50
55171	DEPT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SV	700.00
55172	GIS BENEFITS	3,003.15
55173	COLLINS FUNERAL HOMES	150.00
55174	OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR	24,750.00
55175	JILL TRENDI	37.10
55176	VERIZON WIRELESS	47.59
55177	ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	314.14
55178	ACCUSOURCE INC	51.04
55179	ACQUISIGN LLC	500.00
55180	AUTO VALUE GRAFTON	102.85
55181	CHI FRIENDSHIP INC	12.00
55182	CHS	948.66
55183	CUSTOM AIRE	328.50
55184	DMC WELDING	150.00
55185	EAST SIDE GARAGE	349.34
55186	FLINT HILLS RESOURCES LP	288,045.36
55187	FORUM COMMUNICATIONS CO	19.90
55188	GREENWAY DISPOSAL	1,605.00

55189	HUGOS 10	21.74
55190	KLJ ENGINEERING LLC	66,679.96
55191	KNIFE RIVER MATERIALS	31,462.50
55192	KUTZ AND OBRIEN INC	105.00
55193	LONS HARDWARE	455.36
55194	MIDWEST PEST CONTROL	55.00
55195	MORGAN PRINTING	76.50
55196	NORTH DAKOTA ONE CALL	6.00
55197	NDACO RESOURCES GROUP	126.00
55198	NELSON INTERNATIONAL	1,829.77
55199	NOVAK GRAIN AND FEED	2,600.00
55200	OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY	682.80
55201	PFANNSMITH GRANDCHILDREN TRUST	650.00
55202	PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT	153.15
55203	RDO TRUCK CENTERS	88.85
55204	LEE AND DIANE REIERSON	700.25
55205	ANGIE SCHROEDER	50.00
55206	SCHUMACHER AND SONS	759.00
55207	STRATA CORPORATION	113,736.26
55208	3D SPECIALTIES	2,299.61
55209	TRUE NORTH EQUIPMENT	498.41
55210	VALLEY BRAKE SERVICE INC	1,097.52
55211	WALKERS WATER SERVICE LLP	51.60
55212	WALSH COUNTY PRESS	132.00
55213	WHEELER LUMBER LLC	33,312.00
55214	CARDMEMBER SERVICES	1,952.93
55215	LEES RESTAURANT	1,460.00
55216	MATTHEW BENDER AND CO INC	114.43
55217	VISA	104.12

DIRECT DEPOSIT PAYMENTS

2299	CHOICE FINANCIAL	68,651.55
2300	ND CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT	542.00
2301	NDPERS DEFERRED COMP	7,254.00
2302	NDPHIT ACH	61,866.67
2303	NDPERS RETIREMENT	41,524.83
2304	ND STATE TAX COMMISSIONER	7,476.85

JULY 2021 PAYROLL DIRECT DEPOSIT

PAYROLL FOR COUNTY GENERAL EMPLOYEES	122090.22
PAYROLL FOR E 911 EMPLOYEES	4174.5
PAYROLL FOR VICTIM ASSISTANCE EMPLOYEE	3916
PAYROLL FOR TASK FORCE EMPLOYEE - GF	437.43
PAYROLL FOR STATE DUI	1406.06
PAYROLL FOR STONEGARDEN	1600
PAYROLL FOR PARK RIVER EMPLOYEES	8873.88
PAYROLL FOR VETERAN SERVICE EMPLOYEE	3552
PAYROLL FOR COUNTY AGENT EMPLOYEES	4147.5
PAYROLL FOR ROAD & BRIDGE EMPLOYEES	14674
PAYROLL FOR REG. CORRECTION CENTER EMPLOYEES	19263.25
PAYROLL FOR LEC BLDG CO. GENERAL EMPLOYEES	25750.4
PAYROLL FOR HIGHWAY DEPT. EMPLOYEES	75791.33
PAYROLL FOR WEED CONTROL EMPLOYEES	1394
PAYROLL FOR ST ATTY/SOCIAL SERVICES EMPLOYEES	3333
PAYROLL FOR COUNTY PARK EMPLOYEES	5738.5