

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF WALSH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FEBRUARY 19, 2019**

February 19, 2019 - 9:00 a.m.

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

**Motion by Skorheim to approve the February 5, 2019 regular meeting minutes and agenda additions of township meetings and JDA updates.** Second by Anderson. Motion carried.

Burianek shared that the annual Walsh County township officers meeting will be held on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at Park River city hall. Individual township meetings are scheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup>; locations are advertised in the county newspaper. NDACo is holding the County Officials Academy on March 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> in Bismarck.

Barta gave an update from a recent Job Development Authority board meeting. There was discussion about writing off some long overdue accounts and to set up a special meeting date to update their strategic plan and funding priorities.

Cheryl Osowski and Dennis Markusen presented the 2020 Historic Preservation Grant, and distributed samples of new brochures for distribution. **Motion by Anderson to sign the 2020 Historic Preservation Grant as presented.** Second by Wild. All in favor, motion carried.

Tanya Wieler, appeared for an HR update. She is reviewing the county policy manual front to back, as this is done every few years. Presented an HR Audit Checklist and formal background checks that are customizable. **Motion by Anderson that the commission supports Wieler to research and discuss options with department heads to work together to implement background checks as part of the application process.** Second by Wild. Motion carried.

Sharon Lipsh, Highway Superintendent, presented the annual report for the highway department.

In other business, the commission requested that the Auditor Molde reach out to the school reorganization committee members, and work to fill any vacancies as needed.

Wild felt there was a step missed in the process of changing the holidays, and that it should be discussed at the next department head meeting to get some guidance from them.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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Ernie Barta, Chairman

Attest:

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Sondra Richardson, Deputy Auditor