

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF WALSH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FEBRUARY 5, 2019**

February 5, 2019 - 1:00 p.m.

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

**Motion by Skorheim to approve the January 15, 2019 regular meeting minutes, bills and agenda addition of reschedule pictures and storm policy.** Second by Burianek.  
Motion carried.

Chad Kliniske appeared to discuss a property issue in Adamsens Addition within Grafton Township. About 15 years ago his neighbor to the south asked about adding a garage onto his house. Chad responded as long as you keep it legal. A couple days later there was a backhoe destroying Chads yard. He asked what he was doing and Chad was told that Jim Tallackson, who was a township officer, told him he could do it and if Chad didn't like it he could sue him. Chad reached out to the Grafton City and they told him it was a county issue. He reached out to the auditor at that time and was told it was a city issue. He went back and forth between the two a few times and then gave up. He didn't have the money to hire a lawyer back then. Now that the house is for sale he doesn't want to have to deal with another bad neighbor. The overhang of this house is on Chad's property. The water from his gutters runs into Chad's yard. Walsh Counties Planning & Zoning guide states that "measured from the side property line, there shall be side yards of not less than (8) eight feet on each side of a lot." If the individual would have followed the process for a building permit Chad would have received a variance notice which he never did. Chad was been in contact with Attorney, Lawrence DuBois, and presented a letter to the commissioners. The letter and information will go to the State's Attorney to review and provide guidance. Then we will go from there.

Ed Sevigny, Tax Director, appeared for the following:

- **Motion by Anderson to follow the recommendation of the tax director and deny the 2016 abatement and to approve the Shull abatement for 2017 & 2018.** Second by Burianek. Motion carried.

John & Connie D Shull	Silvesta Twp	32-7605-010	2016 RET	Denied
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- **Motion by Burianek to follow the recommendation of the tax director and approve the Jergenson abatement for 2017 & 2018.** Second by Skorheim. Motion carried.

Melvin Jergenson Etal	Kensington Twp	19-4976	2017 RET	\$110
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- **Motion by Anderson to follow the recommendation of the tax director and approve Sondreson abatement for 2018.** Second by Skorheim. Motion carried.

Lawrence & Mary Sondreson	Lampton Twp	24-5929-010	2018 RET	\$3,816
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- **Motion by Skorheim to follow the recommendation of Oakwood Township and the tax director to approve the 2018 Twamley abatement for 2018.** Second by Anderson. Motion carried.

Jamie Twamley	Oakwood Twp	07-1551	2018 RET	\$8,000
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- Was asked about Sidwell and how training was going with new hire. Ed gave an update.

Ron Jurgens, Sheriff, appeared for the following:

- Lost another deputy to the Grafton Police Department. **Motion by Burianek to advertise and fill the position.** Second by Skorheim. Motion carried.
- Matt Warke has moved from being a Park River deputy to a county deputy.
- Two jailer positions have been filled and they will be doing one more interview.
- Discussed the storm policy, how the decision is made to close and how employees are paid during a storm.

Sharon Lipsh, Highway Superintendent, appeared for the following:

- The motor grader has 488 hours left on warranty. Have had some issues with it and would like to purchase new one before warranty runs out. **Motion by Anderson to advertise and get bids for new motor grader.** Second by Skorheim. Motion carried.
- Discussed some incidents and insurance claims for a truck, equipment and a building.

Brent Nelson appeared for the following:

- **Motion by Anderson to sign the 911 Century Link Maintenance Agreement.** Second by Skorheim. Motion carried.
- 911 equipment will need to be replaced next year at an estimated cost of \$135,000.
- Discussed SORN, Senate Bills 1434 & 1021 and how old radios won't work on new system.
- A new phone system was budgeted for last year and was looking for some direction as to options for new system.
- Nelson was asked to come to a future meeting and discuss burning ban.

**Burianek moved to approve the first reading of the Holiday Policy.** Second by Anderson. Motion carried.

Report of county offices for fees collected during January: County Recorder \$6,705.60 and Sheriff fees \$2499.19.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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Ernie Barta, Chairman

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Kris Molde, Auditor