

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF WALSH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 7, 2020**

January 7, 2020 - 9:00 a.m.

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

Madam Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Barta to approve the December 16, 2019 regular meeting minutes, monthly bills and additions of grant, damage to light pole and door, transfers, Chase budget, computers, water board appointment, portfolios and pipeline update. Second by Burianek. Motion carried.

Motion by Wild to re-appoint Daryl Campbell to the Walsh County Water Resource Board for another 3 year term. Second by Burianek. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Skorheim to sign letter of intent to participate in the Hazardous Mitigation Plan. Second by Barta. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.

Brad Brummond sent a letter and pictures of some damage to a light pole at the extension office parking lot and a door at the arena. It has been reported to the sheriff's office and we are waiting on a report. The pole was removed after this weekend's winds as it was felt that it was a hazard. **Motion by Barta to move ahead with repairs to the door and light pole.** Second by Wild. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried. How to pay for the damages will be determined once the sheriff's investigation is complete. It is possible an insurance claim may need to be filed.

Jill Trenda, Treasurer, appeared to amend her budget due to increased cost for estimated tax statements and travel. **Motion by Wild to amend the treasurer's 2019 budget from \$113,702.00 to \$114,328.23.** Second by Barta. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.

Ed Sevigny, Tax Director, appeared for the following:

- The 2020 Ag land value for Walsh County is 89.18%. The State requires that we be at 90%. If the County does not bring the value up the State will do it for us and it would be at 93%. Ed provided some options for the commissioners to consider. **Motion by Barta to increase the Ag land and pasture land by 2% putting the County at 90.96%.** Second by Burianek. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.
- **Motion by Wild to amend the tax director's 2019 budget from \$ 94,394.00 to \$106,153.14.** Second by Skorheim. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried. A bill that was budgeted for in 2018 wasn't paid until 2019.

Portfolios were discussed. As of January 1st the social service board is dissolved due to the new Northern Valley Human Service Zone so Dennis Skorheim will add Emergency Management and 911 to his portfolio. He already serves on the weed board.

Sharon Lipsh, Highway Superintendent, appeared for the following:

- A letter was presented for signature in regard to the operation & management of the proposed shelter at Homme Dam. **Motion by Wild to sign the plan as presented.** Second by Barta. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.
- Presented income statement and amendments. If the money isn't there we don't spend it. The bond fund was used to cover floods. **Motion by Barta to approve the following budget amendments as presented for 2019.** Second by Skorheim. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.
 - Highway Distribution - Original budget \$1,352,106.22 amended to \$1,355,591.71 for fuel, salaries, equipment, road repairs & gravel.
 - Bond Account - Original budget of \$267,000.00 amended to \$465,234.09 for 2019 flood project expenses, Co Rd 12B, grader trade and insurance claims.
 - 2013 Flood – Original Budget \$.00 amended to \$7,985.55 for hazard mitigation & close fund.
 - Matching Federal Aid – Original budget of 1,310,370.25 amended to \$1,352,535.41 for engineering, fuel, road repairs and equipment.
 - 2019 Flood-Spring – Original budget 0.00 amended to \$648,473.59 for spring flood expenses.
 - 2019 Flood-Fall – Original budget \$0.00 amended to \$105,567.73 for fall flood expenses.
 - Buildings & Grounds – Original budget of \$121,618.31 amended to \$121,873.96 for electrical work, plumbing, HVAC, door and new phone.
 - Homme Dam – Original budget of \$80,724.00 amended to \$98,735.39 for comp time payout, extra help, utilities, benefits and new dock.
- DJ Gosselin is the new sign foreman. There are still 2 positions open.

Allen Ruzicka, Walsh County Delegate, gave an update on the state fair meeting which he attended on November 20th in Minot. He presented the annual report to the commission. 293,145 people attended the fair this year. The number of attendees was down from last year as well as the exhibits and revenue. There were 9 shows at the fair this year.

A transfer of \$45,937.22 will need to be made from County General to Social Services to cover 2019 expenses. Not all 2019 expenses are in yet. Rent is an indirect cost which the county is responsible for. We will continue to pay rent so that we can accurately track expenses. A transfer of \$209.36 from County General to the Chase Building will need to be made due to lack of funds. **Motion by Skorheim to approve the transfer of \$45,937.22 to Social Services and \$209.36 to the Chase Fund to cover 2019 expenses.** Second by Barta. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.

The Northern Valley Human Service Zone wanted 2 of the Social Service computers with Windows 7 replaced before the end of the year and end of support for them. There were still funds in the Technology Fund so the 2 computers were ordered.

The new mileage rate effective January 1, 2020 is 57.5¢. **Motion by Burianek to accept the new mileage rate of 57.5¢** Second by Barta. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.

No one has received an update on the pipeline lately. Wild and Skorheim may both drive up and check on the status.

Report of county offices for fees collected during December: County Recorder \$6,068.45 and Sheriff fees \$3,067.13.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Karen Anderson, Madam Chairman

Attest:

Kris Molde, Auditor