

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF WALSH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
JULY 16, 2019**

July 16, 2019 - 9:00 a.m.

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

**Motion by Burianek to approve the July 2, 2019 regular meeting minutes and additions of Project Safe Send, highway project updates, Social Services Zone Board meeting, Planning & Zoning minutes and jail meal contract.** Second by Wild. Motion carried.

Lauren Wild shared minutes and updates from the last two Planning & Zoning committee meetings that were recently held.

Commissioner Anderson, Kris Molde, Auditor and Twila Novak, Social Service Director will be attending a meeting in Langdon on July 17<sup>th</sup> to continue discussions on forming a zone with Pembina & Cavalier Counties as part of the redesign of Social Services.

Sheriff Ron Jurgens let the commissioners know that the DOC has set the August inspection date and provided bids for some repairs ordered by the DOC. **Motion by Anderson to accept the HVAC bid from Custom Aire for \$4550.00 and the LED lighting bid from Kieley Electric for \$550.00.** Second by Wild. Upon roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Jurgens presented a new meal contract for the jail from the Life Skills & Transition Center that had very minimal increase in cost. **Motion by Anderson to approve the contract for meals from the Life Skills & Transition Center.** Second by Burianek. Upon roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Tax Director Ed Sevigny presented abatements.

**Motion by Wild to follow the recommendation from Vernon Township and the Tax Director to approve the Spencer & Rachel Bina abatement as follows.** Second by Anderson. Upon roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Spencer & Rachel Bina	Vernon Twp	22-5457	2017 RET	\$3,300
Spencer & Rachel Bina	Vernon Twp	22-5457	2018 RET	\$3,300

**Motion by Skorheim to follow the recommendation of the City of Park River and the Tax Director to approve the abatement for James Praska as follows.** Second by Burianek. Upon roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

James Praska	Park River City	38-11695-030	2018 RET	\$180,980
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Chairman Barta shared Project Safe Send dates and locations.

Jill Trenda, Treasurer discussed potential cost savings of outsourcing the printing and mailing of the estimated tax statements this year. Commissioner Barta would like to have final numbers on the project and the commission will vote on it as the cost falls under the guidelines that require pre-approval.

States Attorney Kelley Cole addressed the Petition to Vacate Roadway. Present was Dustin Slaamod of Fleming Dubois & Fleming PLLP, representing Conrad Rostvet. After review, Cole does not believe that vacating a roadway would fall under planning and zoning. The issue needs to be addressed by the Golden Township board. She will send a let to Tracy Laaveg with the update.

Commission Barta shared a list of updates on highway projects.

In other business, the Commissioners reviewed three utility permits.

**Motion by Wild to approve utility permit for Nodak Electric Cooperative Sections 4/5, Grafton Township, County Rd 6.** Second by Burianek. Upon roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

**Motion by Burianek to approve utility permits for Minnkota Power Cooperative Inc. Section 4 in Lampton Township, County Rd 1 and Sections 18, 17 & 8 in Lampton Township, County Rd 7.** Second by Skorheim. Upon roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m. Commissioners attending the Walsh County Water Resource District meeting for the Park River Snag & Clear Phase 5 public hearing. Present were: Chairman Barta, Commissioners Anderson, Burianek, Skorheim and Wild. Greg Thielman of Houston Engineering presented the proposed plan for Phase 5, which is contingent on the vote of the Water Board and the County Commission at their upcoming meetings in August.

Water Resource District meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

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Ernie Barta, Chairman

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Sondra Richardson, Deputy Auditor