

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

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

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

**Motion by Wild to approve the March 5, 2019 regular meeting minutes, Walsh County Gun Club Gaming Permit and agenda additions of Keystone Pipeline, school annexation committee and zoning information.** Second by Burianek. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.

Wanda Kratochvil, Health District Administrator, appeared during employee time for the following:

- The health district will hold a jeans week to raise funds for the North Dakota Public Health Association. The event will take place April 1-7.
- Presented information on the drug take back program and getting meds out of the homes.

Twila Novak, Social Service Director, appeared during employee time to give an update on the social service redesign bill.

Ron Jurgens, Sheriff, also appeared during employee time for the following:

- Had another jailer and deputy quit. Walsh County has the lowest paid jailers. Sheriff's office is also close to the bottom for pay statewide. Will work with Tanya on salaries. **Motion by Anderson to advertise and fill the 2 positions.** Second by Wild. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.
- Jail inspection is scheduled for the end of April.

Brent Nelson, Emergency Manager, appeared for the following:

- Provided bids from Polar Communications for options to replace the phone system. Upgrading the phone system to Version 11 and new phones would cost approximately \$47,057.37. A host system would require building a network and buying or leasing the equipment. Building the network alone would cost \$55,996.43. Polar also provided a price for replacing services currently provided by CenturyLink. Polar will come in and do an assessment.
- Spyglass would like to provide a communication auditing service to the county. They would take a portion of the savings if we agree to participate. Commissioners were not interested.
- **Motion by Anderson to appoint Louis Kadlec to the weed board for District #2.** Second by Burianek. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried. Still need weed board member from District #1.
- Weed board would like to increase per diem to \$50 per meeting. Brent will look into who decides rate, if it is set by century code and do more research on the issue.
- Looking into implementing SORN which is a costly state wide system. Phase 1 costs are approximately \$239,300 which the county would have to pay for.
- 911 equipment is at end of life and will cost approximately \$134,000 to replace.
- Gave a spring flood update. With the sandbags from Grafton City and what the County has on hand no sandbags will be ordered at this time.

- Discussed process for Declaration of Emergency.
- Two dispatchers from Park River stayed at the Select Inn last week so that they could make it in and cover their shifts during the storm/blizzard last week. **Motion by Skorheim to reimburse 2 Park River dispatchers for hotel rooms during the storm so they could get to work and cover their shifts.** Second by Wild. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.

Sharon Lipsh, Highway Superintendent, appeared for the following:

- Jay Gudajtes was present to discuss the damage to a bridge caused by one of his employees and their farm equipment. Gudajtes got a bid from On the Level for \$16,000. The estimate the County got from Custom Contracting Solutions was \$17,171.43. Sharon is concerned that we aren't comparing apple to apples as On the Level didn't have any drawings or specs for the bridge. Discussed possible options for payment to avoid increase in insurance premiums and legal fees. Sharon will reach out to the states attorney's office for century code, case law research and advice.
- **Motion by Wild to approve the load restrictions as presented.** Second by Anderson. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.
- **Motion by Skorheim to approve the utility permit for CenturyLink on County Highways 4, 6, 8, 9, 10 & 11.** Second by Burianek. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.
- **Motion by Anderson to accept gravel bids as presented.** Second by Wild. Commissioner Burianek recused himself from voting due to a conflict. Upon roll call vote, Skorheim, Anderson and Wild voted yes. Motion carried.
- Presented a bid from Bob's Boat Life Docks & Rentals for \$11,748 to replace the boat dock at Homme Dam. Will reach out to Game & Fish and Corps for possible grants and recommendations for a second bid.
- Rodney Dearing will not be returning as campground host this year. His camper has already been removed and Corey would like permission to hire his 18 year old son as part time help. **Motion by Anderson to allow Caretaker Corey Dalzell to hire his son for part time work at the Homme Dam Campground.** Second by Wild. Upon roll call vote Burianek voted no, Anderson, Wild and Skorheim voted yes. Motion carried.

Jill Trenda, Treasurer, appeared for the following:

- Presented the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter treasurer's report. **Motion by Anderson to approve the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter treasurer's report as presented.** Second by Burianek. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.

Quarterly Treasurer's Report  
4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2018

Balance on hand as of October 1, 2018	\$ 7,622,279.03
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 4,708,780.03</u>
	\$12,331,059.06
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ (3,915,690.34)</u>
Balance on hand as of December 31, 2018	\$ 8,415,368.72

- **Motion by Skorheim to approve the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter treasurer's checks as presented.** Second by Burianek. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.

Ed Sevigny, Tax Director, appeared for the following:

- Presented abatements. **Motion by Anderson to follow the recommendation of the tax director and approve the Osowski abatement as follows.** Second by Skorheim. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.  
 Carl R & Jane D Osowski Walshville Twp 01-97 2017 RET \$64,500  
 Carl R & Jane D Osowski Walshville Twp 01-97 2018 RET \$79,500
- **Motion by Skorheim to follow the recommendation of the tax director and approve the Carlson abatements.** Second by Wild. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.  
 Shirley Carlson Norton Twp 26-6424 2017 RET \$51,356
- **Motion by Burianek to follow the recommendation of the tax director and the City of Grafton and approve the Community Health Service abatements.** Second by Anderson. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.  
 Community Health Service Grafton City 37-11370-150 2017 RET 0  
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- So that there were no misunderstandings Chairman Barta wanted clarification on abatement process for issues with soils. Ed provided century code for the abatement process. Abatements in regards to soils issues will be looked at by the soils committee.
- There will be a soils meeting on March 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the Park River Extension Office.
- Gave an update on the sheriff's sale of mobile homes. The taxes on mobile home in Grafton were paid. There was no interest in the mobile home in Ardoch which will need to be removed now.

**Motion by Skorheim to approve the second reading of Section 4.8: Holidays.** Second by Wild. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.

**Motion by Wild to approve the new Blue Cross/Blue Shield premium rates for May 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 renewal.** Second by Anderson. Upon roll call vote all vote yes. Motion carried.

**Motion by Burianek to follow the recommendation of the JDA Board and reappoint Mary Stark & Jeff Moen to the Walsh County JDA Board of Directors.** Second by Anderson. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.

Discussed the results from the survey to other counties in regard to fines for failure to get a building permit. A planning & zoning meeting will be scheduled and the board can bring a recommendation to the board.

**Motion by Anderson to appoint Russ Carignan to the School Annexation and Reorganization Committee.** Second by Burianek. Anderson, Burianek & Skorheim voted yes, Wild voted no. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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Ernie Barta, Chairman

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Kris Molde, Auditor