

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF WALSH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 1, 2022**

March 1, 2022 – 8:30 a.m.

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

The meeting was called to order and bills were reviewed.

At 9:00 a.m. the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the meeting opened with the public hearing for the resolution to change the treasurer's position from elected to appointed. No one appeared for the public hearing. The resolution has been printed in the paper twice along with the Notice of Hearings. The first approved reading of the resolution was on January 18, 2022. **Motion by Anderson to approve the final resolution as presented to designate the treasurer's position to an appointed position.** Second by Barta. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Skorheim moved to approve the February 15, 2022 regular meeting minutes with correction, monthly bills, and additions of pay scale, JDA update and wish list. Second by Brintnell. Motion carried.

Jon Beneda, Walsh County Delegate, gave an update on the state fair meeting which he attended on November 16, 2021 in Minot. He discussed the finances and presented the annual report to the commission. He also presented a pamphlet for making donations. The state fair will be held July 22-30, 2022. Travis Bell is the delegate for District 1 and will serve a 3 year term. Discussed the importance of good representation at the meeting and getting annual updates.

The JDA gave the Busy Buddies Child Care in Park River a \$30,000 interest free loan for 6 months, from when they open, which will be evaluated at that point.

Commissioner Skorheim mentioned that we need to look at the pay plan again. Discussed the tight market in law enforcement. Sheriff Jurgens was also present. He hired 4 new correction officers and only 2 showed up for the first day of work. Ron has reached out to Tanya for assistance with the salaries. We need to get the whole pay plan up to market. We need to be proactive to retain our current employees. Also discussed the Association of Counties Survey that just went out so current data isn't available.

Leah Skjerven has finished her term on the JDA board and the board recommends that Mary Dvorak fill Leah Skjerven's position. **Motion by Anderson to reappoint Mary Dvorak to another term on the JDA Board.** Second by Brintnell. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.

Ron Jurgens, Sherriff, presented a rusted out pipe to the commissioners. The pipe is in between the walls of the jail. Ron Jurgens and Jason Johnston looked at the pipe in the

LEC Building and recommended going in with a camera to check the whole building. Kutz & O'Brien may not have the right camera but will come and look at it. Had a lengthy discussion about what they might find, how it could be repaired and the possibility of building.

When Ron reached out to order the 7 radios on the wish list, Motorola wouldn't honor the quote as the deadline had past. It will now cost an additional \$7,000 to purchase those radios.

Commissioner Barta was uncomfortable with the decision at the last meeting in regard to the Risk Manager Position and additional pay for the duties so he reached out to Tanya to put some numbers together. They used the 90/10 percent and found that the employee would lose money if they used 90 percent for the regular job salary and 10 percent salary for the risk manager. Risk Managers are not on the NDACo salary survey. He feels like the board did the right thing. It is what it is and he got his questions answered. He wanted to share the information with everyone. Chairman Burianek asked if anyone had any comments or questions to which no one responded.

The Carnegie Regional Library requested that the board approve the by-laws which were changed to consist of 3 city members. There is no change to the financial commitment of the County. **Motion by Brintnell to sign the Carnegie Regional Library By-Laws.** Second by Anderson. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.

Auditor, Kris Molde, mentioned that the County needs to start discussions about mill levies that are expiring and need to be put on the ballot. Discussed language for the ballot, cost to taxpayers, public awareness, meetings and funding to advertise.

Kris Molde, Auditor and Sondra Richardson Deputy/Election Inspector will be in Bismarck for election training March 3 & 4th. Walsh County will continue to have 1 polling place, the Farmers Room, in the courthouse.

Report of county offices for fees collected during February: County Recorder \$4,922.56 and Sheriff fees \$1,938.80.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Lawrence Burianek, Chairman

Attest:

Kris Molde