

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF WALSH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MAY 21, 2019**

May 21, 2019 - 9:00 a.m.

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

Motion by Wild to approve the May 7, 2019 regular meeting minutes, JR's Softball raffle permit and agenda additions of water board letter, employee performance evaluation, AT&T Tower and water tours. Second by Burianek. Motion carried.

Brent Nelson, Emergency Manager, appeared during employee time to ask about who is responsible for paying for the new phones for state offices, health district, and other entities. Speakers in the juvenile, clerk of court, and the judge's offices would meet the needs of the state offices so they could receive weather warnings and emergency notices. Will review agreements with public health to see if it is included in the agreement with the County.

Sharon Lipsh, Highway Superintendent, presented her agenda items via phone conference for the following:

- Discussed the Nodak Electric Utility Permit on County Road 6 for a drain pump. **Motion by Burianek to approve the Nodak Electric Utility Permit for Section 4 in Forest River Township.** Second by Anderson. Upon roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.
- Discussed the Roger Weinlaeder drainage permit that goes back to some previous work done without a permit. Drainage permit would require the approval of the state water commissioner. **Motion by Skorheim to approve the Weinlaeder drainage permit, Section 32 & 33, St. Andrews Township, contingent on approval of the state water commission.** Second by Burianek. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Burianek received a compliment that County Road 6 is in the best shape ever.
- County Road 15 has flood damage and is a federal aid road so can't get FEMA help. It would qualify under Emergency Relief Project but there isn't enough statewide damage this year. Emergency funds could be used for repairing of 2 miles of County Road 15.

Katrina Hodny, Veterans Officer, appeared to discuss the possibility of providing services to the Pembina County veterans. Pembina County reached out to Tanya Wieler for possibly sharing of the veteran's officer but was unable to attend today's meeting due to unforeseen circumstances. The veteran's officer position is open in Pembina County and they are wondering if Walsh County would consider sharing the position. Katrina will be attending the Pembina County Commission Meeting later this morning to introduce herself and see what Pembina County is looking for. Walsh County would maintain the location of the office. Walsh County wouldn't want to see

any changes to the service that the Walsh County Veterans receive. A joint powers agreement could be drawn up.

Jill Trender, Treasurer, appeared for the following:

- Presented the 1st quarter treasurer's report. **Motion by Anderson to approve the 1st quarter treasurer's report as presented.** Second by Wild. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.

Quarterly Treasurer's Report
1st Quarter 2019

Balance on hand as of January 1, 2019	\$ 8,415,368.72
Total Receipts	<u>\$15,374,437.27</u>
	\$23,789,805.99
Total Disbursements	<u>\$(13,056,784.20)</u>
Balance on hand as of March 31, 2019	\$ 10,733,021.79

- **Motion by Anderson to approve the 1st quarter treasurer's checks as presented.** Second by Skormiem. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.

Twila Novak, Social Service Director, appeared to discuss the email from Terry Traynor in regard to SB 2124, Social Service Redesign and the meeting scheduled for June 11th. Along with the Social Service Director, the letter encourages at least one commissioner to attend and may send another commissioner, social service board member or county auditor. Commissioner Anderson and Skorheim plan to attend. There are a lot of unknowns such as how funds will be handled, zones, host county, new zone board, zone employees' wages and handling of zone bills. Social Service Directors were told that social services will not need to submit a budget to the commissioners. Zones should be setup by December 1, 2019. Social services will be its own entity in 2021. Commission Anderson will check into getting the 3 counties together for a meeting.

Luann Ringsak-Oldenburg is retiring June 30th. Pembina and Walsh will share the duties for now.

David Hankey sent a letter to the commissioners individually in regard to the water board and the chairman. Commissioner Burianek has talked to the water board about the letter.

There is a Devils Lake water tour on June 19th and a Fargo water tour of Fargo on July 27th. Chairman Barta encouraged the commissioners to attend.

There was some flood damage to Drain 70. FEMA will be looking at it.

Commissioner Wild received a packet of information about a tower for AT&T going up in Adams. He is the only one that has received any information. Auditor will reach out to the City of Adams to see if they are working with AT&T.

Commissioner Wild asked for some background on why County Road 10 was closed. The closing was part of the diversion project. A township road will now become County Road 10.

Tanya Wieler, HR Director, will work on a plan to train and start employee performance evaluations throughout the county.

Motion by Wild to approve the 2nd reading of Section 3.4: Compensatory Time & Overtime Pay of the policy book. Second by Burianek. Upon roll call vote all vote yes. Motion carried.

Last year at budget time there were some suggestions for fund changes to look at this year. The auditor asked if they wanted to implement those changes this year. It would allow the auditor to provide guidance to department heads when the budgets forms go out. Hopefully it would eliminate so many adjustments during the budget process. The Chase budget will go under county general. Commissioners would like the truck regulatory budget to be split between the highway and the sheriff. Discussed technology budget for computers and tough books for sheriff's office and special revenue departments paying for their own social security since the social security fund has been rolled into county general.

Commissioner Wild will contact Chuck Mielke to see if he is willing to fill the vacant position on the planning and zoning committee. Another meeting will be scheduled in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Ernie Barta, Chairman

Attest:

Kris Molde, Auditor