

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF WALSH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
NOVEMBER 5, 2019**

November 5, 2019 - 9:00 a.m.

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

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

**Motion by Skorheim to approve the October 15, 2019 regular meeting minutes, monthly bills, and additions of Drug Task Force, hotel stay request, preliminary engineering agreement, park board member, jail inspection and planning & zoning resolution.** Second by Anderson. Motion carried.

Andrew Moe has resigned from the Homme Dam Park Board. A new board member will need to be appointed.

Lauren Wild, planning and zoning member, presented a Resolution to Amend Building Permit Fees for the board to review. **Motion by Anderson to accept the Resolution to Amend Building Permit Fees as presented.** Second by Burianek. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried. Wild would like the new fees to go into effect January 1, 2020.

Sharon Lipsh introduced Susan Blair the new Homme Dam Caretaker.

Ron Jurgens, Sheriff, appeared for the following:

- Dr. Joel Johnson from First Care in Park River has agreed to serve as the coroner for Walsh County. Century Code allows for appointing of deputy coroners which he would probably do. Coroner's fees would be \$100 per report plus mileage. **Motion by Wild to appoint Dr. Joel Johnson as coroner for Walsh County.** Second by Anderson. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.
- Discussed the last jail inspection. It is a work in progress. DOCR is seeing progress and Ron feels we are on track. He was informed that prisoners are allowed one 90 day extension. After that they will need to be sent to Grand Forks as the prisoners are not getting any rec time in Walsh County and are spending too much time in their cells.
- Had only 1 application in 8 weeks.
- Chairman Barta asked if the County should consider asking the other cities to participate in the expenses for the drug task force employee. Discussed how the cities in the county are already struggling to pay for their annual policing.
- Ron provided a truck regulatory report. Fines are based on gross weight. Overweight permits that were issued were extended since the weather prevented them from using them for the dates they were issued.

Daryl Campbell, Albin Jallo and Jennifer Lindenberger from the water board appeared to give drain updates.

- Drain 30-2 southeast of Grafton is complete except for the grass seeding.
- The McCloud Drain part of Drain 87 is pretty much complete. Otherwise Drain 87 is 90% complete. They are having issues with Century Link and the railroad.
- Our snag and clearing project never made it to the subcommittee. The water board has reached out to our representative as our responses met the requirements and were the same as every other water board.
- The snag and clear is droned before the work is done as well as after.
- Zavoral Construction will get the road work done on Drain 87.
- There is no progress in getting the old equipment off of Bylin Dam property. Appears that a face to face sit down meeting is what might need to take place.

Ed Sevigny, Tax Director, appeared for the following abatements:

- **Motion by Burianek to follow the recommendation of the tax director and approve the Sanders/Frisby abatement decreasing the structure value to \$0 since the house was removed and the true and full value to \$300.** Second by Anderson. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.  
Richard John Sanders & Agatha Mae Frisby Vesleyville Village 14-3700 2019 RET \$300
- **Motion by Skorheim to follow the recommendation of the tax director and deny the Mathew Korynta abatement as a portion of this parcel was already changed to pasture land in May.** Second by Burianek. Upon roll call vote all vote yes. Motion carried.
- **Motion by Anderson to follow the recommendation of the tax director and approve the Kratochvil abatement for an adjustment for salinity and rock.** Second by Burianek. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.  
Merle Kratochvil Norton Twp 26-6398 2019 RET \$22,575
- Working on getting mobile homes removed.

No one appeared for the 10:00 Tax List Objection Hearing. Will add a parcel from Conway that belongs to the county but a parcel had never been created. We are not in the business of owning land. Discussed Tuel Shed in Warsaw, North Star Addition and farmland.

Jill Trenda, Treasurer, appeared for the following:

- Discussed the 3rd quarter treasurer's report. **Motion by Wild to approve the 3rd quarter treasurer's report as presented.** Second by Burianek. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.

Quarterly Treasurer's Report  
3rd Quarter 2019

Balance on hand as of July 1, 2019	\$ 10,352,645.26
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 1,949,308.13</u>
	\$ 12,301,953.39
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ ( 4,503,543.69)</u>
Balance on hand as of September 30, 2019	\$ 7,798,409.70

- **Motion by Anderson to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter treasurer's check report as presented.** Second by Burianek. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.
- **Motion by Anderson to accept Pledge of Securities as presented.** Second by Skorheim. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.

Bremer Bank		\$1,896,772.45	
	\$1,646,772.45 pledged plus FDIC Insurance of \$250,000.00		Choice
Financial Group		\$117,000,000.00	
Citizens State Bank		FDIC Insurance of \$250,000.00	
First United Bank		\$18,545,964.45	
KodaBank		FDIC Insurance of \$250,000.00	
US Bank		FDIC Insurance of \$250,000.00	
Wells Fargo		FDIC Insurance of \$250,000.00	

Sharon Lipsh, Highway Superintendent, appeared for the following:

- **Motion by Skorheim to accept drainage permits for Shawn Cudmore, Kensington Twp, Section 9 and Mahar Farms, Fertile Twp, Section 4.** Second by Anderson. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.
- Discussed the letter from NDDOT in regard to county bridge inspections.
- Discussed the wording on drainage permits. Will look at it in the future.
- There was some damage on County Road 2 from the flooding and Gowan Construction is working on it. Only 1 township has submitted paperwork for flood damage.
- **Motion by Anderson to sign the motor grader loan agreement with Kinetic Leasing in the amount of \$342,000.** Second by Skorheim. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried. A \$110,800 payment will be made from the trade by November 15<sup>th</sup>.
- **Motion by Wild to sign the preliminary engineering agreement with KLJ for the design of bridge 50-126-24 near Fordville.** Second by Anderson. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.
- A highway employee couldn't make it home after a recent blizzard and requested reimbursement for a hotel stay. **Motion by Anderson to deny the reimbursement request.** Second by Wild. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.
- Sharon drove County Road 12B yesterday and is happy where it is at, well setup.

Brent Nelson, Emergency Manager, appeared for the following:

- There was a pipeline leak in Walsh County near Edinburg, ND. TC Energy is handling it.
- Discussed the recent fall precipitation and flood event. There may be a possible presidential declaration.
- Brent is working with Stacie Sevigny from Red River Regional Council on the mitigation grants which would be used for 2 generators and a shelter at Homme Dam. The County will be responsible for 25% of cost share. **Motion by Skorheim to commit to the 25% county cost share of the grants.** Second by

Wild. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried. Brent will continue to work on the grants and will keep Sharon & Susan from the county park informed.

- Received the bill for the LEC roofing project. Will work with auditor to find funds to cover the cost.

Daryl Campbell, Albin Jallo and Jennifer Lindenberger from the water board and Sharon Lipsh from the highway department were present to update the board on County Road #6 where the road was cut. The County would like to go in and fix it as it is rough. The water board asked to give them a week. The water board just talked to their engineer Travis and Zavoral Construction and they are working on the west side as we speak. If it's not good enough for the County we should let the water board know.

The soil conservation district will work with the Audubon District. Walsh County will be removed from the proposal.

**Motion by Anderson to approve the updated Human Service Agreement.** Second by Wild. Upon roll call vote all vote yes. Motion carried.

**Motion by Burianek to reappoint Roger Schuster and Terry Novak to the School Annexation and Reorganization Committee.** Second by Skorheim. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried. There will be meetings in the near future in regard to the St. Thomas and Grafton School District reorganizing into a new school district.

Todd Morgan addressed the commissioners in regard to the pipeline incident. Was hoping to get a comment about the pipeline leak because it is on the agenda and was shut down. He can reach out to TC Energy.

Report of county offices for fees collected during October: County Recorder \$5,994.60 and Sheriff fees \$4,373.20.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

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Ernie Barta, Chairman

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Kris Molde, Auditor