

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF WALSH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 6, 2020**

October 6, 2020 - 9:00 a.m.

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

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

Motion by Wild to approve the September 15, 2020 regular meeting minutes, monthly bills, and November meeting dates. Second by Barta. Motion carried.

The first meeting in November will be moved to Monday, November 2nd due to the election on November 3rd.

Ron Jurgens, Sheriff, appeared during employee time to inform the commissioners that another deputy has resigned. He will advertise to fill the position. Dylan Beaton has been hired to fill the Park River position.

Kelley Cole, State's Attorney and Sharon Lipsh, Highway Superintendent were present to discuss right-of-way litigation and Ferguson Bridge offer. **Motion by Burianek to go into executive session as provided by NDCC 44-04-19.1 & 44-04-19.2 to get direction from State's Attorney Cole in regards to the Right-of-Way litigation and the Ferguson Bridge Offer from Nodak Insurance.** Second by Wild. Upon roll call vote all vote yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Barta to End the executive session and return to the regular meeting. Second by Burianek. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Skorheim to accept the offer from Nodak Insurance for the collapsed Ferguson Bridge. Second by Wild. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.

Sharon Lipsh, Highway Superintendent, appeared for the following:

- **Motion by Barta to sign the updated Federal Aid Program sheet.** Second by Wild. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.
- Mentioned that the Bank of North Dakota is offering low interest loans.
- **Motion by Burianek to approve the drainage permit for Gary Babinski, Section 34, Pulaski Township and Cyril Suda & Sons, Section 36, Martin Township.** Second by Barta. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.
- Stampede Concrete provided a proposal of \$8,500 to repair the courthouse and Chase Building steps and flag pole where they are falling apart and need repair. **Motion by Barta to accept the bid from Stampede Concrete for concrete repairs.** Second by Skorheim. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.
- **Motion by Skorheim to sign the 2020 Flood Agreement (FEMA-4553-DR) with the Department of Emergency Services.** Second by Burianek. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.
- The roads are rough and the highway department won't be doing any blading until it rains.

Ed Sevigny, Tax Director, appeared to renew the Sidwell Maintenance Contract which has a 5% increase. **Motion by Barta to sign the Sidwell Contract.** Second by Wild. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.

Ed and Commissioner Barta will try and get out next week and check some gravel pits.

Brent Nelson, Emergency Manager, appeared to discuss the LEC Building space. The Grafton Police Department is out of the building as of October 1st. The state offices will move to the PD side. The back office may be used for the new nurse position budgeted for January 1, 2021. If the dispatch moves to the Admin Building the dispatch area could be used for the jail administrator. The police department is still using the server, tower, SORN, alarm system and Zuercher. We need to be fair and equitable for reimbursement of services. They will move forward with moving dispatch to the Admin Building.

Nelson also mentioned that if we don't get rain soon we may need to consider a burning ban.

Allen Ruzicka is willing to serve as the Walsh County State Fair Delegate again. **Motion by Wild to appoint Allen Ruzicka as the 2020 State Delegate for Walsh County.** Second by Burianek. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Barta to approve the 2021 final budget as presented at 123.25 mills. Second by Wild. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.

There will be no employee appreciation party this year due to COVID.

Report of county offices for fees collected during September: County Recorder \$5,700.70 and Sheriff fees \$1,784.20

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Karen A Anderson, Madam Chairman
Attest: Kris Molde, Auditor