

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF WALSH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 17, 2019**

September 17, 2019 - 9:00 a.m.

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

Motion by Skorheim to approve the September 3, 2019 regular meeting minutes and additions of Homme Dam Park Manager, Brad Brummond, truck driver, and blade delivery. Second by Anderson. Motion carried.

Corey Dalzell, Homme Dam Park Manager has turned in his resignation. Human Resources will advertise the position until filled.

Burianek wanted to recognize Brad Brummond, County Extension Agent for being inducted into the National Association of County Agents Hall of Fame earlier this month. Brummond started working in Walsh County in 1992.

Kelley Cole, State's Attorney, appeared looking for direction on the opioid litigation that Walsh County is a part of. **Motion by Anderson to discontinue moving on with the opioid litigation, due to the time line requirements for data collection.** Second by Wild. Upon roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

County Tax Director, Ed Sevigny, presented an abatement for Don & Nancy Gordon. **Motion by Anderson to follow the recommendation of Kensington Township and Sevigny for 2017 and 2018 for total F&T of \$170,000.** Second by Skorheim. On roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Donnie & Nancy Gordon	Kensington Twp	19-4792	2018 RET	Approved
Donnie & Nancy Gordon	Kensington Twp	19-4792	2017 RET	Approved

Seri Gerszewski, Social Worker Supervisor, appeared in place of Twila Novak, Social Services Director. Gerszewski explained the need for social services to get another vehicle for transporting clients versus employees using their own personal vehicles. **Motion by Anderson for Social Services to purchase the Sheriff Departments 2015 Expedition for \$10,000.** Second by Wild. On roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Gerszewski requested permission to hire a part time hourly employee to fill in the void while the current Direct Care Specialist employee takes a leave of absence and also to cover the case load of a recently retired employee whose position was not replaced. **Motion by Anderson to approve hiring a part time hourly direct care specialist, pending approval of the Social Services board.** Second by Wild. All voted yes on roll call vote. Motion carried.

Brent Nelson, Emergency Manager, appeared for the following:

- Let the commissioners know that he recently hired a 911 dispatcher and they are currently fully staffed.
- Presented cost estimates for SORN network, console, and radio costs for startup plus annual fees. Commissioners requested Nelson to come back with

a detailed breakdown for all county entities for the SIRN system. Nelson offered the idea of putting a .50 increase of the 911 tax on the ballot for June 2020 and/or combining with another county dispatch center to help cover the costs of the new system.

- Provided bids for review for the purchase of a new pickup for Emergency Management. **Motion by Burianek to deny the purchase of any pick up at this time.** Second by Skorheim. All voted yes on roll call vote. Motion carried.
- Discussed mitigation grants available for pre-disaster and flood assistance. Barta suggested working with the Red River Regional Council to have them write the grants.

Sharon Lipsh, Highway Superintendent, appeared for the following:

- Drainage permits for Terry Novak; for Co Rd 19 in section 17 of Medford Twp, Steven Rudnik for Co Rd 4 in Section 30 of Acton Twp, Nathan Risky for Co Rd 2 in section 12 of Pulaski Twp. **Motion by Burianek to approve the three drainage permits as presented.** Second by Anderson. On roll call vote: all voted yes. Motion carried.
- Requested permission to sign off on the FEMA agreement. **Motion by Skorheim to sign the FEMA agreement.** Second by Burianek. All voted yes on roll call vote. Motion carried.
- Offered security options for interior courthouse doors that have glass panels. Commissioners would like to see bids for steel behind the glass on doors and requested Lipsh to get costs to have bullet proof glass in the Auditor/Treasurer/Recorder lobby.
- Presented a county deed for signature. **Motion by Wild to sign the deed to transfer properties between Park River Schools and Walsh County.** Second by Anderson. Upon roll call vote: all voted yes. Motion carried.
- Lipsh has received a couple of applications for the truck driver vacancy.
- Barta questioned the arrival of the new blade. It should be here in the next month.

In other business, the commissioners discussed the 2018 audit. **Motion by Wild to approve the 2018 Audit.** Second by Burianek. All voted yes on roll call vote. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Ernie Barta, Chairman

Attest:

Sondra Richardson, Deputy Auditor