

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF WALSH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 20, 2022**

September 20, 2022 – 8:30 a.m. Budget Hearing

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

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

Chairman Burianek stated that the purpose of the budget hearing was to allowing taxpayers the opportunity to ask questions about the budget. Two individuals appeared for the budget hearing but did not have any questions. They were just attending to observe. Discussed which funds had increased mills from last year.

At 9:00 a.m. the commissioners proceeded with regular meeting. **Commissioner Barta moved to approve the September 6, 2022 meeting minutes, and additions of jail committee, employee appreciation party, ARPA Funds, webinar question for Jason and Tyler quote.** Second by Brintnell. Motion carried.

Commissioner Skorheim had an individual express interest in being a part of the jail committee. Until the commissioners make some decision it will remain as is. Can open it up later.

The Employee Appreciation Party will be December 2nd at the Minto Community Center. The Admin Building has agreed to plan the party.

The second payment of \$1,033,445.00 in ARPA funds was received on September 12, 2022.

Ron Jurgens, Sheriff, informed the commissioners that the fingerprinting machine is down. The scanner needs to be replaced. The cost of repairing the scanner is half the price of a new one. The machine was purchased in 2014 and is not under warranty. Leasing is not an option. The fingerprinting machine is used for background checks for the public. The fee is currently \$10 but will be going to \$20. **Motion by Skorheim to purchase a new fingerprinting machine from Idemia.** Second by Anderson. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried. **Motion by Skorheim to purchase a new printer to go with the fingerprinting machine.** Second by Brintnell. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.

Ed Sevigny, Tax Director, appeared for the following:

- Presented an abatement for David Quast. The mobile home has been vacant and has no utilities. **Motion by Anderson to follow the recommendation of Oakwood Township and the tax director to approve the Quast abatement for 2022 and reduce the value to zero.** Second by Brintnell. Upon roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.
- Presented an abatement for Salvadore Latorre for 2020, 2021 and 2022. **Motion by Skorheim to follow the recommendation of City of Grafton and the tax director**

to approve the Latorre abatement for all 3 years. Second by Anderson. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.

- Presented an abatement for Loree Osowski for 2022. **Motion by Brintnell to follow the recommendation of the City of Grafton and the tax director to approve the Osowski Abatement or 2022.** Second by Anderson. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.

David Quast	Oakwood Twp	07-8000-1000	2022 RET \$0
Salvadore Latoree	Grafton City	37-10137	2020 RET \$32,000
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Salvadore Latoree	Grafton City	37-10137	2022 RET \$38,100
Loree Osowski	Grafton City	37-10428-190	2022 RET \$34,100

- It was thought that the county server would support the new Taylor Software. Recently it was brought to our attention that we would need virtual servers, licensing and an upgraded backup. The additional charges are \$4,452.34 with the recurring backup costing \$865.33. **Motion by Barta to approve the quote from NRG for the upgraded server and licenses to be paid out of the Covid funds and the backup to be paid from the technology fund.** Second by Skorheim. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.
- Presented a quote from Tyler for the annual system management services for \$2,500 which is used for upgrades and remoting in. NRG does not provide support for upgrades. **Motion by Brintnell to approve the Tyler System Management Quote for \$2,500.** Second by Skorheim. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.
- Robin Feltman requested that minutes from January 18, 2022 in regard to a Feltman abatement be amended. She wants the term “they” and her name removed for the minutes. Mr. Sevigny stated that Wayne Feltman filed for the abatement and that Robin Feltman never signed anything on the application. **Motion by Barta to remove Robin Feltman’s name from the minutes and change the term “they” to “he”.** Second by Skorheim. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.

Jason Johnston, Highway Superintendent, appeared for the following:

- Received 2 more bills for bridge inspections. We never know when they are coming or how many they will do. **Motion by Anderson to pay the 2 NDDOT invoices #2282643 for \$2,444.24 and invoice # 2281732 for \$820.53 for bridge inspections.** Second by Barta. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.
- Presented a utility permit for Nodak Electric Cooperative. **Motion by Brintnell to approve the Nodak Utility permit for Section 35-36, Adams Township.** Second by Anderson. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.
- Presented a drainage permit for Fordville Co-op. **Motion by Anderson to approve the drainage permit for Fordville Co-op on County Road 12B.** Second by Barta. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.
- Presented a drainage permit for Brian Brintnell. Culverts are full of sediment. **Motion by Skorheim to approve the drainage permit for Brian Brintnell, Section 17 in Medford Township.** Second by Anderson. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.
- Informed the commissioners that Kelly Lessard has resigned effective October 1st. She is currently out using up vacation time. Has talked to Tami and Tanya and would

like to move Tami Mecham who is currently a Highway Administrative Officer I to a Highway Administrative Officer II and not fill the vacant position at this time. **Motion by Barta to move Tami Mecham to a Highway Administrative Officer I to a Highway Administrative Officer II step 14 effective October 1st. She would move to a step 15 January 1, 2023.** Second by Brintnell. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried. Ernie will reach out to Tanya to do an exit interview with Kelly.

- Showed the commissioners a picture of a water pipe from Homme Dam. He has reached out to Corps of Engineers and can handle the repair as an emergency situation. It is approximately 1,000 feet and shut off valves will be installed also.
- Commissioner Barta asked about the tracking sites that were a part of the webinar that they watched.

Motion by Brintnell to reappoint Jon Beneda as the 2022 State Fair Delegate for Walsh County. Second by Skorheim. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Lawrence Burianek, Chairman

Attest:

Kris Molde