

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF WALSH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**June 6, 2023**

June 6, 2023 – 9:05 a.m.

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

At 9:05 a.m. the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order and bills were reviewed.

Commissioner Barta moved to approve the May 16, 2023, monthly bills and gaming permit application for JR's Bar Oakwood Softball, seconded by Brintnell. Motion approved

**New Auditor Kristi Quibell will begin on June 7, 2023**

Jason Johnston, Highway Superintendent, appeared for the following:

- Drain application to replace culvert in the next month. Barta made a motion to approve the replacement, Suda seconded the motion, upon roll call all voted yes. Motion approved.
- Jason discussed the Safety Discounts that the County receives due to the safety trainings that the county employees participates in. The County received checks in the amount of \$15,000 for the training discounts. Commissioner Brintnell thanked the staff for participating and helping us earn the discounts.
- Talked briefly about the ongoing issues with the boiler. The shaft is bent and we are having a hard time finding someone who can fix it. Other working arrangements were discussed if the HVAC system can't be fixed for a while. It was decided to use county staff to fix the issue and to continue working on getting a bid to have the HVAC system replaced as previously discussed
- Commissioner Brintnell asked Johnston to look into a solution for County Road 12B.
- Commissioner Barta brought a water drainage issue complaint along County Road 15 and County Road 8 to the Commissioners attention.
- Right of way issues in Vesselyville were discussed. Kelley Cole is looking into zoning codes to see what can be done regarding these issues. This will be added to the June agenda for further discussion

Pursuant to NDCC 57-12-01 the County Commissioners met as the County Tax Equalization Board at 9:30 a.m.

Present was Ed Sevigny, no other individuals were present at this time. Tax Director Ed Sevigny presented the following:

- The final report with all 2023 assessments will be made available when we reconvene as the County Tax Equalization Board in 2 weeks.
- At their local equalization meeting, Dundee Township denied a Farm Residence Exemption application by Luther Meberg for Parcel 20-0000-05214-000. The Board

was supplied with the local equalization minutes. Mr. Meberg submitted a written appeal to the Board stating this parcel was still his primary residence and that he felt he still qualified for the Farm Residence Exemption as a Retired Farmer. After much discussion regarding the situation Anderson motioned to approve the appeal, seconded by Suda. Upon roll call, all voted yes

- Mr. Sevigny stated that all ag land values were up 5% in the County as previously approved by the Commissioners. He also stated that overall residential values increased from 2022 in an attempt to keep up with what the current market is indicating based upon sales. Mr. Sevigny will bring the full report back to the Commissioners in 2 weeks for final approval.

Commissioner Anderson shared that the JDA office hasn't been having any luck with filing the Executive Director position and would like to reach out to Red River Regional Council to see if they would be willing to help.

Commissioners were provided a copy of the May Financial Report.

Motion by Barta to approve Jessie Irvine to Walsh County Housing Authority Board. Seconded by Anderson. Upon roll call, all voted yes. Motion approved

Red River Joint Water Resource District is requesting 1.5 mills for the upcoming year. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Suda. Upon roll call, all votes yes. Motion approved

Report of county offices for fees collected during May: County Recorder \$5,382.50 and Sheriff fees \$2,338.60.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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Dennis Skorheim, Chair

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Angie Scherer  
Deputy Auditor / Interim Auditor