

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF WALSH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**March 5, 2024**

March 5, 2024– 9:00 a.m.

Members present: Chair Anderson, Commissioners Barta, Suda, and Skorheim  
Absent: Commissioner Brintnell

At 9:00 am the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order and bills were reviewed.

**Skorheim moved to approve the February 20, 2024 minutes and monthly bills, seconded by Suda. All voted in favor.**

Suda informed the commissioners that the library board is full at this time. Suda informed the commissioners that the board will be meeting every other month.

Auditor Quibell informed the commissioners that she has made an offer to an applicant for the Deputy II vacant position and is waiting to hear back if it was accepted.

Mitchell Sanderson appeared before the commission to inform them that he is working on some initiatives to change the Walsh County Home Rule Charter.

Josh Anderson from WC Three Rivers Soil Conservation District gave the commissioners an update on the ground water ordinance that he discussed at the last meeting. He informed the commissioners that he has met with an organization that specializes in gravel pit restoration and will work with them to get a comprehensive plan. Josh informed the commissioners that there are erosion issues that property owners in Park River are having as well as a property in rural Edinburg. A lengthy discussion was had on the limited options that are available to help fund the project. Josh reported that both Brandon and him are now certified facilitators for Project Wet so they can hold water related programs for schools and communities.

Madam Chair Anderson introduced Matthew Richardson, who applied to be on the Planning and Zoning Committee. Auditor Quibell informed the commissioners that there are 3 vacant positions on the Planning and Zoning board; 1 – 4 year term a 2 year unexpired term and a 1 year unexpired term. **Barta made a motion to appoint Matthew Richardson for the 4-year vacant term, seconded by Suda.** All voted in favor; motion carried. A discussion was had on the need to get a Planning and Zoning meeting scheduled as soon as possible.

Auditor Quibell presented the commissioners with an application for a gaming permit for Walsh County Gun Club. **Skorheim made a motion to approve the permit for Walsh County Gun Club, seconded by Barta.** All voted in favor; motion carried.

Barta updated the commissioners on a few items regarding the highway department. He reported that the bridge truck and the skid steer should be done within the week. He informed the commissioners that the bills for the water board have been paid. He explained that the county paid the water board what was owed and in return the water board will reimburse the county for fees that they owed the county. Barta reported that the initial bid for the bridge on County Rd 9 was \$630,000 but the current bid was for \$449,000. Barta reported that the Adams Store will be coming down next Monday.

Madam Chair Anderson gave a brief update on the jail progress. She reported that they met with Elevatus to discuss the spaces within the building and there is a meeting scheduled for March 14<sup>th</sup> to review the information.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 am

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Karen Anderson, Chair

Attest:

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Kristi Quibell  
Auditor