

**SPECIAL MEETING
WALSH COUNTY COMMISSION**

July 8, 2024 – 8:30 a.m.

The Commissioners met for budget purposes only.

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

Katie Thompson – County Agent/County Fair

County Fair budget was reviewed. County Agent budget for 2025 was reviewed. Katie included \$500.00 for any part time help needed. \$12,000 for travel is an increase due to conferences in Fargo and Bismarck. \$8,000.00 for Capital Outlay for improvements in office and building to be ADA Compliant.

Walsh County Water Board

Walsh County Water Board budget was reviewed. Increase in survey expenses due to increase in complaints. Dam Maintenance of \$20,000.00 for Park River and Forest River.

Ed Sevigny – Tax Director

The Tax Director assessing revenue is projected to increase from \$15,000 to \$22,360. Budget increase in salaries for Tax Director and Deputy Tax Director. No significant changes from last year's budget.

Ron Jurgens – Walsh County Sheriff's Office

Salary increases for 2025 are projected with the 2% percent cola and step program. Coroner's fee increased in budget of \$2500.00 due to recent expense of bills and ambulance fees. Capital Outlay has an increase in the budget due to the need of new vehicles. Nursing for the jail in need of an increase due to the medical needs of inmates. Jail Budget has a 3% increase. Park River Sheriff Budget will have a 4% increase. The City of Park River also reimburses the county for payroll expenses.

Kristi Quibell – Walsh County Auditor/Treasurer

Salary increase request of 2%. Travel and Mileage reviewed for Commissioners' budget. Auditor/Treasurer Budget – Salary increase of 2 % and step program. Expense lines reviewed.

Stacie Sevigny and Julie Gemmill– JDA

Stacie stated that JDA has a roll to play to help the community grow. Revenue and expense lines reviewed. Budget for the remaining month of 2024 and the year of 2025 reviewed. JDA stated that the contract will have a 3% increase approved by the JDA.

Katrina Hodny – Carnegie Library

Projecting a \$6,000.00 increase for 2025. Reviewed revenue and expense fund lines. Katrina stated the library is doing well and looking forward to 2026 with the financial budget.

Allen Anderson – WC Public Health

Allen reviewed employees who are changing positions and an employee who is retiring. He stated that the projected budget for 2025 is \$150,000. Expense and revenue lines were reviewed.

Kelley Cole – State's Attorney

Assistant State's Attorney increase in salary for 2025 discussed. Reviewed expense lines in budget. Victim Assistance was reviewed for the 2025 budget.

Brent Nelson – Emergency Management

Brent presented a budget with the salary increase of 2% cola and a separate budget with additional salary increases. Expense lines reviewed. Brent stated that within the budget and an employee retiring he will need dispatchers and the increases show for new hires. Dispatch and Radio Tower Maintenance reviewed. Weed Control budget reviewed. Brent stated that the Weed revenue of \$52,000 projected for the year. Hazmat budget reviewed. 911 Cell budget reviewed. 911 budget fund lines reviewed.

Meeting Adjourn.

Respectively submitted,
Kristi Quibell