

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF WALSH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
September 3, 2024

September 3, 2024– 9:00 a.m.

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

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 August 20, 2024 regular meeting minutes and monthly bills; seconded by Brintnell. All voted in favor.

Ron Jurgens announced that the benefit for Daisy Hardy will be held on Sunday, September 8th from 11:00 – 2:00 pm in Park River. Daisy Hardy, who is fighting liver cancer, is the 9-month-old daughter of Walsh County Deputy Charlie Hardy.

Jason Johnston, Highway Superintendent, appeared for the following:

- Presented drainage permit applications for Josh Hefta and Scott LeClerc. Both applications were reviewed in detail, **Skorheim made a motion to approve each drainage permit as presented, seconded by Suda.** All voted in favor; motion approved.
- Presented a utility permit from Nodak Electric Cooperative to replace existing cable with new cable under County Rd 16. **Suda made a motion to approve the utility permit, seconded by Skorheim.** All voted in favor; motion approved.
- Reviewed the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institution Infrastructure report. The report states that there are 205 bridges that need to be replaced, totaling \$136 million. The report states that the total road and bridge investment needed by Walsh County is \$445.83 million, which is the 7th highest in the state.

Chair Anderson reviewed the wording for the Capital Projects Levy ballot measure that would allow an additional 10 mills to be levied for road and bridge. The county measure would be placed on the upcoming November ballot. After a discussion **Brintnell made a motion to approve the Capital Projects Levy measure, seconded by Barta.** All voted in favor; motion approved.

Auditor Quibell reported that the State Audit Department has not returned the call that Chair Anderson and Quibell placed on August 20th. They will call again today after the meeting. Quibell clarified that at this time the county is not considered late. An update will be given at the next meeting.

Auditor Quibell presented the formal request from the WC Three Rivers Soil Conservation District to be compensated \$16,748.94, which is equivalent to .26 mills. After a lengthy discussion **Barta made a motion to not pay the request in the amount of \$16,748.94, seconded by Brintnell.** All voted in favor; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 am

Karen Anderson, Chair

Attest:

Kristi Quibell, Auditor