**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF WALSH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**September 17, 2024**

September 17, 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.

**Brintnell moved to approve the September 3, 2024 regular meeting minutes and monthly bills; seconded by Skorheim. All voted in favor.**

Barta gave an update on the Matejcek Dam meeting that he attended.

Tanya Wieler presented the second reading of the Vehicle Accident Policy. **Suda made a motion to approve the second reading of the updated Vehicle Accident Policy, seconded by Brintnell.** All voted in favor; motion approved.

Auditor/Treasurer Quibell reported that she would like to reinvest some of the long-term investments into short-term investments to take advantage of the higher interest rate environment. After a discussion, **Barta made a motion to allow Quibell to open investment accounts with Bell Bank, seconded by Suda.** All voted in favor; motion approved.

Chair Anderson reminded the commissioners that the County Commissioner Caucus Meeting for Region 3 & 4 will be held on September 25, 2024 at 6:30 pm in Devils Lake, ND.

Chair Anderson reported a vacancy on the Domestic Violence board and Cosi Buettner would like to fill the position. **Skorheim made a motion to appoint Cosi Buettner to the Domestic Violence board, seconded by Barta.** All voted in favor; motion approved.

Auditor/Treasurer Quibell reported that the State Audit Department will not be able to complete the audits for the county. After discussion was had, **Suda made a motion to hire Eide Bailly for the 2021 audit, seconded by Skorheim. Roll vote: Skorheim – No, Suda – No, Brintnell – No, Barta – No, Anderson – No; motion failed. Brintnell made a motion to approve Eide Bailly to do the audit for two years, seconded by Suda.** After a discussion was had, all voted in favor; motion approved.

Jason Johnston, Highway Superintendent, appeared for the following:

* Reported that a bridge on Cty Rd #9 west of Nash is reduced to 5 ton due to damage. Wade Thompson joined the meeting to discuss the options.
* Presented drainage permit applications to add an approach for both Evergreen Farms and John Shirek, and a drainage permit for Tarek Schanilec. All applications were reviewed in detail, **Barta made a motion to approve each drainage permit as presented, seconded by Suda.** All voted in favor; motion approved.
* Presented a cost share bill for bridge inspections for 5 bridges in the amount of $3,202.09. **Brintnell made a motion to approve the bridge inspection bill, seconded by Skorheim.** All voted in favor; motion approved.
* A discussion was had on the need for a policy for delinquent tax parcels that are not sold during the sale in November. After a discussion was had it was decided that Quibell would contact other counties to see how it is handled.
* Barta addressed the county measure that will be on the ballot in November to levy the additional 10 mills for road and bridge. Barta stressed the need for the additional mills for the county’s roads and bridges.

Brent Nelson presented an Application for Variance from Applicable Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance for Rory and Gwen Sobolik. The Soboliks will be filling in their basement but are requesting a variance for a crawlspace. After a discussion was had, **Skorheim made a motion to approve the variance for Rory and Gwen Sobolik, seconded by Brintnell.** All voted in favor; motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 am

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Karen Anderson, Chair

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Kristi Quibell, Auditor