

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

November 5, 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 October 15, 2024 regular meeting minutes, the October 28, 2024 special meeting minutes, and monthly bills; seconded by Barta. All voted in favor.**

Ron Jurgens, Sherriff, appeared for the following:

- Presented bids for 3 new vehicles to be paid with the 2025 budget. After a discussion, **Suda made a motion to approve the purchase of a pickup for \$49,416, Tahoe for 49,905 from Karl Auto Group, and Explorer from Nelson Auto Center for \$49,665, seconded by Skorheim.** All voted in favor; motion approved.
- Requested to rehire for the vacant jailer position. **Brintnell made a motion to approve the rehiring of the jail position, seconded by Suda.** All voted in favor; motion approved.

Auditor Quibell reported that the Deputy II Auditor position is currently vacant. She will not be filling it at this time.

Auditor Quibell gave an update on the number of absentee ballots were accepted prior to the General Election.

Jason Johnston, Highway Superintendent, appeared for the following:

- Presented a drainage permit for Kamron Matejcek on County Rd 19, Section 21 in Sauter Township. After a discussion, **Brintnell made a motion to approve the drainage permit for Kamron Matejcek, seconded by Suda.** All voted in favor; motion approved.
- Presented a request from Transystems to increase the weight limit near the Voss beet piler. After a discussion, **Barta made a motion to not adjust the weight limit, seconded by Skorheim.** All voted in favor; motion approved.
- Presented an update for the Prairie Dog Fund through the end of October 2024.
- Walsh County Highway Dept was recognized as the State Winner for the 2024 Innovation is Local Contest for their “Sliding/Swiveling Hose Holder”.
- Reviewed the Metric 18 Scour Inspection new requirement for national flooding. The new requirement will make it mandatory to review bridges during any national flooding event, which includes 18 bridges in Walsh County.
- Presented two bids for a GIS/work order tracking program. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided, due to the expense, to table until after the results of the election are known.
- Fuel pump replacement was discussed. **Barta made a motion to approve ordering the fuel pumps due to the delay in receiving them, seconded by Brintnell.** All voted in favor; motion approved.

Commissioners reviewed the 2024 Tax Appraisal list. No one appeared for the Delinquent Tax List Objection Hearing.

Jill Denault gave an update on the request from Cavalier County to be reimbursed for administrative costs associated with The Zone - Human Services. After a lengthy discussion, it was Jill's recommendation to pay the \$10,000 for two years out of the indirect funds. Kelley Cole joined the discussion to discuss the role she plays as the States Attorney for The Zone. **Skorheim made a motion to approve paying \$10,000 to Cavalier County for two years out of the indirect funds, seconded by Barta.** All voted in favor; motion approved. **Brintnell made a motion to assess a \$15,000 annual cost for the Walsh County States Attorney representing The Zone for 2024 and forward with each county paying \$5,000, seconded by Suda.** All voted in favor; motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am

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Karen Anderson, Chair

Attest:

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Kristi Quibell, Auditor