

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

December 3, 2024– 9:00 a.m.

Members present: Commissioner Suda, Barta, Brintnell, Houdek, and Skorheim

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

The auditor called the meeting to order and asked for a motion for the Chair. **Motion by Barta to cast a ballot for Kristi Brintnell as Chair, seconded by Skorheim.** All voted in favor.

Motion by Skorheim to cast a ballot for Ernie Barta as Vice Chair. Motion by Houdek to cast a ballot for Amy Suda as Vice Chair. After a discussion was held Amy Suda withdrew the nomination. **Brintnell seconded the motion for Ernie Barta to be Vice Chair.** All voted in favor.

Chair Brintnell welcomed Paul Houdek to the Walsh County Commission.

Suda moved to approve the November 19, 2024 regular meeting minutes and monthly bills; seconded by Barta. All voted in favor.

Jason Johnston, Highway Superintendent, appeared for the following:

- Presented two snowblower bids, one from Park River Implement in the amount of \$14,750 and the other from John Deere in the amount of \$15,000. The snowblower will be paid with Legacy Highway Distribution funds. **Skorheim made a motion to approve the snowblower bid from Park River Implement in the amount of \$14,750, seconded by Barta.** All voted in favor; motion approved.
- Presented bids from Industrial Builders, Inc for a bridge on County 9 near Nash for \$186,900 and a bridge near Fairdale for \$170,000. Jason recommended waiting on the Fairdale bridge at this time. After a discussion, **Houdek made a motion to approve the bid for the bridge on County 9 near Nash, seconded by Barta.** All voted in favor; motion approved.
- Presented a bridge inspection bill for the cost-share amount of \$5,550.87. **Suda made a motion to approve payment of \$5,550.87, seconded by Skorheim.** All voted in favor; motion approved.
- OpenGov in-depth presentation was given by OpenGov. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that the implementation of software would be discussed during the next budget session.

Commissioner Skorheim gave an update on the financial issues that the Three Rivers Soil Conservation District is going through.

Commissioner Suda reported that Bailey Schroeder was hired as the new ANR Extension Agent for the county. Bailey will be starting December 9, 2024.

Auditor Quibell requested hiring Jessica Alonge from Stutsman County to assist on-site for two days in December. Previously, Jessica was paid \$60 per hour, plus mileage and lodging and Quibell was requesting the compensation to be the same. Quibell also stated that she would like to look into assistance with Tyler Technologies on some one-on-one year end prep training. After a discussion, **Suda made a motion to hire Jessica Alonge from Stutsman County for the two days in December, allow Quibell to sign up for year end prep with Tyler Technologies for up to \$1,000, and report back at the next meeting, seconded by Skorheim.** All voted in favor; motion approved.

Commissioner Barta discussed the 3-year term the Water Resource District will need filled. The board member that is currently serving is interested in another term. After a discussion, Quibell will discuss with the States Attorney and report back on how the county should proceed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 am

Kristi Brintnell, Chair

Attest:

Kristi Quibell, Auditor