PUBLIC NOTICES

Case No. 50-2025-PR-00036

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF WALSH COUNTY STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

In the Matter of the Estate of Gail M. Martinson, Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

[¶1] NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred, except that the claim of any creditor to whom said personal representative mail a copy of this notice shall not be barred until three (3) months after the date of such mailing. Claims must either be presented to Lacey Eckmann, as personal representative of the estate, or filed with the Court.

Dated this 12th day of August 2025.

/s/ Lacey Eckmann Lacey Eckmann, Personal Representative 2964 Clover Ridge Dr Chaska, MN 55318

ROBERT C. FLEMING (ND #05598) FLEMING, DUBOIS & FLEMING, PLLP Attorneys at Law PO Box 633

Cavalier, ND 58220 Attorney for the Personal Representative (August 20, 27 and September 3, 2025)

SECTION 1.1 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

DRAIN 87 - 149TH AVE NE CROSSING WALSH COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT COUNTY OF WALSH, NORTH DAKOTA

Sealed bids will be received by the Walsh County Water Resource District, at the office of the Walsh County Water Resource District, Walsh County Courthouse, 600 Cooper Avenue, Grafton, ND 58237, until 10:00 AM, local time, on September 10, 2025, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud for the furnishing of labor, equipment, skill, and any materials required for the opened and read aloud for the furnishing of labor, equipment, skill, and any materials required for the Drain 87 – 149th Ave NE Crossing Project and incidental items in and for the Walsh County Water Resource District, as is more fully described and set forth in the plans and specifications therefore, which will be made available as specified below.

Bids shall be upon cash payment on the following estimated quantities and types of work: Excavation, Embankment, Hauling, Riprap, Installing Box Culverts supplied by the Owner, Aggregate Surfacing, Seeding and Mulching, and incidental items. Refer to the Proposal in the bid package for the complete list of bid items and quantities.

The contract documents will be on file and may be

Walsh County Water Board, Walsh County Courthouse, 600 Cooper Avenue, Grafton, ND 58237 Houston Engineering, Inc., 1401 21st Avenue North, Fargo, ND

Copies of the Bidding Documents and additional project information may be obtained online for a fee of \$25.00 at www.houstoneng.com - click "Projects for Bid" to reach the designated website. Paper copies of the plans and specifications may be obtained from the office of Houston Engineering, Inc., 1401 21st Avenue North, Fargo, ND 58102, upon payment of \$50.00, non-refundable. Please contact us at 701-237-5065 if you have any questions.

All bids are to be submitted on the basis of cash payment for the work and materials, and each bid shall be accompanied by a separate envelope containing the contractor's license and bid security. The Bidder's Bond with Acknowledgement of Surety must be in a sum equal to five percent (5%) of the full amount of the bid and must be in the form of a bidder's bond. A bidder's bond must be executed by the bidder as principal and by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of North Dakota, conditioned that if the principal's bid be accepted and the contract awarded to the principal, the principal, within ten (10) days after notice of award, principal will execute and affect a contract in accordance with the terms of the bid and the bid bond as required by the laws of the State of North Dakota and the regulations and determinations of the governing body. The bid bond surety must be licensed to do business in North Dakota, and must be listed as a certified surety in the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Circular 570. A bid submitted without this information properly enclosed in the bid bond envelope shall not be read nor considered and the envelope shall be resealed and bid returned to the bidder immediately. If a successful bidder does not execute a contract within ten (10) days allowed, the bidder's bond must be forfeited to the governing body and the project awarded to the next lowest responsible bidder.

All Bidders shall hold a valid North Dakota contract All Bidders shall hold a valid North Dakota contractor's license of the proper class, as required under N.D.C.C. § 43-07-07. All Bidders shall enclose, in the same envelope as the Bidder's Bond, a copy of the Bidder's Contractor's License or Certificate of Renewal, issued by the North Dakota Secretary of State, and each license must be valid and dated at least 10 days prior to the date set for bid opening, as required under N.D.C.C. § 43-07-12.

read or consider any bid that does not include a proper Bidder's bond and contractor's license or re-newal, as described above, and does not otherwise fully comply with the requirements of N.D.C.C. § 48-01.2-05. The Walsh County Water Resource District will not

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish Contract Performance and Payment Bonds in the full amount of the contract.

Contracts shall be awarded on the basis of the low bid submitted by a responsible and responsive bid-der for the aggregate sum of all bid items. A single contract will be awarded for the work.

All hids will be contained in a sealed envelope as above provided; plainly marked showing that su envelope contains a bid for the above project addition, the bidder shall fixed to the exterior

- The work covered by the bidder.
 The name of the bidder.
 Acknowledgement of Addenda.
 Separate envelope containing bid bond and a copy of North Dakota Contractor's License or certificate of renewal.

No Bid will be read or considered which does not fully comply with the above provisions as to Bond and licenses and any deficient Bid submitted will be resealed and returned to the Bidder immediately.

All Work shall be substantially completed on or

per work shall be substantially completed on or before **December 1**, 2025. Substantial completion includes all work items being completed except for punch list items. All Work shall be completed by June 30, 2026.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and rebid the project until a satisfactory bid is received, to waive any informality in any bid, to hold all bids for a period not to exceed thirty-six (36) days from the date of opening bids, and to accept the bid deemed most favorable to the interest of the Owner. After the bid opening, the Owner reserves the right to request up to three (3) references from the lowest three bidders of similar work completed within the last five (5) years. References shall include the owners of recently completed work. The lowest three bidders must provide the references as requested by the Owner, or justification why references were not provided.

If the Contractor fails to complete the work according to the terms of the Contract within the times specified, he shall pay the Owner the sum of \$1,400.00 per calendar day as liquidated damages. The Owner reserves the right to withhold Progress Payments and/or Final Payment until such time that all liquidated damages have been paid by the Contractor. The Owner reserves the right to deduct liquidated damages from Progress Payments and/or Final Payment.

Revised this 14th day of August 2025.

WALSH COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
COUNTY OF WALSH, NORTH DAKOTA

Daryl Campbell

(August 20, 27 and September 3, 2025)

Public Notices

A public notice is information informing citizens of government activities that may affect the citizens' everudau lives. Public notices have been printed in local newspapers, the trusted

sources for community information. for more than 200 years.

North Dakota newspapers also post public notices on www.ndpublicnotices.com at no charge to units of government.

Walsh County Commission Request for Qualifications for Professional Architectural Services

Walsh County Commission is seeking statements of qualifications for professional architectural services to design and provide construction services for a 46-bed jail addition in Grafton, ND. The addition will be constructed adjacent to the existing Walsh County Courthouse. The total project budget is \$23 million and must be completed no later than July 2028.

Any firm responding to this request must submit their written information in accordance with the enclosed specifications. **Eight (8) copies** of the completed responses must be received no later than 2:00 P.M., CST, Friday September 12th,

Submittals and guestions to be sent to: Walsh County Highway Dept. Jason E. Johnston 600 Cooper Ave Grafton, ND 58237 701-352-1530

ieiohnston@nd.gov Scope of Services: The scope of services required by the selected ar-chitectural firm shall be as follows, but is not lim-

ted to:

1. Enter into a standard AIA agreement.

2. Assist with the Walsh County Commission's review and approval process by creating and submitting documentation tailored to the requirements of regulatory agencies, other reviewing authorities, and the County's internal use. Work with the selected Construction Manager at Risk through the entire design, bid and construction process.

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3. Assure that the design and construction documents include historical preservation to conserve the building's historical significance.

4. Conduct periodic site visits with county officials, stakeholders, principals, and other staff members as appropriate, to observe the work in progress and provide relevant reports and updates to the County.

5. Upon completion of the work, compile and deliver to the County a complete set of as-constructed record documents, including a hard copy and in an electronic format. This should include, but not be limited to warranties on equipment, certificate of occupancy, and inequipment, certificate of occupancy, and inspection reports.

Firm Requirements:

Architectural firms choosing to submit a response shall comply with the following requirements.

1. Experience with CM@R construction delivery

2. Architects shall be licensed to practice in the

 Architects shall be licensed to practice in the state of North Dakota.
 Must provide evidence of insurability and a business license in good standing.
 The responding firm shall have prior municipal planning and design experience.
 Architect shall be responsible for Civil, Mechanical, Electrical and Other specialty consultants 6. The firm must have experience in design and

construction of a minimum of 2 jails. The selected architectural firm shall have the

construction documents completed by June 8. The firm shall be capable of meeting the projection ect schedule and have resources available to begin and complete each phase of work. The project must be completed by July of 2028.

Submittal Requirements:

Walsh County requests specifically the following information for use in the selection of a professional architectural firm:

Past Performance – Weighing 10% (Maximum of

pages)
1. Demonstrated experience and excellence in 5 projects with comparable scale, complexity, and function. and function.

2. Proven capability of providing services to include conceptual design, cost estimating, presentation, graphics and marketing support.

3. Proven experience of design methodology Ability of Professional Personnel – Weighing 10%

Ability of Professional Personnel – Weighing 10% (Maximum of 10 pages)

1. Qualifications of the principals and project team members proposed for the project, including their primary responsibility.

2. Indicate the names of employed persons who will be designated as the Project Manager and Principal Design Member. Indicate the person who will serve as the point of contact for all matters relating to the management of the contract and design services.

- Willingness to meet Time and Budget Requirements Weighing 20% (Maximum of 5 pages)

 1. Indicate your intent to complete the work within the project timeline.
- 2. Present an outline of the basic work plan anticipated to accomplish the work 3. Include estimated vs. actual costs of the proj-

Location - Weighing 5% (Maximum of 1 page)

1. Higher priority given to firms head quartered in North Dakota.

2. Indicate proximity and availability to the proj-

Recent, current, and projected workloads of the persons or firms - Weighing 20% (Maximum of 2

pages)

1. Provide a list of projects that each person listed committed to completing above is currently committed during the next 12 months.

Related Experience on Similar Projects - Weighing

% (Maximum of 10 pages)
Recent relevant work experience within the last 10 years: included 5 projects that are only relevant that most closely align with this project.

Recent and Current Work for the agency- Weighing 20% (Maximum of 2 pages) 20% (Maximum of 2 pages)
Indicate recent and current work with other municipalities or state government agencies over the last 5 years.

PROCEDURES FOR SUBMISSIONS

Sequence of Events: The following sequence de-tails the key phases involved in the qualification and selection process:

1. Advertise for Submittals

August 21st, 28th

and 4th, 2025 2:00 PM (CST) on 2. Submittals Due September 12th, 2025 3. Review Responses and

September 15-17, 2025 4. Notification of Selections September 18-19, 2025

5. Interview Selected Persons and/or Firms September 22-26, 2025 6. Final Ranking and Notification September 29-30, 2025 Contract Negotiation, September 30-

Preparation, and Review 8. Start of Services

Non-Collusion and Debarment Certification:

October 6, 2025 October 7, 2025

The Bidder certifies that neither he/she, nor any official, agent or employee of the bidder has entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action which is in restraint of free competitive bidding in the connection with

By submitting qualifications, the firm certifies that to the best of his/her knowledge and belief that he/ she and his/her principles:

Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal Department or State agency.

Have not within a three-year period proceeding this RFQ been convicted of or had a civil judgement rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or perform a public (Federal, State or Local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records; making

false statements; or receiving stolen property. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or Local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in the above Bullitt of this certification.

Have not within a three-year period preceding RFQ had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or Local) terminated for cause Where the prospective firm is unable to certify

any of the statements in this certification, the firm shall submit an explanation. The explanation will not necessarily result in denial of participation in a contract.

Terms and Conditions:

The Walsh County Commission reserves the right to reject any and all responses. Furthermore, the Commission shall not be held liable for any costs incurred by respondents in the preparation, sub-mission, or presentation of their responses to this Request for Qualifications (RFQ).

The selection committee further reserves the right to request clarification of information submitted and to request additional information for any response.

Walsh County Commission reserves the right to

award the contract at its sole discretion to the firm determined to be the most qualified. The State of North Dakota will not include an arpitration clause in any contract with the successful

END OF REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

(August 20, 27 and September 3, 2025)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF WALSH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS July 22, 2025

July 22, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Chair Brintnell; Commissioners Suda, Barta, Houdek, and Skorheim

At 9:00 a.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Commissioner Suda moved to approve the consent agenda, including the July 1, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, July 8, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes, July 8, 2025 Preliminary Budget Hearing Minutes, and Monthly Bills; seconded by Houdek. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Attorney Tim Lamb appeared on behalf of Walsh County taxpayers to present a petition intended for the North Dakota Supreme Court. Lamb explained his clients are pursuing a writ of mandamus as the most direct legal remedy, citing the Court's jurisdiction over the matter.

Lesley Lubenow, East District Director with NDSU Extension, addressed a recent social media miscommunication regarding the 4-H program and the 2026 budget. She apologized for any unintended offense and reaffirmed the shared commitment to 4-H among Extension, the Commission, and the community. Ms. Lubenow also expressed appreciation to the Commission for its continued support.

Assistant State's Attorney JR Steele formally thanked the Commission for their support during his eight years with Walsh County. His resignation became effective July 24th.

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Highway Department Superintendent Jason Johnston reported the following:

Proposed purchasing a John Deere 772G Motor Grader through the state bid process at \$522,722—about \$7,000 less than the previous unit. Commissioner Barta moved to approve; seconded by Suda. Motion carried 3-2, with Commissioners Brintnell and Skorheim opposed.

Reported the county payloader was struck by lightning and is being repaired at RDO. Insurance is expected to cover the cost.

Provided bridge project updates:

Thorson and Hankey bridges are complete. Minto Bridge is underway.

Swanson Bridge is under construction; the north abutment collapsed while unattended.

Rutherford Bridge (County Road 6) is delayed; contractor CSI of Minnesota has not started work and is unresponsive. Johnston is consulting the state regarding penalties if the August 9 deadline is missed.

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Chair Brintnell raised safety concerns about right-of-way markers, particularly for snowmobilers. The commission discussed potential removal after encroachment issues are resolved. No action taken.

Presented a utility permit from Dakota Natural Gas to install lines near Drayton, at a depth of 48–52 inches and bored under intersections and drainage. Approved unanimously on a motion by Skorheim, seconded by Houdek.

Presented a \$12,000 invoice from the ND Department of Transportation for inspection of 22 bridges. Approved 4-1 on a motion by Suda, seconded by Houdek, with Barta opposed.

Discussed campground issues including reservations, payment collection, and management. Suggestions included using QR codes and expanding camp host duties. Additionally, the trailer has been removed from the site.

Human Resources Director Tanya Wieler presented the second reading of the New Hire Leave Policy, which grants new employees 40 hours of annual leave upon hire, to be used within their first year. The leave is not payable upon separation. The policy retroactive to June 1, 2025. Commissioner Suda moved to approve the policy; seconded by Skorheim. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Tax Director Ed Sevigny presented an abatement request for the mobile home owned by Samantha Gomez, located within the City of Grafton, which was destroyed by fire in June 2025. In accordance with North Dakota Century Code (NDCC), the assessed value was reduced by 50%. Commissioner Skorheim moved to reduce the parcel's true and full value to a land value of \$0 and structure value of \$2,106; seconded by Suda. All voted in favor; motion carried.

State's Attorney Kelley requested that the Commission enter executive session for attorney consultation concerning reasonably predictable litigation related to the Walsh County Jail project. Commissioner Skorheim moved to convene executive session under NDCC 44-04-19-1; seconded by Commissioner Barta. A roll call vote was taken:

• Commissioner Skorheim: Yes
• Commissioner Houdek: Yes
• Commissioner Houdek: Yes
• Commissioner Barta: Yes
• Commissioner Barta: Yes
The motion carried unanimously. The Commission entered executive session at 10:07 a.m.

At 10:36 a.m., Commissioner Barta moved to adjourn the executive session; seconded by Commissioner Suda. The motion carried unanimously. The Commission exited executive session and reconvened at 10:36 a.m.

State's Attorney Kelley Cole presented a draft public comment policy per SB2180, effective August 1. The policy allows comments during topic discussion if fewer than 10 speaker cards are received, with consideration for timed comments and advance written submissions. Commissioner Suda moved to approve the SB2180 policy; seconded by Barta. All voted in favor; motion carried. The policy takes effect August 1 and will be implemented at the next meeting.

Cole discussed Walsh County Ordinance 2025-1, a sales tax ordinance for the jail project. The ordinance reflects the measure approved by voters in the May special election and includes a revised implementation date of January 1, 2026. Commissioner Skorheim moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-1; seconded by Barta. Motion carried 3-2, with Commissioners Suda and Houdek opposed.

Sheriff Ron Jurgens reported that the Jail Committee met on July 16 and recommended issuing Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for both an architect and a construction manager. Although the committee initially recommended pursuing a Construction Manager at Risk, it was clarified that consultant Sid Samuels recommended using a Construction Manager as Agent, noting it would provide greater transparency. Given that a motion to proceed with a Construction Manager at Risk was already before the Commission, a roll call vote was held. The motion, moved by Commissioner Skorheim and seconded by Commissioner Barta, was unanimously rejected.

The Commission then moved forward with the proposal reflecting the clarified recommendation to engage a Construction Manager as Agent. Commissioner Suda moved to approve the RFP for Construction Manager as Agent; seconded by Barta. Motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner Houdek opposed. Following this, Sheriff Jurgens requested a motion to issue a Request for Proposal for architectural services. Skorheim moved to approve the issuance of an RFP for an architect; seconded by Barta. The motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner Houdek opposed.

Commissioner Houdek reported that the candidate initially offered the Veterans Service Officer position has withdrawn. A second candidate is under consideration, but the position remains open. In the interim, veterans are advised to seek services in a precently and the contraction.

Commissioner Barta moved to adjourn; seconded by Suda. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Kristi Brintnell, Chair

Christina Potts, Auditor/Treasurer

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ASSESSING OFFICE NDACO (NDACO (NDACO

(September 3, 2025)

CIVIL NUMBER: <u>50-2023-CV-00255</u> IN THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, COUNTY OF WALSH IN THE DISTRICT COURT, NORTHEAST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF REAL ESTATE SALE

Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff.

Paul E. Aguayo and United States of America, acting by and through the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, an Officer of the United States and Heirs & Devisees of the Estate of Paul E. Aguayo, and any person in possession,

Defendants.

1. Judgment in the amount of \$82,971.48, having been entered in favor of Plaintiff and against Defendants, which Judgment was filled with the Clerk of Courts of Walsh County, North Dakota, on June 12, 2025, for the foreclosure of a real es-2. Notice is hereby given pursuant to said Judg-

Lots 19, 20 and 21, in Block 7, Original Townsite of Park River, North Dakota. Real Property address: 310 Wadge Avenue S, Park River, ND 58270 The above real property is the subject of the Mortgage dated November 12, 2016, which Mortgagors, Paul E. Aguayo, executed and delivered to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Freedom Mortgage

Corporation, its successors and assigns and record

ed in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Walsh

County, North Dakota, on November 29, 2016, In-

ment that the real property described as:

strument Number 287145, which is subject to the entered Judgment. Said Mortgage was assigned to Plaintiff, its successors or assigns, by Assignment of Mortgage recorded January 13, 2023, Instrument Number 302003.

3. In order to realize the amount of \$82,971.48, as of June 12, 2025, plus interest accruing thereafter on said amount as awarded by the court, together with the costs and expenses of sale, will be sold subject to redemption as provided by law as one parcel of land at public auction, subject to the for unpaid real estate taxes and assessments of Walsh County, North Dakota, and easements and restrictions of record, to the highest bidder for cash under the direction of the Sheriff of Walsh County, North Dakota, at the main entrance of the Walsh County Courthouse located at 600 Cooper Avenue, Grafton, North Dakota 58237, on October 1, 2025 ("Sale Date"), at 10:00 AM.

1. If the sale is set aside for reason, the Purchase at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

DATED this 25th day of August, 2025. SHERIFF OF WALSH COUNTY

Ronald Jurgens Sheriff / Deputy Sheriff of Walsh Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. Tyler S. Wirick
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF WALSH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS July 1, 2025

July 1. 2025 – 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Chair Brintnell; Commissioners Suda, Barta, Houdek, and Skorheim

At 9:00 a.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Chair Brintnell called for additions to the agenda. Commissioner Barta requested a discussion regard-ing the Water Board. Commissioner Skorheim raised concerns about weeds in the extension plot. Jason Johnston added items related to cattails in a ditch along county road right-of-way issues, and a gravel extraction concern in Medford Township.

*Skorheim moved to approve the consent agenda, including the June 17, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, a correction to the June 3, 2025 Minutes, and the Monthly Bills; second-ed by Barta. All voted in favor; motion carried.

*Human Resources Director Tanya Wieler reported that Nicole Nowaski of Grafton has been hired for the Veterans Service Officer position, with a tentative start date of July 21. Wieler highlighted Nowaski's strong advocacy skills and suitability for veteran pegulation. veteran population.

Commissioner Barta reported on a recent Water Board meeting regarding Matejcek Dam. Due to recent safety concerns, including an incident to recent safety concerns, including an incident involving long-term campers and an assault on a deputy, the board decided to prohibit camping at both the top and bottom of the dam. Day use will still be permitted. Signs will be posted, and the board will coordinate with the State's Attorney to implement the changes. Chair Brintnell added that the closure is intended to protect public safety. Johnston suggested including the Cleveland access in the restriction; Barta agreed and recommended additional signage. additional signage.

Sid from the Samuels Group presented a revised jail plan in response to the failed referendum. The proposed plan focuses solely on a 16,500 sq. ft. jail facility within the available \$26 million budget. Changes include removal of the sheriff's department relocation, the new front entrance and security screening, and a smaller kitchen, while maintaining a 46-bed capacity. Discussion followed reparding sales tax implementation, the existing regarding sales tax implementation, the existing high sales tax in Grafton, the importance of a seright sales tax in Gration, the importance of a se-cure courrhouse entrance, and impacts on future projects. Sheriff Ron Jurgens emphasized that a functioning jail remains the priority. The commis-sion agreed to table further discussion until the July 8 meeting to review updated costs and financing.

Darren from State Radio presented dispatch service options, noting coverage across multiple counties and a fee of \$1.59 per line based on the Association of Counties line count. He discussed use of the Hexagon CAD system, a team of 22 trained call takers, and preparations for the SIRN transition.

Commissioners raised questions regarding local landmark familiarity, siren activation, and emergency response times. Darren addressed these concerns, and the commission chose to take additional time to consider the proposal. Commissioner Suda shared a proposal from Chris Larson to serve as the county's Public Information Officer on a 6-month trial basis. Larson offered ser-

vices at no charge, requesting only a county-issued laptop and cell phone. The commission tabled the item to gather cost estimates for the equipment. State's Attorney Kelly Cole presented information regarding Senate Bill 2180, which requires public comment opportunities at regular commission meetings. She sought input on policy details, including a proposed 30-minute total time limit, 3-minute limit per speaker, agenda placement, and allowable topics. The commission provided input and requested Cole prepare a draft policy.

Highway Department Superintendent Jason Johnston reported the following:

Introduced Doug Straus from Automated Technologies to discuss energy-saving opportunities for county buildings. Straus explained that HVAC and control system upgrades could be funded through energy cost savings. The commission approved a no-cost preliminary assessment by Straus and Johnston.

Straus and Johnston.Presented two drainage permits for approval:

cleaning a ditch on County Road 8 and installing a drain tile on County Road 9. Both were approved by the Water Board. Motion carried

Provided updates on Department of Transporta or early September, with decisions expected in December. Johnston noted significant funding reductions, including over \$3 million from the Prairie Dog fund and \$250,842 in state funding. Reported on maintenance at Homme Dam, in-cluding tree removal and cleanup of vandalism in the men's restroom. Law enforcement presence has increased, and cameras will be installed. Kelly Cole noted that the owner of a trailer on the property is arranging its removal but needs additional time due to insurance and logistical challenges.

The commission agreed to move the July 15th meeting to July 22nd due to scheduling conflicts. A special meeting to discuss the jail project and a budget meeting were scheduled for July 8th.

The commission discussed the extension plot's deteriorating condition due to weeds. Commissioners expressed disappointment that the Soil Conservation District failed to maintain the property as promised. Barta moved to withdraw the lease offer; seconded by Houdek. Motion carried unanimously leberton user diseased as a reason provided to the control of mously. Johnston was directed to arrange mowing and possible spraying of the plot.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Kristi Brintnell, Chair

Christina Potts, Auditor/Treasurer

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 9. MIDWEST PEST CONTROL
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 10. NORTH DAKOTA COUNTY
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 5. PROPERTY RECORDS
 \$45.00

 1. INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION
 \$60.00

 7. QUADIENT LEASING USA
 \$125.85

 3. RELIANCE TELEPHONE
 \$10.00

 9. SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT
 \$2,425.40

 0. TIGER COMISSIONARY SERVICES \$139.50

 VALLEY PETROLEUM EQUIPMENT \$550.00

 2. VERIZON WIRELESS
 \$195.54

 WC HEALTH DISTRICT
 \$190.00

(September 3, 2025)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF WALSH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS August 5, 2025

August 5, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.

vor; motion carried.

Members Present: Chair Brintnell; Commissioners Suda, Barta, Houdek, and Skorheim

At 9:00 a.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Commissioner Barta moved to approve the consent agenda, including the July 22, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, July 22, 2025 Preliminary Budget Hearing Minutes, and Monthly Bills; seconded by Skorheim. All voted in fa-

Auditor Christina Potts requested authorization to

add Deputy Treasurer Kelsee Stanton as a signatory on the First United Bank money market account for treasury duties. Commissioner Suda moved to

approve the request; seconded by Houdek. All voted in favor; motion carried. Potts also presented a funding request from the Red River Basin Commission in the amount of \$5,518, noting that she found no prior record of the county supporting the organization. Commissioner Barta recalled that the water board and commission had years ago, decided the value from that organization was not sufficient and instead chose to support the Red River Joint Water Re-source District. **Commissioner Barta moved to**

deny the request; seconded by Suda. All voted

Potts presented the second guarter 2025 financial report, including bank balances and cash on hand. She explained that the Choice General account handles all revenue and expenditures, with trans fers made to interest-bearing accounts when the balance exceeds \$700,000. She reviewed the fund activity summary and noted that current budget figures reflect the prior year's budget. Potts said she is working with the system to improve how fi nancial data is presented to make reports easier to understand and more useful for comparison. Commissioners asked about the emergency fund, ear-marked cash, and the \$5 million for the jail project. Houdek requested future reports include sid side comparisons. Commissioner Suda moved to approve the report; seconded by Houdek. All voted in favor; motion carried.

States Attorney Kelley Cole provided additional context on the prior decision to use the Construction Manager as Agent (CMA), raising legal concerns about the county's liability in managing 20–30 subcontractor agreements. She recom-mended shifting to the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) model, which would transfer liability to the construction manager and provide a guar-anteed maximum price. She noted that several anteed maximum price. She noted that several entities, including Grand Forks County and the ND University System, have used CMAR successfully

opportunities for local contractors. Highway Su perintendent Jason Johnston assured the commission that transparency would not be compromised with CMAR, as government construction projects remain subject to open records laws. Commissioner Houdek suggested they could specify in the contract that local contractors should be involved. in the bidding process. Chair Brintnell emphasized the benefit of cost certainty with a guaranteed maximum price. **Suda moved to rescind the** CMA decision; seconded by Barta. All voted in favor; motion carried. Commissioner Barta moved to proceed with CMAR; seconded by Skorheim. The motion carried with Skorheim, Suda, Barta, and Brintnell voting yes; Houdek voted no. Johnston stated the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was being prepared and would be reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget. Commissioner Suda requested to review it before posting.

Jason Johnston appeared to provide updates on

presented a drainage permit from NDDOT for a new approach and 18-inch culvert on County Road 16 for a new state shop in Adams. Submitted three permits from Lone Wolf Farms for light ditch cleaning along County Roads 15 and 15A, with no culvert changes. Presented a permit from Mark Myrdal for a new approach on County Road 21, recommending a 24-inch cul-vert. **Skorheim moved to approve all permits** as presented; seconded by Houdek. All voted

high levels at the Administration Building due to bomb-shelter construction and underground HVAC tunnels. Proposed two mitigation options: a full HVAC overhaul with sealing or installing high-pressure vacuum pumps (est. \$25,000+), though neither guarantees success. Commissioners discussed health concerns for dispatch and public health staff. **Barta moved to proceed** with the pump system and explore reloca-tion options if needed; seconded by Houdek. All voted in favor; motion carried.

year. Houdek proposed adding a county adminis trator position to improve operations, suggesting it be funded by reducing the cash carryover per centage. Barta and Suda supported the idea, while Brintnell expressed concern over ongoing costs with the general fund already at the 60-mill cap.

After discussion, the commission agreed to add \$175,000 for the potential position. Houdek also outlined the City of Grafton's estimated \$134,000 annual support of the library. Barta moved to approve the revised preliminary budget of \$6,654,223.33; seconded by Houdek. All voted in favor: motion carried.

had been received. No additional unfinished business was brought forward.

Attest: Christina Potts, Auditor/Treasurer Number Vendor 64017 Emily Vogsland 64018 JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL 64019 NORTH DAKOTA PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY 64021 VERIZON WIRELESS 64022 DEPT OF CHILDREN AND

FAMILY SV 64023 US DEPT OF TREASURY 64024 WEX HEALTH SHAWN DUPREE 21st MORTGAGE CORP ASAP PLUMBING AND 64028 REMODELING AUTO VALUE GRAFTON BALCO UNIFORM CO INC **BRENDA GONZALEZ** \$81.60 CHARM TEX INC CHUCH OR SUSIE KARTES CLAY COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE CNH INDUSTRIAL ACCOUNTS \$1 Corelogic Centralized Refunds DACOTAH PAPER CO DOCU SHRED GALLS LLC GARY LEE OR TAMMY RUDNIK

Commissioner Suda expressed concerns about whether CMAR would limit transparency or reduce

multiple items:

in favor; motion carried. Reported successful radon mitigation at the Chase Building (1.1), Courthouse (2.3), and Law Enforcement Center (below 1.5). Noted ongoing

Potts presented the preliminary 2026 budget at \$6,579,223.33, up from \$6.1 million the previous

in favor; motion carried. Chair Brintnell noted that no public comment cards

Meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

Kristi Brintnell, Chair

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INSURANCE 64103 TEDDY'S RESIDENTIAL SUITES (September 3, 2025)