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BOARD OF PEMBINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

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April 2, 2019

8:30 AM

Board of Pembina County Commissioners met at 8:30 AM in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Courthouse with the following members present: Jim Benjaminson, Laverne Doyle, Nick Rutherford, Hugh Ralston and Hetty Walker.

Chairman Walker called the meeting to order. Agenda accepted as presented.

Motion made by Laverne Doyle and seconded by Hugh Ralston to approve the March 19, 2019 minutes as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Pembina County Water Board minutes from July 17, 2018 through February 26, 2019 were reviewed.

Commission discussed the appointment of an individual to fill the unexpired term of Jerry Juhl to the Water Resource Board. Motion made by Nick Rutherford and seconded by Laverne Doyle to appoint Don Kemp to fill the unexpired term. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Memorandum of Agreements, for the administration of the Public Assistance (PA) Program, between Pembina County and the organized townships of Advance, Beaulieu, Carlisle, Cavalier, Drayton, Elora, Hamilton, Lincoln, Lodema, Park, Pembina, St Thomas and Walhalla were presented for signature. Motion made by Laverne Doyle and seconded by Jim Benjaminson to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreements as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Commission reviewed the March payroll and claims. Motion made by Hugh Ralston and seconded by Jim Benjaminson to approve the consent agenda as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Devin Johnson, Highway Superintendent, present for bid openings. Commission received bids from the following to furnish chips for the 2020 working season: Commissioner Rutherford recused himself from voting.
Strata Corporation: \$9.75/ton with .18/ton mile hauling charge
Motion made by Laverne Doyle and seconded by Jim Benjaminson to accept the bid of Strata Corporation for chips for the 2020 work season. Delivery to be made after November 15, 2019 and before spring weight limits go on in 2020.

Roll call vote: Jim Benjaminson – yes; Laverne Doyle – yes; Hugh Ralston – yes.
Motion carried.

Commission received bids from the following to furnish Pembina County with asphalt products for the 2019 work season:
NorMont Equipment: \$2.53/gallon delivered
Flint Hills Resources, LP – Bid rejected due to not bidding per specifications.
Motion made by Hugh Ralston and seconded by Nick Rutherford to accept the bid of NorMont Equipment. Roll call vote: Jim Benjaminson – yes; Laverne Doyle – yes; Nick Rutherford – yes; Hugh Ralston – yes. Motion carried.

Commission received bids for rental of road machinery. Motion made by Laverne Doyle and seconded by Jim Benjaminson to accept all bids that meet the bidding requirements as advertised. Hiring of contractors based on availability and price. All voting in favor; motion carried. Listing will be prepared for the April 16, 2019 meeting.

Commission and Devin Johnson, Highway Supervisor, discussed spring load limits. Devin informed the Commission that spring weight limits will go into effect on Monday, April 8, 2019. Motion made by Jim Benjaminson and seconded by Nick Rutherford to approve the weight limits as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Carlton Heck expressed his concerns with trees hanging over the highway, near Schill's shop along County Road 55, making it hazardous when driving farm equipment. Devin Johnson, Highway Superintendent, was unable to find a contractor to remove the trees last fall, but will check to see if a contractor would be available this spring. Carlton discussed the bridge located between LaMoure Township and Beaulieu Township. Options to replace the bridge with culverts in order to widen the road were discussed. Devin will compile an estimated cost to replace the bridge with culverts.

Sheriff Terry Meidinger informed the Commission that Timbra Miller resigned her position as a correctional officer on March 28, 2019 and Amy Briese will begin her duties as a correctional officer on April 18, 2019. Discussion followed on filling the two empty correctional officer positions.

Rebecca Flanders, State's Attorney, discussed the letter from Vogel Law Firm, along with a letter from the Cavalier Police Department and an Attorney General's letter of opinion. Commission reviewed the handouts and will discuss further at the April 16, 2019 meeting.

Motion by Jim Benjaminson to adjourn the meeting. All voting in favor; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM.