

BOARD OF PEMBINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

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9:00 AM

Board of Pembina County Commissioners met at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Courthouse with the following members present: Corene Vaughn, Gary Nilsson, Andy Adamson, Hetty Walker and Hugh Ralston. Also present was Sheriff Brian Erovick.

Chairman Vaughn called the meeting to order. Commissioner Vaughn noted that the meeting is being recorded.

Motion made by Andy Adamson and seconded by Hugh Ralston to approve the August 2, 2011 meeting minutes as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Pembina County Housing Authority minutes reviewed.

Drainage permit received from Ronald Symington to remove sediment from the north and west sides of the ditch in the NW ¼ of Section 10 along County Road 12 and 55 of St Joseph Township and to remove a ridge from the north ditch in the NE ¼ of Section 12 along County Road 55 of St Joseph Township. Troy Kittelson, Highway Supervisor, inspected the sight and approved the request. Motion made by Gary Nilsson and seconded by Hugh Ralston to approve the permit as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Pembina County Water Resource Board minutes were presented to the Commission for review.

Chairman Vaughn informed the Commission that she will be attending the Red River Regional meeting on Thursday, August 18, 2011 in Grand Forks.

Discussion was had on the deadline date for mowing roadsides and ditches. Motion made by Hugh Ralston and seconded by Gary Nilsson to move the deadline from October 1st to October 15th. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Commission reviewed the July Financial Report. Motion made by Gary Nilsson and seconded by Hetty Walker to approve the consent agenda of claims and the July Financial Report as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Sheriff Erovick discussed the need to remodel the two existing day rooms in the jail. Sheriff Erovick is requesting to have a concrete wall constructed in each of the existing day rooms to allow for 4 day rooms. Discussion followed. Commission requested Sheriff Erovick research costs and report back.

Pembina County Water Resource Board met with the Commission. Senator Tom Fischer, Red River Joint Water Resource District Board member, Sean Fredericks, Red River Joint Water Resource District Attorney, Robert Fleming, Pembina County Water Resource Board Attorney, and Stuart Askew, Pembina County States Attorney, also present. Mr. Fredericks is requesting the equivalent of 2 mills from member districts for the Red River Joint Water Resource District for the 2012 budget. Discussion followed. The Commission expressed their appreciation for what the Joint Board has done and will definitely consider 2 mills. Senator Tom Fischer commented on the proposed Fargo Diversion. Chairman Boettger informed the Commission that any discussion related to Drain #66 must be addressed to the Pembina County Water Board Attorney.

Landowners affected by Drain #66 met with the Commission and Pembina County Water Board. Landowners present included, Brad Schuster, Curtis Christenson, Leo Stellon, Dean Young, and Richard McConnell. Also present were Sara Heilman, Attorney for the landowners, Robert Fleming, Pembina County Water Board Attorney, and Stuart Askew, Pembina County States Attorney. Concerned downstream landowners expressed their opposition to the installation of a culvert under County Road 3. Discussion followed. Motion made by Andy Adamson and seconded by Gary Nilsson to deny the installation of a 60" culvert under County Road 3. Roll call vote: Gary Nilsson – yes, Andy Adamson – yes; Hugh Ralston – yes; Hetty Walker – no; Corene Vaughn – yes. Motion carried.

Lyn Augustin presented the Commission with information, related to the States Attorney's Office and Sheriff's Department, for their review.

Commission met with the following Department Heads to review budgets in the afternoon:

- Lesley Lubenow – Extension
- Brian Erovick – Dispatch, Sheriff, Jail, Special Trust
- Lisa Letexier – Ambulance
- Kristina Halvorson – Soil Conservation
- Kadie Benson – Weed
- Non-General Funds – Township Road, Investment Interest, Asset Forfeiture

No further business; meeting adjourned.