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BOARD OF PEMBINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

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August 20, 2019

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: Jim Benjaminson, Laverne Doyle, Nick Rutherford, Hugh Ralston and Hetty Walker.

Chairman Walker called the meeting to order. No additions to the agenda.

Rebecca Flanders, Pembina County States Attorney, visited with the Commission regarding the Patrick Swift case. The North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund (NDIRF) has been contacted to handle the case on behalf of Pembina County. Rebecca updated the Commission on her discussions with the NDIRF. The NDIRF attorney assigned to the case agrees with Ms. Flanders' position, but is asking if the Commission would want to move forward with the dispute or negotiate the bill with Mr. Swift's attorney. The NDIRF will represent Pembina County, but if there is a loss the entire costs would fall back on Pembina County. Motion made by Hugh Ralston to move forward with the case. Seconded by Jim Benjaminson. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Nick Rutherford and seconded by Laverne Doyle to approve the August 6, 2019 minutes as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Delores Kemp contacted the Auditor to request a correction to the July 31, 2019 minutes. The minutes should have read, "Delores Kemp, Pembina County Historical Society President, and Jennifer Peterson, Historical Society Treasurer, presented the 2020 Historical Society's proposed operating budget. Delores reviewed a listing of anticipated projects for 2020. *The funding for these projects does **NOT** come from the operating budget but are funded through fund raising and grants for a specific project that is needed.*" Motion made by Laverne Doyle and seconded by Hugh Ralston to approve the correction as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Kelly Cluchie, Maintenance, presented a bid of \$16,068.29, received from RDO Equipment Co, for a new John Deere 1023E Sub-Compact Utility tractor (15 PTO hp) with a 47" Quick-Hitch Two-Stage snow blower and 60" 7-Iron Mid Mount side discharge mower. No action at this time.

County Quit Claim deed for Parcel 33-0420000 in Pembina City and Corrective County Repurchaser deed for Parcel 27-0400000 in Cavalier City were presented. Motion made by Nick Rutherford and seconded by Hugh Ralston to authorize the Chairman to sign the deeds as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

The NDDOT Construction and Maintenance Agreement for Project BRC-3428(056), the structure replacement 2½ miles north of ND Hwy 66, was reviewed. The original bid for the project was not accepted and the project will be rebid in October. Motion made by Laverne Doyle and seconded by Jim Benjaminson to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Laverne Doyle to nominate Kay Newell Braget as the voting delegate for the NDACO Annual Conference; second by Jim Benjaminson. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Pembina County Auditor, Linda Schlittenhard, informed the Commission of the 2019 NDIRN reimbursement of \$2,938.80. NDRIN refunds a portion of the fees back to the counties based on the number of documents recorded in 2018. In addition, the NDRIN Board approved a refund of 90% of the print revenue generated by the pages purchased from each member county. The document count refund amount of \$2,377.20 will be deposited into the Document Preservation Fund. The print revenue of \$561.60 will be deposited into the County General Fund to be used at the discretion of the county.

Request for a raffle permit received from St Joseph's Preservation Society for their annual Turkey Bingo event. Motion made by Laverne Doyle and seconded by Jim Benjaminson to approve the request. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Water Board informed the Commission that the State Water Commission has approved the cost share for the Tongue River Snagging and Clearing project. With the additional funding, the Water Board is projecting approximately 14 miles of the river will be cleaned for the upcoming year. Discussion followed on the next phase for the snagging and clearing project. Water Board also informed the Commission that the NRCS has offered to add Bourbanis Dam and Olson Dam planning documents to the Senator Young documents at no additional cost to the Water Board. These dams are the next high hazard dams that are on the list, so these documents would be added to the Senator Young project that is already in place.

Commission reviewed the July financial statement 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.

Motion made by Laverne Doyle and seconded by Nick Rutherford to adjourn the meeting. All voting in favor; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 AM.