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BOARD OF PEMBINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

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August 31, 2017

9:00 AM

Board of Pembina County Commissioners met in Special Session at 9:00 AM in the Commission Meeting Room of the Courthouse with the following members present: Jim Benjaminson, Laverne Doyle, Hugh Ralston and Hetty Walker. Absent: Nick Rutherford.

Vice-Chairperson Benjaminson called the meeting to order.

Delores Kemp, Dennis Morrison and Pat Morrison reviewed the Historical Society financials with the Commission. Delores updated the Commission on the projects that were completed this year. The listing of the top ten priority projects for 2018 was included in the handout.

Motion made by Hugh Ralston and seconded by Laverne Doyle to approve the out of state lodging for Rachel Ramsey to attend a Correctional Health Conference in Alexandria, MN on October 10-12, 2017. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Dawn Keely, Executive Director of Red River Regional Council, unable to attend.

Michelle Murray, Faith in Action, presented the 2016 – 2017 Faith in Action Health Coalition Annual Report, the 2016 Faith in Action monthly report reviewing services through the organization, the 2017 Faith in Action monthly report through August and the fiscal year 2016 audit report. Michelle reviewed the 2018 proposed Faith in Action budget with the Commission.

Andrew Kirking, Emergency Manager/Weed Officer, reviewed the proposed 2018 Weed budget with the Commission. Discussion followed on 2018 equipment purchases.

Andrew presented a Fire Emergency and Burn Ban Proclamation.

PEMBINA COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA FIRE EMERGENCY AND BURN BAN PROCLAMATION

Dated: 31AUG2017

WHEREAS, Pembina County, North Dakota is under abnormally dry conditions;
and,

WHEREAS, Pembina County has either sustained or been threatened with rural fires as of this date; and,

WHEREAS, all available resources remain committed to protecting life and property; and,

WHEREAS, the impact of fires could threaten the health, well-being, and safety of citizens in Pembina County; and,

WHEREAS, the cost of response and the inordinate equipment wear may be far in excess of available Pembina County resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Pembina County Commissioners declares a Fire Emergency and institution of a Burn Ban for Pembina County, North Dakota until further notice.

Any individual who willfully or recklessly violates this burn ban is guilty of a Class B misdemeanor, which carries a penalty of up to thirty (30) days in jail and a \$1,000 fine per incident, as well as the cost for fire suppression.

Dated at Pembina County, North Dakota this 31st day of August, 2017.

/s/ James Banjaminson
Commissioner – Vice-Chairman

/s/ Andrew Kirking
Emergency Manager

/s/ Linda Schlittenhard
Auditor

Motion made by Laverne Doyle and seconded by Hetty Walker to authorize the Vice-Chairman to sign the proclamation as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Terry Meidinger, Pembina County Sheriff, discussed the Drayton City and Walhalla City Law Enforcement contracts with the Commission. Discussion followed on the Law Enforcement contracts between the cities and Pembina County Sherriff's Department. Commission requested Terry update the contracts for the participating cities.

Devin Johnson, Highway Superintendent, reviewed the Highway and Road & Bridge/Farm to Market/County Loan budgets with the Commission.

Motion made by Hugh Ralston and seconded by Laverne Doyle to adjourn the meeting. All voting in favor; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:25am.