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BOARD OF PEMBINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

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Special Meeting

August 5, 2021

12:00 PM

Board of Pembina County Commissioners met in Special session at 12:00 PM in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Courthouse with the following members present: Jim Benjaminson, Laverne Doyle, Nick Rutherford and Hugh Ralston. Absent: Hetty Walker.

Chairperson Doyle called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.

Commission reviewed the 2022 proposed Non-General budgets individually.

Sheriff Terry Meidinger and Chief Deputy Marcus Ramsay met with the Commission to discuss the Corrections and Sheriff Department budgets. Commission asked Sheriff Meidinger what his plan was for part-time/flex employees in the Corrections budget. Sheriff Meidinger plans on hiring one individual to work 6 hours per day, Monday – Friday. This would make it a benefited position. Commission suggested he hire two individuals to share the position. Discussion followed on an increase request for one of the Corrections officers and the Jail line item which includes the cost of housing female prisoners. Commission also discussed the Stonegarden Grant, 24/7 revenues and expenditures, and the equipment budget line in the Sheriff Department budget. No action taken at this time.

Commission met with Mikka Willits, Tax Director, to discuss adding the salaries and mileage for the Soils Committee members to the Tax Director budget. An additional \$4,000.00 will be added to the Tax Director's budget to cover costs for the Soils Committee. Soils Committee membership requirements, job description and application were discussed. Ms. Willits stated since agricultural land values were reverted back to the 2020 values, there is no need for individuals to file appeals through the Tax Director's office. With the formation of a Soils Committee determinations for appeals should be reviewed through the Soils Committee. Ms. Willits informed the Commission that the landowner of Parcel 06-414000, which was added to the tax rolls at the omitted property hearing on August 3, 2021 due to not bringing his Gross Farm Income Statement, brought the Gross Farm Income Statement in on August 4, 2021. Ms. Willits is recommending the Commission allow the exemption and remove the parcel from the tax rolls for the 2021 tax year. Motion made by Nick Rutherford and

seconded by Hugh Ralston to allow the farm exemption for Parcel 06-4140000.
All voting in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Jim Benjaminson and seconded by Nick Rutherford to adjourn the meeting. All voting in favor; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm.