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BOARD OF PEMBINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

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Special Meeting – Budget Meetings

August 5, 2022

9:00 AM

Board of Pembina County Commissioners met in Special Session, to review 2023 proposed budgets, in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Courthouse. Chairperson Rutherford called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM. Roll call: Laverne Doyle, Nick Rutherford, Dave Moquist and Andrew Cull. Absent: Jim Benjaminson. A quorum was declared.

Dennis and Pat Morrison presented the 2023 proposed budget for the Pembina County Historical Society. They presented a handout with information on the 2020, 2021 and 2022 budget figures showing the revenues and expenses for 2020, 2021 and 2022 through June 30, 2022. Also included was a listing of anticipated projects for 2023 and a listing of potential future projects. Discussion followed on donation revenue, the new entrance sign and the Veterans Memorial.

Lisa LeTexier and Jamie Thorfinnson presented the proposed 2023 budget for the Ambulance Fund. Lisa presented a handout showing the revenues and expenditures for those ambulance districts that receive a mill levy, which includes Drayton, Cavalier, Pembina, Walhalla and Park River. The handout also shows the mill levy from the Cavalier Ambulance to each of the Quick Responses, which include Neche, Mountain, Crystal and St Thomas. Quick Responses are completely funded by the mill levy received from Cavalier Ambulance. Volunteerism has really declined since Covid. With the additional expenses that all services have seen with the cost of supplies and salaries the current mill levy of 5 mills is not enough to cover the additional expenses. Lisa is requesting an increase in the mill levy to assist all ambulance districts and quick responses to continue.

Dawn Mandt, Red River Regional Council (RRRC) Executive Director, and Charlie Wellman, Pembina County JDA (PCJDA) President, reviewed the 2023 proposed budgets for the RRRC and PCJDA. Dawn and Charlie presented a handout reviewing the history of the PCJDA, which included a list of the twelve members, a brief summary of community buildings supported by the PCJDA from January 2021 to the present and a listing of expected upcoming commitments. Dawn and Charlie are requesting the maximum of 4 mills for the JDA budget for 2023. Dawn reviewed the RRRC budget request for 2023.

The RRRC is requesting \$23,000.00 for the 2023 budget, which is the same amount as the past few years.

Michelle Murray, Faith in Action Project Director, reviewed the 2023 proposed budget for Faith in Action. Michelle presented the 2021 – 2022 annual report for Faith in Action Health Coalition along with the 2021 financial statement, budget history, and the most recent financial audit report. The Commission thanked Michelle for all she does to make the program a success for the citizens of Pembina County.

Auditor Schlittenhard reviewed the General Fund Reserve and American Rescue Plan Act funds with the Commission. There is no levy for either of these funds.

Motion made by Dave Moquist to increase deputy salaries an additional 4% to bring the salaries closer to market value. Second by Andrew Cull. Commissioner Moquist stated salaries will need to be reviewed again next year. Roll call vote: Jim Benjaminson – yes; Laverne Doyle – yes; Nick Rutherford – yes; Dave Moquist – yes; Andrew Cull – yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Andrew Cull and seconded by Laverne Doyle to adjourn the meeting. All voting in favor; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.