

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 at the Courthouse with the following members present: Corene Vaughn, Andy Adamson, and Hugh Ralston. Absent: Gary Nilsson and Hetty Walker.

Meeting called to order by Vice-Chairman Vaughn.

Motion made by Hugh Ralston and seconded by Andy Adamson to approve the October 19, 2010 meeting minutes as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Camburn Shephard met with the Board regarding a ditch variance in the SW ¼ of Sec 7, Twp 160, Range 55W, of Park Township, on the north side of County Road 3. Motion made by Andy Adamson and seconded by Hugh Ralston to approve the variance as requested. All voting in favor; motion carried. Discussion was had regarding the culvert cleaning along County Road 3. Vice-Chairman Vaughn stated that the Board would research and notify Mr. Shephard of the decision as soon as possible.

Board reviewed and allowed county claims.

Request made by Rick Helgoe for a ditch variance in Sec 8, Twp 162, Range 54W, of North Cavalier Township, on the south side of County Road 1. Motion made by Hugh Ralston and seconded by Andy Adamson to approve the variance as requested. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Board was notified of the letter received from James Stewart, Arnston & Stewart, PC, notifying them that American Crystal Sugar Company has decided not to proceed with the Recovery Zone Facility Bond financing in Pembina County. The construction of the project has been postponed.

Motion made by Andy Adamson and seconded by Hugh Ralston to authorize the Vice-Chairman to sign the October payroll as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Hugh Ralston and seconded by Andy Adamson to authorize the Vice-Chairman to sign the Federal Aid Program from the ND Department of Transportation. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Julius Wangler, Executive Director, Red River Regional Council, met with the Commission to discuss the Council's work program and benefits to Pembina County that are derived from the work. Mr. Wangler thanked the Commission for their support to the Council. The Commission thanked Mr. Wangler for the many benefits the Council has given to Pembina County. Mr. Wangler gave a briefing on the many programs the Council offers and the effects of the programs on the communities the Council serves. The Red River Regional Council Annual Meeting will be Thursday, November 4, 2010, 7:00 PM at the Park River American Legion in Park River.

Neil Hanson met with the Commission to discuss repairs needed on county bridges. Mr. Hanson passed pictures of bridges that are in extreme need of repair. Mr. Hanson would like to find a way that all entities can work together to solve this problem. The Commission thanked Mr. Hanson for his concerns and input. Mr. Hanson was invited to attend the meeting set for December 7, 2010 from 10:00AM to 12:00PM with Enbridge regarding the bridge replacement on 89th Street.

Stuart Askew, State's Attorney, met with the Commission to discuss eviction on foreclosed properties. Criminal trespassing proceedings will be initiated.

Commissioner Ralston discussed the request from Allen Anderson to add a 24" culvert in the county right-of-way along County Road 3 in Section 18 of Park Township. Motion made by Hugh Ralston to grant permission for Mr. Anderson to add a culvert, at his expense, per the County Culvert policy. Motion seconded by Andy Adamson. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Equipment bids were opened at 11:30AM. There were two bids received on the John Deere riding mower with a high bid of \$500.00. There were three bids received on the snow blower with a high bid of \$201.00. Motion made by Hugh Ralston and seconded by Andy Adamson to accept the high bid of \$500.00 for the mower from Stefan Braun and the high bid of \$201.00 for the snow blower from Neil Sagert. All voting in favor; motion carried. There were no bids received on the air conditioners so they will be advertised again in the spring.

Commission discussed mowing of Pembina County property in Bathgate City. Motion made by Hugh Ralston and seconded by Andy Adamson to pay the \$270.00 that was requested by Ted Zaharia for the summer mowing season. Roll call vote: Andy Adamson – yes; Hugh Ralston – yes; Corene Vaughn – yes. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Andy Adamson and seconded by Hugh Ralston to grant the day after Thanksgiving as a paid holiday. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Concerns regarding the window project were discussed. Commission feels that a representative from the State Historical Society should approve the sheet rock mock-up prior to the project moving forward. County Auditor will contact Tom Linn from the State Historical Society to make arrangements.

No further business; meeting adjourned.