

BOARD OF PEMBINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

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December 18, 2012

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: Gary Nilsson, Laverne Doyle, Hugh Ralston, Hetty Walker and Andy Adamson.

Chairman Adamson called the meeting to order.

Motion made by Hetty Walker and seconded by Laverne Doyle to approve the December 4, 2012 meeting minutes as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Pembina County Housing Authority Board minutes were reviewed.

Pembina County Fair Board minutes were reviewed.

Pembina County Water Resource Board minutes were reviewed.

Commission was informed that three Certificates of Appointment are yet to be returned. These include County Coroner, Social Service Board member and JDA Board member. Auditor will contact individuals to return outstanding Certificates.

Michelle Murray, Faith in Action Director, met with the Commission for the annual report. Ms. Murray presented the 2012 Annual Report and the Faith in Action Audit Report.

Pembina County Water Resource Board met with the Commission to request a 40% county cost share for culvert installation along Drain #8. Motion made by Gary Nilsson and seconded by Hetty Walker to approve the 40% cost share. Roll call vote: Gary Nilsson – yes; Laverne Doyle – yes; Hugh Ralston – yes; Hetty Walker – yes; Andy Adamson – yes. All voting in favor; motion carried. Commission discussed the drain protest payments, filed by Neil Hanson, with the Water Board. The drain tax will not be removed from the tax rolls as long as the drain remains in debt. Mr. Hanson will be notified of the decision.

Sarah Braaten, Red River Regional Council, informed the Commission that more time will be needed to complete the landowner agreement for the proposed riparian project along the O'Hara Bridge. Troy Kittelson, Highway Supervisor, also present. Ms. Braaten and Stephenie Davis, Pembina County State's Attorney, are working closely on a draft agreement, to ensure that all aspects of the maintenance agreement are included, prior to final approval. Discussion followed.

Jeff Stevenson, Cavalier City Assessor, expressed concern over the increase in taxable valuations. Julie Doyle, Tax Director, also present. Discussion followed.

Jon Markusen, Kadramas, Lee and Jackson, presented the Commission with appreciation gifts for 2012 business.

Chuck Damschen, District 10 Representative, met to discuss concerns the Commission may want presented during the 2013 Legislative Session. Jeanne Chaput, Public Health Administrator, also present. Mr. Damschen updated the Commission on the Governor's anticipated infrastructure funding, stating that 75% is designated to oil producing counties and the remainder to be spread throughout the state. Commissioner Nilsson voiced his concerns with state mandated raises for Social Service Departments. Discussion followed. Mr. Damschen requested the Commission to notify him or another District 10 representative if any other concerns arise. Ms. Chaput reported that the Governor's budget has approved additional State Aid for Local Public Health Offices.

Motion made by Gary Nilsson and seconded by Hetty Walker to approve the consent agenda as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Commission discussed the contents of the time capsule. All items will be placed in the original time capsule container, which will be placed in the cornerstone on January 8, 2013.

Commission authorized the processing of a year-end batch of claims with the checks being held until the next meeting for approval.

Commission changed the first meeting of 2013 to January 8th, due to the New Year's Day holiday.

Chairman Adamson declared the meeting adjourned.