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## BOARD OF PEMBINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

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December 14, 2018

9:00 AM

Board of Pembina County Commissioners met in Special Session at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Courthouse with the following members present: James Benjaminson, Laverne Doyle, Nick Rutherford, Hugh Ralston and Hetty Walker. Also in attendance was Rebecca Flanders, State's Attorney.

Chairman Benjaminson called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Nick Rutherford discussed concerns with the foreclosure on property in Drayton City. No bid was received on the property at the County Sale on November 20, 2018. A letter was received from Swenseth Law Office and the former owners are requesting to purchase the property back for the delinquent taxes. NDCC 57-28-19 states, in part; the former owner; the former owner's executor or administrator, or any parent, spouse or child of the former owner may repurchase any property forfeited to the county under tax deed proceedings, so long as the tax title to the property remains in the county name.

Becky Flanders stated that the county should follow the statute and allow the former owner to repurchase the property for the delinquent taxes, the 2018 taxes, and any additional costs to the county.

Motion made by Nick Rutherford to allow the former owners to repurchase the property for the delinquent taxes for tax years 2015, 2016 and 2017, plus the 2018 taxes which are currently due and payable, plus any interest, penalties and additional costs associated with the redemption. Second by Laverne Doyle. Discussion followed. Roll call vote: Laverne Doyle – yes; Nick Rutherford – yes; Hugh Ralston – yes; Hetty Walker – yes. Motion carried.

Rebecca will contact Swenseth Law Office, who will inform the former owners of the amount due and the deadline for the payment to redeem the property. No further action will be taken at this time.

Motion made by Laverne Doyle and seconded by Nick Rutherford to adjourn the meeting. All voting in favor; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.