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BOARD OF PEMBINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

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February 7, 2017

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: James Benjaminson, Laverne Doyle, Nick Rutherford, and Hetty Walker. Absent: Hugh Ralston.

Chairperson Rutherford called the meeting to order.

Motion made by James Benjaminson and seconded by Laverne Doyle to approve the January 10, 2017 Special Meeting minutes and January 17, 2017 meeting minutes as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Pembina County Housing Authority Board minutes of November 8, 2016 were reviewed.

The 2016 Pembina County Historical Society's Annual meeting report was reviewed.

Board reviewed the remaining opening for the Historical Preservation Commission. Cheryl Osowski, Regional Council, received approval from the State for Patricia Hart Cayley and Molly Skadsen. Motion made by Hetty Walker and seconded by Laverne Doyle to appoint Patricia Hart Cayley as a new member and Molly Skadsen, as an alternate for Justin Robinson, to the Historic Preservation Commission. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Laverne Doyle and seconded by Hetty Walker to authorize the Chairman to sign the North Dakota Department of Transportation Maintenance Certification, for County Federal Aid Projects, as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Commission reviewed the email from Al Berg, Premier Benefits Group, proposing to conduct a comprehensive review of group health insurance coverage and funding options for Pembina County. There will be no charge for the service. Motion made by Laverne Doyle and seconded by Jim Benjaminson to have Premier Benefits move ahead with the exploration phase of the process. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Commission reviewed the email from Andrew Gurbada, Colonial Life representative, to present a price comparison between Aflac and Colonial Life. No action taken at this time.

Kay Braget, Clerk/Recorder, gave a brief overview of the pre-1925 marriage license records. The State Archives have microfilmed and indexed Pembina County's pre-1925 marriage records. Family Search (provides free access) and Ancestry.com (charge a membership fee) are requesting permission to develop quality images and a searchable index of these records for online access. Motion made by Jim Benjaminson and seconded by Laverne Doyle to authorize the State Archives to release the microfilm, at no charge, to Family Search and Ancestry to digitize into their database. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Andrew Kirking, Emergency Manager/Weed Officer, updated the Commission on the projected spring flood risk for our area. Andrew presented handouts showing projected temperatures and precipitation over the next month, the areas in the County that are projected to have a greater than 75% chance of spring flooding, and tables showing the flood risk assessment throughout the Red River Basin, Devils Lake Basin, Souris River Basin and Missouri and James River Basins.

Duane Littlejohn, Insurance Associates, discussed the annual insurance review. Discussion followed on coverage for Business Auto, Inland Marine, General Liability, and the Hartford Steam Boiler. Motion made by Laverne Doyle and seconded by Jim Benjaminson to renew the insurance contract for 2017. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Liz Beck, IT, 911, GIS Coordinator, provided a legislative update to the Commission in support of a plan to raise 911 fees \$.50 in order to help fund a new radio system for law enforcement and first responders. House Bill 1178 passed by an 81 – 12 vote. The funding plan will help pool investments to support a statewide system. The bill now moves on to the Senate. Another bill, SB 2204, also addresses a funding option for the current radio system.

Commission reviewed the December financial statement. Motion made by Hetty Walker and seconded by Laverne Doyle to approve the consent agenda, consisting of claims, the December financial statement and January payroll, as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.