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BOARD OF PEMBINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

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July 15, 2021

10:30 AM

Board of Pembina County Commissioners met in Special Session at 10:47 AM in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Courthouse with the following members present: Jim Benjaminson, Laverne Doyle, Hugh Ralston and Nick Rutherford. Absent: Hetty Walker. Also present was Rebecca Flanders, State's Attorney.

Chairperson Doyle called the meeting to order at 10:47 am.

Motion made by Hugh Ralston and seconded by Jim Benjaminson to approve the agenda as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Hugh Ralston and seconded by Nick Rutherford to go into Executive Session per NDCC 44-04-19.1 and 44-04-19.2 to seek and receive the advice of its attorney, Rebecca Flanders concerning possible litigation against the Pembina County Board of Equalization. Roll call vote; Jim Benjaminson – yes; Laverne Doyle – yes; Nick Rutherford – yes; Hugh Ralston – yes. Motion carried. The Executive Session began at 10:52 AM and was attended by Jim Benjaminson, Laverne Doyle, Nick Rutherford, Hugh Ralston, Rebecca Flanders and Linda Schlittenhard. Motion moved by Nick Rutherford and seconded by Jim Benjaminson to adjourn the Executive Session at 11:27 AM and return to open session. Roll call vote: Jim Benjaminson – yes; Laverne Doyle – yes; Nick Rutherford – yes; Hugh Ralston – yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Nick Rutherford to have the State's Attorney seek an Attorney General's opinion to determine whether any case law, legislation or legislative changes have impacted the 2002 opinions issued by the Attorney General's office, define "raising crops", and clarify any other questions considered at the Board of Tax Equalization, including potential consequences for failure to comply with the law. Seconded by Hugh Ralston. Roll call vote: Jim Benjaminson – yes; Laverne Doyle – yes; Nick Rutherford – yes; Hugh Ralston - yes. Motion carried.

Commission was presented with an updated spreadsheet for 2022 salary changes. They will review and make a recommendation at the July 20, 2021 meeting.

Motion made by Nick Rutherford and seconded by Jim Benjaminson to adjourn the meeting. All voting in favor; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:02 PM.