

BOARD OF PEMBINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

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July 16, 2013

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

Chairman Nilsson called the meeting to order. Discussion on the damaged bridge in Crystal was added to the agenda. Chairman Nilsson questioned if the county was reimbursed for the damages to the bridge. Auditor informed the Commission that a check was received in April for the damages.

Motion made by Andy Adamson and seconded by Laverne Doyle to accept the June 24, 2013 Special Meeting minutes, June 27, 2013 Special Meeting minutes and July 2, 2013 Commission minutes as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Pembina County Housing Authority minutes of June 4, 2013 were reviewed.

Request received from Chizzy's to transfer his liquor license to the Leroy Hall on Saturday, July 27, 2013. Motion made by Hetty Walker and seconded by Laverne Doyle to approve the transfer as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Commission was presented with the ballot from North Valley Water District for the consolidation of North Valley Water District and Langdon Rural Water District. Motion made by Andy Adamson and seconded by Laverne Doyle to authorize the Chairman to vote the ballot on behalf of Pembina County. Discussion followed. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Commission discussed accreditation of the new Veteran's Service Officer. The training will be held September 9 – 13, 2013 in Kearney, Nebraska. Eric Gauthier, Pembina County VSO, is requesting approval for airfare to attend the training. Airfare is approximately \$400.00 round trip. Motion made by Hugh Ralston and seconded by Andy Adamson to authorize the additional costs of the trip. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Culvert request received from Midway Seeds to install a 24" culvert in the ditch along County Road #1 in the NE¼ of Section 12 of Cavalier Township. Troy

Kittelton, Highway Supervisor, inspected the sight and approved the request. Motion made by Laverne Doyle and seconded by Hugh Ralston to approve the culvert request as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Andy Adamson and seconded by Hugh Ralston to approve paid leave for county employees who register for the NDPERS Pre-Retirement Seminar in Minot on September 18, 2013. Any additional expenses to attend the seminar will be the responsibility of the employee. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Commission was informed of a call from Terry Symington regarding the status of the request to remove the piers from the Defoe Bridge. Troy Kittelson, Highway Superintendent, is reviewing options for removal.

Commission was reminded of the retirement party for Julius Wangler, Executive Director of the Red River Regional Council. The celebration honoring Mr. Wangler for his 40 years of service will be held Thursday, July 18, 2013, from 1:00 – 3:00 PM in the Farmer's Room of the Walsh County Courthouse.

Neil Fleming discussed liability insurance for the Pembina County Fairgrounds property. He also informed the Commission that the Canadian Dike lawsuit court trial date will be set soon. The Commission thanked Mr. Fleming for his work.

Pembina County Water Resource Board presented the 2014 Water Board budget. Discussion followed on Red River Joint Water Resource Board request for 2 mills for the 2014 budget year. Commission discussed the Brown concerns along the Tongue River cut-off. Robert Fleming, Water Board Attorney, gave updates on the Laidlaw Bridge and bridge along County #3 near Glasston. Water Board updated the Commission on repairs on County Road #9 and the adjoining drain, and the log jam removal by Drain #11.

Commission reviewed the June financial statement. Motion made by Hetty Walker and seconded by Hugh Ralston to approve the consent agenda, of claims and June Financial Statement, as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Jon Markusen, Kadramas, Lee & Jackson, unable to attend.

Sarah Braaten, Red River Regional Council, unable to attend.

Camburn Shephard met to discuss the condition of the ditches along County Road #3. Mr. Shephard expressed his concerns with the size of the culverts under County #3, the cleaning of the ditches along County #3 and mitigation to prevent the continuous problems. Commission will discuss options with Troy Kittelson.

Andrew Kirking, Emergency Manager, updated the Commission on FEMA site visits throughout the county and notified them the spring rain event was declared a separate emergency from the spring flooding. Mr. Kirking addressed utilizing remaining grant dollars for a tabletop exercise, handheld radio for emergency management office use and mitigation for troubled areas. Mr. Kirking also discussed bringing the LEPC group back together.

With no further business, Chairman Nilsson adjourned the meeting.

Officer Fees: Clerk of Court - \$ 11,444.51
Recorder – \$ 4,453.46

Transfers: Social Service Levy to Social Services: \$65,000.00

July Payroll: \$312,101.10

Claims: Warrant #1053-#1054 - \$364.68; Warrant #82108- #82352 - \$257,586.99

/s/ Gary Nilsson, Chairman
Pembina County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: /s/ Linda Schlittenhard
Pembina County Auditor/Treasurer