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BOARD OF PEMBINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

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July 19, 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, and Hugh Ralston. Absent: Hetty Walker.

Chairman Benjaminson called the meeting to order.

Commission met to review budgets. The estimated valuation to determine the value of a mill and the projected revenues for County General were reviewed.

Devin Johnson was unable to attend.

Commission visited with Monica Brusseau, Victim Witness, and Rebecca Flanders, State's Attorney, regarding funding for the Victim Witness position. With Federal and State budget cuts, there will not be sufficient grant funding to cover the position for a full year. Commission requested the remaining funding required be added to the State's Attorney budget.

Michelle Murray, Faith in Action, presented the 2017 Faith in Action monthly report and the 2018 Faith in Action monthly report through June 2018 for comparisons. Michelle gave a brief overview of the services, number of individuals served, mileage, volunteer recruitment and training and coalition members. Faith in Action will be celebrating its 15th anniversary this year.

Dawn Keeley, Executive Director of Red River Regional Council, presented a Pembina County Job Development Authority handout for Commission review. Others in attendance were: Maggie Suda, Red River Regional Council Developer, Charlie Wellman, JDA Board member, Ken Briese, former JDA Board member, Lacey Hinkle, Cavalier City Mayor, and Deb Thompson, Leroy Hall/St Joseph's Preservation Society Secretary and Svold Hall member. Charlie Wellman reviewed what the JDA budget supports, the leading three strategic initiatives, and Frost Fire Park Development. Charlie also discussed the Pembina County project list and the JDA Grants/Sponsorships list from 2013 – 2018. Charlie presented written testimonials from JDA clients. Ken Briese expressed his appreciation to

the JDA and their staff for their commitment to small businesses in small towns and their focus on population retention, which has allowed his family to remain in the area. Deb Thompson provided a testimonial on the grants received from the JDA for the maintenance and preservation of Leroy Hall and Svold Hall. Lacey Hinkle discussed how instrumental the JDA is in helping Pembina County businesses grow by assisting with grant fund writing, small business loan acquisitions and small grant awards, which allows the communities to grow.

Kristina Halverson, Soil Conservation, was unable to attend today. She would like to reschedule for a later date.

Delores Kemp, Pembina County Historical Society President, presented the 2019 Historical Society's proposed operating budget. Delores reviewed a listing of the top ten priority projects proposed for 2019. The funding for these projects come from memberships, grants, endowments, donations, memorials, fund raising, and the Pioneer Machinery Show proceeds, to name a few sources.

Lisa Letexier, President of the Pembina County Emergency Medical Services, Inc., presented the 2019 proposed budgets for the four ambulance services, four quick response services, EMS education, and the Emergency Response trailer and ambulance. Lisa reviewed the number of calls, number of miles, and man hours/call for each service. Lisa informed the Commission that Walhalla, Drayton and Cavalier ambulance services donate 1% of their mill levy to fund EMS education for county wide education.

Dawn Keeley, Executive Director of Red River Regional Council, presented the 2019 proposed budget for Red River Regional Council. The four-member counties served by the Red River Regional Council include Grand Forks, Nelson, Pembina and Walsh. Dawn gave a brief overview of the recent and current projects in Pembina County as well as regional projects and initiatives.

Motion made by Hugh Ralston and seconded by Laverne Doyle to adjourn the meeting. All voting in favor; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.