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BOARD OF PEMBINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

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July 31, 2019

8:30 AM

Board of Pembina County Commissioners met in Special Session, to review proposed 2020 budgets, at 8:30 AM in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Courthouse with the following members present: Jim Benjaminson, Laverne Doyle, Nick Rutherford, Hugh Ralston and Hetty Walker.

Chairman Walker called the meeting to order.

Commission reviewed the handout showing the estimated county valuation for tax year 2019 and the projected revenues for County General. The estimated valuation of one mill for tax year 2019 is \$62,355.83. The State Board of Equalization will not meet until August 13, 2019, which could result in a state mandated increase or decrease in the valuation.

Commission reviewed the 2020 proposed salaries and estimated cost for health insurance.

Dawn (Keeley) Mandt, Red River Regional Council Executive Director, Maggie Suda, Regional Council Developer, Charles Wellman, JDA Board President, and Kathy Stremick, JDA Treasurer met to discuss the 2020 JDA budget. Charles requested the Commission consider increasing the mills from 2 mills to 3 mills for 2020. Dawn reviewed the 2019 budget, showing the remaining funds available after the 2 year PACE payments were set aside. Dawn showed two scenarios, a 3 mill scenario and a 4 mill scenario, showing the fund balance difference between the scenarios. Discussion followed on the maximum number of mills that can be levied for JDA and the valuation difference of a mill if a city levies for their own Job Development Authority. Dawn is requesting the Commission consider a 4 mill levy for Pembina County JDA for 2020. Kathy Stremick gave a brief history on the Cavalier City Job Development Authority.

Dawn presented the 2020 proposed budget for Red River Regional Council. The Council is requesting the same amount as the 2018 funding level, \$23,000.00. 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 and communities within Pembina County. Dawn also reviewed regional projects and initiatives.

Commission reviewed the proposed 2020 budgets for all County General Funds. Commission requested to meet with Andrew Kirking, Emergency Manager, and Terry Meidinger, County Sheriff. Auditor will contact these individuals for the August 1, 2019 meeting.

Delores Kemp, Pembina County Historical Society President, and Jennifer Peterson, Historical Society Treasurer, presented the 2020 Historical Society's proposed operating budget. Delores reviewed a listing of anticipated projects for 2020. The funding for these projects does **NOT** come from the operating budget but are funded through memberships, grants, endowments, donations, memorials, fund raising, and the Pioneer Machinery Show proceeds, to name a few sources.

Commission reviewed the 2020 non-general fund budgets that do not require a levy.

Motion by Nick Rutherford and seconded by Laverne Doyle to adjourn the meeting. All voting in favor; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:30AM.