

BOARD OF PEMBINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

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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: Corene Vaughn, Gary Nilsson, Andy Adamson, and Hugh Ralston. Absent: Hetty Walker. Also present was Sheriff Brian Erovick.

Chairman Vaughn called the meeting to order. Additions to the agenda included the window project. Commissioner Vaughn noted that the meeting is being recorded.

Motion made by Andy Adamson and seconded by Gary Nilsson to approve the June 21, 2011 minutes with the following corrections. Remove the "public notice and" from the paragraph related to the Water Resource District and clarify that the Fair Board is requesting the ½ mill they receive be guaranteed by the Commission instead of requesting an additional ½ mill. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Chairman Vaughn informed the Commission that the Pembina County Fair Board would like to have their financial reports added to the minutes.

Commissioner Adamson reported he contacted the State Water Commission regarding the proposed Drain #66 project. The State Water Commission stated that a hearing should be held prior to a decision. Discussion followed. Motion made by Gary Nilsson to request an Attorney General's opinion on the proposed project. Second by Andy Adamson. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Request received to gift 80 hours of sick leave to Dana Olafson. Motion made by Gary Nilsson and seconded by Hugh Ralston to approve the request. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Pembina County Job Development Authority minutes reviewed as presented.

Pembina County Water Resource District Board minutes reviewed as presented.

Vicki Littlejohn, HSH Designs, met with the Commission to discuss window blinds for the Courthouse. Ms. Littlejohn presented samples of cellular shades and roller shades for the Commission to view. Motion made by Gary Nilsson and seconded by Andy Adamson to accept Quote #2 for \$13,921.86 from HSH Design for roller shades. Roll call vote: Hugh Ralston –yes; Andy Adamson – yes; Gary Nilsson – yes; Corene Vaughn – yes. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Kadie Benson, Pembina County Weed Officer, met with the Commission. Discussion was had on leafy spurge, thistle bugs, LAP Grant program, TAG Grant and mills for the weed program. Ms. Benson discussed the removal of weeds along township roads when weed maps are not turned in by the townships. Commission agreed that no weed spraying will be done unless a map has been submitted by the township. Noxious weed agreement for 2011 was presented. NDDOT will reimburse up to \$10,000.00 to Pembina County Weed Board for the control and eradication of noxious weeds on the rights-of-way of state and US highways within Pembina County from June 1, 2011 through October 15, 2011. Motion made by Hugh Ralston and seconded by Gary Nilsson to authorize the Chairman to sign the 2011 Noxious Weed Agreement as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Carlton Heck met with the Commission to discuss a bridge in Section 5 of Beaulieu Township. Requesting another set of planks be added to the top of the bridge, for additional support, to allow access to surrounding farm land. Discussion followed. Commission will contact Troy Kittelson, Highway Supervisor.

Commission discussed the letter received from Wallace Saiger. Mr. Saiger is requesting a culvert be installed in the area where Bridge 125-10.0 will be removed, to allow accessibility to the surrounding farmland. Commission stated that it is not financially feasible to install a culvert on a river. Mr. Saiger will be informed of their decision.

Commission was informed of the North Dakota County Commissioners Association's request for nominations for the Standing Committees. Commissioner Adamson is interested in serving on the Resolutions Committee and Chairman Vaughn is interested in serving on the Nominating Committee. Names will be sent to Dwayne Erickson, NDCCA President.

Drainage permit request received from John K. Elliott to remove blow dirt from the ditch along County Road 11 for ½ mile in Section 1 of South Midland Township and return the ditch to a .06 grade. Motion made by Andy Adamson and seconded by Gary Nilsson to approve the request upon approval from Troy Kittelson, Highway Supervisor. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Commission was informed of the State Historic Preservation Grant, in the amount of \$15,104.00, which was awarded to Pembina County for the grant period of March 1, 2011 thru February 28, 2012. Motion made by Gary Nilsson and seconded by Andy Adamson to authorize the Chairman to sign the grant award papers as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Commissioner Adamson reported that Troy Georgeson is requesting permission to use County Road 4 as a runway while the Drayton Airport runway is being resurfaced. Discussion followed. A letter will be sent to Mr. Georgeson regarding the use of County Road 4.

Pembina County Water Resource Board met with the Commission. Commission discussed the proposed Drain #66 project. Commissioner Adamson informed the Water Board that the Commission will be requesting an Attorney General's opinion. Discussion followed.

Motion made by Gary Nilsson and seconded by Hugh Ralston to approve the consent agenda of claims and June payroll as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Liz Beck, 911/IT/GIS Coordinator, met with the Commission. Ms. Beck updated the Commission on the paging repeater upgrade project quotes she received. Motion made by Hugh Ralston and seconded by Andy Adamson to approve the Option A bid of \$23,060.00 from Electronic Communications. Roll call vote: Hugh Ralston – yes; Andy Adamson – yes; Gary Nilsson – yes; Corene Vaughn – yes. All voting in favor; motion carried. Ms. Beck updated the Commission on the City Watch contract.

Motion made by Hugh Ralston and seconded by Andy Adamson to authorize the Chairman to sign the summons received from Fleming, DuBois and Fleming regarding the release of interest in property described as Part of the SW 1/4SW1/4 in Section 4, Township 161, Range 54 in South Cavalier Township. All voting in favor; motion carried.

No further business; meeting adjourned.