

## BOARD OF PEMBINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

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June 18, 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, and Gary Nilsson. Absent: Hetty Walker

Chairman Nilsson called the meeting to order. Additions to the agenda include discussion on the maintenance of county vehicles.

Chairman Nilsson addressed concerns with maintenance on county owned vehicles. Highway department is doing maintenance on all county vehicles at the present and Chairman Nilsson is concerned that the highway department may have too much other work to do at this time. Discussion followed on having maintenance done elsewhere until the highway department has more time.

Motion made by Hugh Ralston and seconded by Laverne Doyle to accept the June 4, 2013 Board of Equalization and June 4, 2013 Commission minutes as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Pembina County Housing Authority minutes were reviewed.

Request for a raffle permit received from Cavalier Ambulance Service. Motion made by Andy Adamson and seconded by Hugh Ralston to approve the request as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Request for a raffle permit received from Svold Community Hall. Motion made by Andy Adamson and seconded by Hugh Ralston to approve the request as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Commission was presented the letter received from the City of Cavalier thanking them for their efforts during the May events at Renwick Dam and flooding issues within the city.

Commission was informed of the President's Tour, which will be held Monday, June 24, 2013. The presidents of the ND Association of Counties and the ND County Commissioners Association will be meeting with the Commission and touring the Courthouse at 3:15PM on Monday.

Motion made by Laverne Doyle and seconded by Andy Adamson to authorize the Chairman to sign the County Federal Aid Contract with the ND Department of Transportation for BRC-3427(052), the bridge replacement project 3 miles east and 2 miles north of Hamilton. Roll call vote: Laverne Doyle – yes; Andy Adamson – yes; Hugh Ralston – yes. Motion carried.

Commission discussed the request to close all county offices Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. Motion made by Andy Adamson that all offices remain open. Motion seconded by Hugh Ralston. Discussion followed. Roll call vote: Laverne Doyle - yes; Andy Adamson - yes; Hugh Ralston - yes. Motion carried.

Commission discussed possible dates for interviews for the Veteran's Service Officer. Tanya Wieler, Human Resource Director, was contacted regarding scheduling interviews. Interviews will be held Thursday, June 27, 2013. Ms. Wieler will contact candidates and set up interview times.

Commission reviewed the May financial statement. Motion made by Hugh Ralston and seconded by Laverne Doyle to approve the consent agenda of claims and May financial statement as presented. Discussion followed. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Pembina County Water Resource Board discussed the log jam on the Pembina River. Troy Kittelson, Highway Superintendent, Andrew Kirking, Emergency Manager, and Monica Brusseau, Emergency Management administrative assistant, also present. The jam is by the concrete pillars that remain after the Defoe Bridge was removed, which is keeping Drain #11 from moving water. County #55 and township roads are being affected by the overflow of water. The Water Board has received a cost share from the State Water Commission and is requesting a cost share from the county. Chairman Juhl informed the Commission of a petition allowing another outlet on Drain # 11. There are not a sufficient number of signatures at this time, but they hope to have the additional signatures soon. Andrew Kirking, Emergency Manager, informed the Commission that FEMA representatives should be in the area sometime next week. They will determine if the site will be considered a Category A disaster at that time. Commission will discuss a cost share after meeting with FEMA representatives. Updates followed on damages to Drain# 67, Drain #69, and Drain #5.

Troy Kittelson informed the Commission that the insurance company has offered to settle with a 20% payment toward the repair costs of the bridge east of

Glasston that burned. Mr. Kittelson will contact the insurance company regarding this.

Kelly Brown was unable to meet with the Commission. Rick Brown appeared in Kelly's place to discuss water issues along the Tongue River cutoff. This is causing serious flooding issues to the neighboring landowners. Commissioner Adamson requested Mr. Brown visit with the Water Board and the Commission will discuss with the Water Board at the July 16, 2013 meeting. Discussion followed on additional drainage measures for the area. Commission will contact Mr. Brown after discussing with the Water Board.

Tim Wilwand and Owen Symington met to discuss concerns with Drain #11 and other water issues along County #55. Mr. Wilwand and Mr. Symington are requesting assistance in removing the log jam on the Pembina River to help alleviate the water concerns. Jerry Juhl, Water Board Chairman, returned to notify the Commission of the motion made by the Water Board to approve a payment of \$2,500.00 toward the remaining cost share for the removal of the log jam on the Pembina River. Motion made by Andy Adamson to match the \$2,500.00 that the Water Board will put toward the project. Motion died for lack of a second. Motion made by Hugh Ralston and seconded by Andy Adamson to put \$5,000.00 towards the removal of the log jam on the Pembina River. Discussion followed. Roll call vote: Laverne Doyle – yes; Andy Adamson – yes; Hugh Ralston – yes. Motion carried.

Commission informed Mr. Kirking that they approved a cost share payment of \$5,000.00 towards removing the log jam on the Pembina River. Mr. Kirking is filing the log jam as a Category A disaster. Mr. Kirking informed the Commission that a meeting with FEMA representatives will be held on Tuesday, June 25, 2013, at 10:00AM in the EOC. The second disaster, the spring rain event, damages are being assessed. The ND Department of Emergency Services representatives will be in the area on Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> to assess damages prior to FEMA representatives coming in to evaluate the damage.

Meeting adjourned.