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BOARD OF PEMBINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

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March 25, 2021

9:00 AM

Board of Pembina County Commissioners met in Special session at 9:00 AM at the Social Service Board Room with the following members present: Jim Benjaminson, Laverne Doyle, Nick Rutherford, and Hugh Ralston. Absent: Hetty Walker. Others in attendance were Jill Denault, Northern Valley Human Service Zone Director, and Samantha Weeks, IT Coordinator.

Chairperson Doyle called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Jill discussed the need for an Auto-Attendant answering system, which would allow all three counties of the Northern Valley Human Service Zone to transfer calls, and gave a brief overview of the options Verizon One-Talk offers to accommodate the need. The change would require a transfer of current phone numbers and internal extensions to Verizon One-Call. There would be eleven extensions remaining with the county, transferring four numbers to Verizon One-Call. Jill is requesting approval to utilize the main phone number for the office and three extension numbers for the Eligibility workers. This would require the purchase of four new phones from Verizon that would utilize the IP addresses of the Eligibility workers. Cavalier County and Walsh County have already approved the transition.

Samantha Weeks discussed costs to have Polar Communications remove the numbers and reprogram the PBX system. Samantha also stated that there would be a cost associated if new extension numbers are needed in the future.

Motion made by Nick Rutherford and seconded by Hugh Ralston to approve the transfer of the main line and three extensions and authorize the change to Verizon One-Call. Roll call vote: Nick Rutherford – yes; Hugh Ralston – yes; Jim Benjaminson – yes; Laverne Doyle – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Doyle informed the Commission that he was contacted by Samantha Diemert, Emergency Manager/Weed Officer/ Dispatch Supervisor, on Thursday, March 18, 2021, regarding a Fire Emergency and Burn Ban Proclamation, for open burning. Due to the emergency situation Chairman Doyle approved and signed the proclamation.

Dated: 18MAR2021

WHEREAS, Pembina County, North Dakota is under abnormally dry conditions;

and,

WHEREAS, Pembina County experiences fires each year;

and,

WHEREAS, all available resources remain committed to protecting life and property;

and,

WHEREAS, the impact of fires could threaten the health, well-being, and safety of citizens in Pembina County

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Pembina County Commissioners declares that an Emergency Fire Burn Ban currently existing in Pembina County, North Dakota that prohibits any burning, until further notice, when the fire index is in the High, Very High, Extreme range or a Red Flag Warning has been issued by the National Weather Service. This burn ban prohibits the burning of leaves, grass clippings, garbage/pits, construction debris, fallen trees, crop residue or hay land, sloughs, and campfires/bonfires.

The daily fire danger index can be found at the following website:

<https://www.ndresponse.gov/burn-ban-restrictions-fire-danger-maps>

ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO WILLFULLY VIOLATES THIS BURN BAN IS GUILTY OF A CLASS B MISDEMEANOR, WHICH CARRIES A PENALTY OF UP TO THIRTY (30) DAYS IN JAIL AND A \$1,500.00 FINE PER INCIDENT, AS WELL AS THE COST FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION.

Dated at Pembina County, North Dakota this 18th day of March, 2021.

/s/ Laverne Doyle
Commissioner

/s/ Samantha Diemert

/s/ Linda Schlittenhard
Auditor

Motion made by Nick Rutherford and seconded by Jim Benjaminson to adjourn the meeting. All voting in favor; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 AM.