

BOARD OF PEMBINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

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May 17, 2011

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, Hetty Walker and Hugh Ralston.

Chairman Vaughn called the meeting to order.

Motion made by Hugh Ralston and seconded by Hetty Walker to approve the May 3, 2011 minutes as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Gary Nilsson and seconded by Hetty Walker to approve the April 2011 financial report as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Pembina County Housing Authority minutes reviewed as presented.

Pembina County Fair Board minutes reviewed as presented.

Commissioner Nilsson updated the Board on the Domestic Violence and Abuse Center. Ernie Barta was elected as the new president.

Julie Doyle, Tax Director, met with the Commission regarding a tax exemption request from North Star Coop. Jim Wznick, North Star Coop Manager, also present. North Star Coop is requesting a 100% five year property tax exemption and a fifteen year payment in lieu of taxes for the new fertilizer plant they are building. Ms. Doyle explained the in lieu of taxes process. Discussion followed. Commissioner Ralston requested Mr. Wznick contact a Cavalier Township official about zoning regulations. Commission chose to table this decision until the June 7, 2011 meeting.

Pembina County Job Development Authority minutes reviewed as presented.

Request for a raffle permit received from Cavalier Country Club. Motion made by Hetty Walker and seconded by Gary Nilsson to approve the request. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Jill Pedersen, Emergency Management, updated the Commission on the Presidential Disaster Declaration due to this spring's flooding. This allows for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, allowing reimbursable grant funds for mitigating the effects of any

future disasters. Ray Morrell, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, is offering to coordinate outreach/presentations to local officials to explain how the program works. Ms. Pedersen requested the Commission to approve signing the 2012 HMEP Planning Grant application. Motion made by Gary Nilsson and seconded by Hetty Walker to authorize the Chairman to sign the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness application as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Tanya Wieler, Human Resource Director, discussed policy changes, related to FEMA management costs, with the Commission. Proposed policy change would allow for additional work compensation for exempt employees in an emergency situation. Compensated additional work must be approved by the County Commission. Motion made by Andy Adamson and seconded by Hugh Ralston to approve the proposed policy as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Kadie Benson, Pembina County Weed Officer, updated the Commission on the LAP and TAG grants, biological sites within the county, the weed class preparations for NDWCA, the bill that passed related to spraying pesticides to waters of the state, the 2011 poster contest winner, Abby Zidon, of Crystal, ND, and the courtesy notice which will be published regarding cutting hay in ditches. Discussion was had on hours and benefits of the weed officer.

Sara Gasovic, Village Family Services, and Jeanna Kujava, Public Health, met with the Commission. Ms. Gasovic gave a presentation on the services that the Village has to offer through an Employee Assistance Program. The Commission will meet with Jeanna Kujava at the June 7, 2011 meeting to discuss the possibility of offering this program to county employees.

Troy Kittelson, Highway Supervisor, met with the Commission to discuss county bridges. Several bridges are in need of repairs, but funding is limited. Mr. Kittelson requested that the Commission approve placing the Road and Bridge Levy Measure on the 2012 election ballot. Commission agreed to have Mr. Kittelson gather all the necessary information. Mr. Kittelson informed the Commission that he is working with Jon Markuson, Kadramas, Lee & Jackson, on a plan to test the structural soundness of County roads.

Motion made by Hetty Walker and seconded by Hugh Ralston to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call vote; Gary Nilsson – yes; Andy Adamson – yes; Hugh Ralston – yes; Hetty Walker – yes; Corene Vaughn – yes. Motion carried.

No further business; meeting adjourned.