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## BOARD OF PEMBINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

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May 2, 2017

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: James Benjaminson, Laverne Doyle, Nick Rutherford, Hugh Ralston and Hetty Walker.

Chairperson Rutherford called the meeting to order.

Motion made by Laverne Doyle and seconded by Jim Benjaminson to approve the April 18, 2017 meeting minutes as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Pembina County Water Board minutes of March 28<sup>th</sup>, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 were reviewed.

Liz Beck, 911/IT/GIS Coordinator, discussed House Bill 1178. Governor Burgum signed HB 1178 authorizing the creation of a statewide interoperable radio network to improve communications capabilities for law enforcement, ambulance services and other first responders. Effective July 1, 2017 there will be a 50-cents-per-month increase on all assessed communication services and an increase from 2% to 2½ % in the prepaid wireless emergency 911 fee. The funding increase will generate revenue to fund SIRN at a level that would allow for purchase of critical equipment and programming. Discussion followed on the upcoming training for the Computer Aided Dispatch system.

Terry Meidinger, Sheriff, discussed the special response team he had discussed at an earlier meeting. Pembina County, Walsh County, Cavalier County and Cavalier City deputies have shown interest in training for the team. It will be a special response team to bridge the gap until the Grand Forks SWAT team arrives. Terry informed the Commission that an M-Rap vehicle was located in California, but it has damage to the windows. It is estimated to cost approximately \$5000.00/window to replace. The Commission requested Terry continue looking for other vehicles that may be available. Terry informed the Commission that a PREA (Prison Rape and Elimination Act) audit is required to be completed this year for the jail. Terry will look for a company to complete the audit.

Jon Markusen, Kadramas, Lee and Jackson, and Devin Johnson, Highway Superintendent, informed the Commission the bid opening for Project SC-3410(058) will be held Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM. Jon updated the Commission on the NDDOT trip funding grant he applied for on behalf of Pembina County. Discussion followed on finalizing plans for repairs on County Road #1 by Bathgate and the damage on County Road #12 by Leroy and County Road #9 near Walhalla. Commission requested Jon return to the May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Department heads met with the Commission to discuss the upcoming Pembina County 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Discussion followed on the Open House planned for May 18, 2017 and the celebration planned for July 22, 2017.

Kelly Cluchie and Devin Johnson requested permission to remove and replace the hedge in front of the Courthouse with sidewalk and a flagpole. Motion made by Jim Benjaminson and seconded by Laverne Doyle to move forward with the proposed change. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Drainage permit request received from Garrett Thompson to clean the silt out of the ditch from the NE corner of Section 26, south one mile to the culvert in South Midland Township. Application was signed by the landowner and approved by the Pembina County Water Board and Devin Johnson, Highway Superintendent. Motion made by Hugh Ralston and seconded by Jim Benjaminson to authorize the Chairman to sign the request as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Culvert request received from Park Township to replace a collapsed culvert between the SE ¼ of Section 26 and the NE ¼ of Section 35 of Park Township. The application has been signed by one township officer and approved by the Pembina County Water Board and Devin Johnson, Highway Superintendent. Motion made by Jim Benjaminson to approve the request. Second by Laverne Doyle. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Drainage permit request received from Kevin Lee to clean the silt out of the ditch, to allow field drainage, for approximately 300-500 feet. The application has been approved by the Water Board and Devin Johnson, Highway Superintendent. Motion made by Hugh Ralston and seconded by Jim Benjaminson to authorize the Chairman to sign the request as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Devin presented a utility permit from Northeast Regional Water District to install facilities on highway right-of-way in Section 31 along County Road #1 of Gardar Township. Motion made by Laverne Doyle and seconded by Jim Benjaminson to authorize the Chairman to sign the permit as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Commission reviewed the March financial statement. Motion made by Laverne Doyle and seconded by Hugh Ralston to approve the consent agenda, consisting of claims, April payroll and March financial statement, as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Jim Benjaminson and seconded by Hetty Walker to adjourn the meeting. All voting in favor; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:55AM.