

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: Andy Adamson, Gary Nilsson, Corene Vaughn, Hugh Ralston, and Hetty Walker.

Chairman Adamson called the meeting to order.

Motion made by Corene Vaughn and seconded by Hetty Walker to approve the October 2, 2012 meeting minutes as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Commissioner Nilsson reported on the Domestic Violence meeting he attended ON Tuesday, October 9, 2012. Cassie Bernier will provide teen education at area schools.

Don Staskivige and John Risky met with the Commission to discuss the situation related to the removal of a structure placed on County property near American Crystal Sugar. American Crystal Sugar plant manager, Al Zola, expressed safety issue concerns with the location of the structure. Discussion followed.

Commission received an application from Neil Bernhoft, NTB Seeds, for a 5 year property tax exemption for new construction on property described as Pt SW ¼ Sec 10-160-56 of Thingvalla Township. Motion made by Gary Nilsson to approve the 5 year new building exemption on above described property on a graduated basis of 100%, 80%, 60%, 40%, 20% respectively for the 5 years. Motion seconded by Corene Vaughn. Roll call vote; Gary Nilsson – yes, Corene Vaughn – yes, Hugh Ralston – yes; Hetty Walker - yes; Andy Adamson - yes. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Pembina County Water Resource Board informed the Commission that the cost share request for the proposed riparian project on the O'Hara Bridge has been sent to the State Water Commission. Discussion followed. Updates were given on dam openings, reconstruction of Drain 8, by Neche, installation of culverts on some township roads, the cost share with Cavalier County on Drain 51 and Drain 51B, and the need for retention dams.

Deanna Longtin, Longtin Law Office PLLC, discussed her plans to run as a write in candidate for the office of State's Attorney. If Ms. Longtin should win the election, she is requesting to keep her office uptown and retain her private practice. Discussion followed. Auditor will research to see if a resolution was passed prohibiting a full time State's Attorney to continue with private practice and report to Ms. Longtin.

Bids were received from the following to furnish Pembina County with an articulated Wheel Loader

Butler Machinery: \$158,500.00

RDO Equipment: \$147,100.00

Titan Machinery: \$151,000.00

Motion made by Corene Vaughn to accept the low bid from RDO, providing the bid meets all specifications set forth. Motion seconded by Hugh Ralston.

Discussion followed. Roll Call vote: Gary Nilsson – yes, Corene Vaughn – yes; Hugh Ralston – yes; Hetty Walker – yes; Andy Adamson – yes. All voting in favor; motion carried. Mr. Kittelson will review all bids and report back at the October 30, 2012 meeting.

Commission discussed the Operation and Maintenance Agreement for the proposed riparian project on the O'Hara Bridge. Motion made by Hetty Walker and seconded by Hugh Ralston to authorize the Chairman to sign the Operation and Maintenance contract as presented. Roll call vote: Gary Nilsson - yes; Corene Vaughn - yes; Hugh Ralston – yes; Hetty Walker – yes; Andy Adamson – yes. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Gregg Webster, Aflac representative, met with the Commission to review policies and discussed the savings to the County because of pre-tax benefit options. Approximately 50% of the county employees participate in an Aflac plan and Gregg and Lois have met with about 40 employees at this time.

Pembina County Housing Authority minutes were reviewed.

Motion made by Hetty Walker and seconded by Corene Vaughn to approve the consent agenda as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Commission discussed the purchase of chairs for Commission desk. Auditor will contact Rough Rider Industries to bring chairs for viewing.

Commission discussed options for time capsule containers. Commission chose to reuse the original container. Items to be inserted in the capsule will include copies of the each of the four county newspapers, pictures of the County employees, beet, canola, and soybean seeds, 2012 financial statement, 2012 valuation listing, 2012 coins, and technology information of the time.

Commission discussed the Union request to allow them to move the structure from the east side of the road to the west side of the road. Motion made by Gary Nilsson to have the structure removed. Motion failed due to lack of a second. Motion made by Hugh Ralston to allow the Union to move the structure to the west side of the road for a period of six months, or April 15, 2013. If the lockout has not been settled by then or there are any new developments, the structure must be removed immediately. Motion seconded by Hetty Walker. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Motion by Gary Nilsson and seconded by Hugh Ralston to adjourn the meeting. All voting in favor; motion carried.