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BOARD OF PEMBINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

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October 3, 2017

6:00 PM

The Pembina County Board of Commissioner met in special session for a budget hearing on the proposed 2018 budget. Those present were Jim Benjaminson, Laverne Doyle, Nick Rutherford, Hugh Ralston, and Hetty Walker.

Chairman Rutherford called the meeting to order. Citizens in attendance were Jeanna Kujava, Corene Vaughn, Ron Storie, Carmen Augustin, Don Augustin, Curtis Olafson, Jill Denault, Stacey & Carlton Heuchert, John Forbes and Terry Meidinger. Commissioner Rutherford stated that all individuals wishing to speak would be allowed 5 minutes for questions.

Discussion was held on proposed liability insurance increases, proposed equipment purchases, security upgrades, salary increases and employee benefits. Also discussed was the shortfall in State Aid, the State taking over Social Service funding and the shortfall from the discontinuance of the 12% State Paid Credit. Valuation changes were discussed, however no definite numbers will be available until the State Board of Equalization finalizes the values.

Citizens expressed their concerns of continued taxation increases and asked the Commission to consider a freeze on some funds. The Commission explained that equipment purchases that are affecting the budget this year will not be in the upcoming budgets and they are hoping to lower the mills in future budget cycles.

Motion made by Jim Benjaminson and seconded by Hetty Walker to adopt the 2018 budget as presented. Roll call vote: Jim Benjaminson – yes; Laverne Doyle - yes; Hugh Ralston - yes; Hetty Walker - yes. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Motion made by Jim Benjaminson to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.