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BOARD OF PEMBINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

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September 9, 2014

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: Gary Nilsson, Laverne Doyle, Andy Adamson, Hetty Walker and Hugh Ralston.

Chairman Ralston called the meeting to order. Additions to the agenda include Domestic Violence and Red River Regional Council updates.

Motion made by Gary Nilsson and seconded by Laverne Doyle to approve the August 19, 2014 meeting minutes as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Pembina County Fair Board minutes of May 21, 2014 and financial reports were reviewed.

Pembina County Water Board minutes of August 12 and August 26, 2014 were reviewed.

R & J Olson drainage permit request removed from the agenda until Troy Kittelson, Highway Superintendent, is able to evaluate the request.

Drainage permit request received from Richard Margerum to remove the silt from the ditch and clean the culvert, along County Road #55 in Section 1 of Pembina Township. Troy Kittelson, Highway Supervisor, approved the request. Motion made by Hetty Walker and seconded by Gary Nilsson to authorize the Chairman to sign the request as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Commissioner Nilsson reported on the Domestic Violence meeting he attended Monday, September 8, 2014. Discussion at the meeting included employee compensation, employee work schedules and departmental expenditures.

Jill Denault, Social Service Director, and Sheri Kuznia, Account Tech, met to discuss changes in the proposed 2015 Social Service budget. Ms. Denault was asked to reduce the budget by one mill from the original proposal. Discussion

followed on line item adjustments. Ms. Denault expressed her concern with the reduction request. Commissioner Nilsson thanked Ms. Denault for the effort in adjusting the budget.

Julie Doyle, Tax Director, presented an application for abatement on property described as Lots 1-4, Block 22, City of Hamilton: Parcel 30-0780000. Requesting a reduction in valuation from \$35,536.00 to \$1,100.00 for a difference of \$34,436.00. Motion made by Gary Nilsson and seconded by Hetty Walker to approve the application as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Commissioner Adamson reported that Sarah Braaten Johnston resigned from Red River Regional Council. Sarah was the Project Director for the O'Hara Bridge riparian project. Discussion followed.

Commission was presented with a Release and Satisfaction of Trust Mortgage document for property described as, Part of the NW ¼ SW ¼ of Section 3, Township 161N, Range 54W, located in the City of Cavalier. Motion made by Hetty Walker and seconded by Laverne Doyle to authorize the Chairman to sign the release as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Gary Nilsson and seconded by Laverne Doyle to approve the consent agenda, consisting of claims and the August payroll, as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Commission reviewed the 2014-2015 County Federal Aid Program worksheet. Troy Kittelson will review the worksheet and present for approval at September 16, 2014 meeting.

Commission reviewed the documents presented by the NDDOT for the purchase of property, described as Part of the NW ¼ SW ¼ of Section 3, Township 161N, Range 54W, City of Cavalier, for highway right-of-way. State's Attorney will review prior to September 16, 2014 meeting.

Motion made by Andy Adamson and seconded by Gary Nilsson to authorize the Chairman to sign the County Deed for the sale of County property, described as Lots 11 & 12, Block 85, 1st SW Addition, City of Walhalla. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Kelly, Rick and Kevin Brown discussed concerns with the removal of the bridge one mile south of County Road #1. Troy Kittelson, Highway Superintendent, also present. Kelly expressed his concerns about replacing the bridge with an 8' culvert. Mr. Kittelson stated that the State Water Commission has requested another survey be completed before any further construction take place. Discussion followed on the original closure of the bridge, stream flow study

specifications and alternate solutions. Commission will wait for the results of the flow study prior to making a decision. Discussion followed on the amount of rock installed for the Tongue River Cut-off. Browns are requesting some of the rock be removed. Troy will assess the area and determine how much rock, if any, could be removed.

Donald Heuchert did not appear.

Motion made by Gary Nilsson and seconded by Hetty Walker to appoint Dawn Menzies, Deputy Auditor/Treasurer, as election inspector for the November 4, 2014 General Election. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Commission reviewed the proposed 2015 budget. Motion made by Gary Nilsson and seconded by Andy Adamson to approve the preliminary budget as presented. Discussion followed. Roll call vote: Gary Nilsson – yes; Laverne Doyle – yes; Andy Adamson – yes; Hetty Walker – yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Ralston adjourned the meeting at 11:50AM.