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BOARD OF PEMBINA COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS

Special Meeting

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July 26, 2024

10:00 AM

Board of Pembina County Commissioners met in Special Session in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Courthouse. Chairperson Cull called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

Roll call: Jim Benjaminson, Laverne Doyle, Blaine Papenfuss, Darin Otto, and Andrew Cull. A quorum was declared.

Also, in attendance are: Revel Sapa, Veterans Service Officer, Lisa Keney, Tax Director, Missy Morden, Clerk Recorder, Madeline Smith, Extension, and LuAnn Kemp, Water Board Secretary.

Motion made by Blaine Papenfuss and seconded by Laverne Doyle to approve the agenda with the following changes/addition: the addition of Lisa Letexier to discuss the ambulance budget. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Lisa presented a handout showing the financials for all ambulance districts and quick response units. Bill Tuttle also in attendance. Discussion followed on the County moving to State Radio. Ms. LeTexier requested Samantha Weeks contact Eric Troy, eDispatch Vice President, to change the name on the contract and change the administrator to Andrew Hay. This will allow the Pembina County EMS to continue to receive the Legacy pricing for the contract. Discussion followed on if the county will maintain the equipment for eDispatch or if it will need to be moved to the hospital. No decision at this time.

Commission reviewed the preliminary County General budgets. Discussion followed on lowering the Abandoned Cemetery Fund levy, from a projected \$7,5000.00 to \$5000.00. Discussion followed on lowering a couple of line items in the Sheriff's budget. Uniforms will be lowered from \$7,000.00 to \$4,000.00 and equipment will be lowered from \$105,400.00 to \$57,000.00. Commission will visit with the Sheriff's Department on Tuesday, July 30th.

Commission reviewed the non-general budgets. Discussion followed on the ARPA Fund and LATCF Fund balances. All dollars must be obligated by the end of this year; however, they do not need to be spent until December 2026.

Discussion followed on the Ambulance levy. Motion made by Blaine Papenfuss and seconded by Laverne Doyle to increase the ambulance levy to 6.5 mills from the 5.5 mill levy in 2023. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Discussion followed on the Pembina County JDA budget request. Motion made by Darin Otto and seconded by Blaine Papenfuss to increase the JDA mills to 3.50 mills from the 2.00 mills for 2023. Discussion followed. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Commission will meet on Tuesday, July 30, 2024 at 1:00PM to review the preliminary budget with the requested changes.

Commission discussed a nominee for the Excellence in County Government Award. Revel Sapa, Veterans Service Officer, has done a phenomenal job in helping Veterans get signed up for benefits and has brought several Veterans back to Pembina County. Motion made by Darin Otto and seconded by Jim Benjaminson to nominate Revel Sapa, for the Excellence in County Government Award – Employee Division. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Blaine Papenfuss and seconded by Darin Otto to adjourn the meeting. All voting in favor; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:11PM.