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BOARD OF PEMBINA COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS

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June 2, 2026

9:00 AM

Board of Pembina County Commissioners met in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Courthouse.

Chairperson Hardy called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Roll call: Patrick Hardy, Scot Becker, Blaine Papenfuss, Darin Otto, Andrew Cull. A quorum was declared.

Also, in attendance were: Zelda Hartje, Cory Mortensen, Interim Sheriff; Devin Johnson, Highway Superintendent; Garret Fontaine, States Attorney.

Motion made by Darin Otto and seconded by Blaine Papenfuss to approve the agenda with the removal of item 7 and the addition of Snag and Clear decision. All voting in favor; motion carried.

The public comment section of the meeting started at 9:02 AM.

The public comment section of the meeting closed at 9:18 AM.

Motion made by Scot Becker and seconded by Blaine Papenfuss to approve the May 19, 2026 meeting minutes. All voting in favor; motion carried.

The auditor asked the commission to set the election worker hourly pay rate at \$18.00. It was \$17.50 in 2024. Motion by Blaine Papenfuss and seconded by Darin Otto to set the election worker pay at \$18.00 per hour. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Snag and Clear project discussed. Motion by Scot Becker and seconded by Blaine Papenfuss to go ahead with the snag and clear project. Ayes: Patrick Hardy, Scot Becker, Blaine Papenfuss, and Darin Otto. Nays: Andrew Cull. Motion carried.

Devin Johnson presented a utility permit for LTS Managed Technical Services LLC on Highway 55 all the way from Highway 18 to Highway 32. The project is going to run into 2027. This is for all new fiber optic lines. The commission reviewed the application and plans submitted. Motion by Scot Becker and seconded by Darin Otto to have a blanket permit for this year and have them reapply for a new permit in 2027. All voting in favor, motion carried.

RFP interviews for project BRC-3411(062) discussed. KLJ was the only applicant. Motion by Darin Otto and seconded by Blaine Papenfuss to award KLJ the construction engineering award for project BRC-3411(062). All voting in favor, motion carried.

Garret Fontaine, States Attorney, addressed the commission on the Floodplain Management Ordinance. He passed out a copy to all commissioners and the auditor. He stated this is to confirm they have a copy of the first draft for them to read through and review for adoption at a later meeting. He stated if they have any questions, please reach out to him. FEMA has asked counties to adopt this ordinance. If counties do not adopt this ordinance, FEMA can withhold funding in the event of a flood or other natural disaster. FEMA sent the ordinance with the provisions they require and States Attorney Fontaine had to make it applicable to Pembina County. He stated it should be addressed at the next meeting to stay on track with other counties. He stated he has gotten front end approval from FEMA on the ordinance.

Devin presented the summer load limits.

Part of the County Commissioners Proceedings as of June 2nd, 2026.

SUMMER WEIGHT LIMITS FOR TRUCKS AND BUSES ON PEMBINA COUNTY HIGHWAYS.

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the Board of County Commissioners prescribe weight limits for Pembina County to protect asphalt surfaced highways,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Pembina County that the following weight restrictions be imposed on all vehicles operating on County Highways:

State limits apply to the following Roads; No load shall exceed 105,500 lbs.

County Highway #1 State Hwy #32 to I-29
County Highway #2 from County Hwy #55 to State Hwy #5
County Highway #3 Cavalier County Line to I-29 to Bowesmont Spur
County Highway #4 Carlisle Road from US Hwy #81 to County Hwy #1
County Highway #7 Gardar
County Highway #9 Walhalla to County Hwy #12 at Leroy
County Highway #11 St Thomas to I-29
County Highway #12 from State Hwy #5 South to Walsh County Line
County Highway #44 Pittsburg south 4 miles to Hwy #66
County Highway #12 from State Hwy #5 North to County Hwy #55
County Highway #55 from Cavalier County line to I-29
County Highway #4 from Walsh County line to State Hwy #66

6 TONS PER AXLE WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

Load restrictions set at 6 tons per axle, with no vehicle to exceed 60,000 lbs. on the following County roads:

County Highway #6 (Concrete Spur)

PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE AFOREMENTIONED WEIGHT LIMITS SHALL BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE TO CHAPTER 39-12 NDCC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that trucks in excess of 1 ton shall be limited to a 40 mile an hour speed limit on County roads. Drivers are to use caution when bringing vehicles to a stop and when starting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such weight restrictions shall be in force as of May 29th, 2026 and during the period that there are erected and maintained at each of any highway or portion thereof affected by such restriction, signs designating the provision of this resolution.

Said resolution proposed by Darin Otto, seconded by Blaine Papenfuss and upon a vote carried unanimously.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF PEMBINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Dated this 2nd day of June, 2026 at Cavalier, North Dakota.

/s/ Patrick Hardy
Patrick Hardy, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:/s/ Melissa Gapp
Melissa Gapp
County Auditor/Treasurer

The Commission reviewed the May payroll and claims. Motion made by Darin Otto and seconded by Blaine Papenfuss to approve the consent agenda as presented. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Motion made by Blaine Papenfuss to adjourn the meeting. All voting in favor; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:51 AM.