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BOARD OF PEMBINA COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS

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September 1, 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, Devin Johnson, Highway Superintendent; Jeff Daley, KLJ Engineering.

Motion made by Blaine Papenfuss and seconded by Darin Otto to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of selling the millings from the Highway 44 project. 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 August 18, 2026 meeting minutes. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Motion by Blaine Papenfuss and seconded by Andrew Cull to approve the raffle permit for St. Josephs Preservation Society. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Papenfuss met with Ron Corrick regarding a township road. He said he told him to put millings on the entire two miles. Mr. Corrick asked if the commission would accept \$2.50 per yard and he would purchase all remaining millings. Discussion on Mr. Corrick charging rent if we continue to store them on his property. Devin stated he had instructed Ron to fix the road with the millings and he will be getting a bill for it. Discussion on who all used the township road. Discussion on Brian Thompson's offer. They stated it was a dollar, something. Motion by Scot Becker and seconded by Darin Otto to sell all remaining millings to Ron Corrick at \$2.50 per yard. Discussion followed. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Devin Johnson and Jeff Daley met with the commission. Commissioner Cull asked for a recap on the railcars to be used as bridges. Mr. Daley gave the recap of what is being done. There is a meeting scheduled for this afternoon to meet with all parties to see if it is a possibility.

Devin presented a culvert request from Robert Vivatson in Park Township in the SE quarter of Section 4. He is requesting for new access to his field. His current access is constantly being washed out. Discussion on who is responsible when one is added. This one would be on a county road access, not a township road. Motion by Blaine Papenfuss and seconded by Darin Otto to approve the culvert request. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Devin then presented a drainage permit request from Robert Vivatson located on County one, Section 4, Township 162, Range 54. Motion by Andrew Cull and seconded by Blaine Papenfuss to approve the drainage permit. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Devin then stated Dean Latozke picked up all old culverts. He stated Mr. Latozke offered \$25.00 per ton for all the old scrap iron. Motion by Andrew Cull and seconded by Blaine Papenfuss to sell old scrap to Dean Latozke. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Daley began his project updates with the box culvert on Pembina County 3 by Hensel. He stated it is basically completed, but there are a couple signs to finish up.

He then gave an update on the Pembina County 12 and highway 55 in-slope projects with Gowan. He stated the only thing left is just to seed the topsoil.

He then stated the structure rehab projects are still on hold. December is completion date deadline. He stated they are checking in with them often because he knows the county wants to get a couple of the bridges open as soon as possible.

He stated the County 12 north of Leroy project is set to begin September 22nd. The preconstruction meeting is next week.

Mr. Daley stated the Highway 44 project is still ongoing. Some paving is still needed to be done. They have the center strip to pave north of the tracks and have some tie-ins to do on the frontage road. They have had some equipment breakdowns. He stated they have some driveways yet to do on the south end. The contract states September 14th is the date for substantial completion. He will meet with Reede and he is expecting them to ask for an extension of approximately one week. Mr. Daley stated he feels it should stand at September 14th. He asked what the commission feels regarding giving them an extension. They all feel it should stay with the contract date. Discussion on the light poles laying along the project. Mr. Daley stated no electrical has been done. Mr. Daley stated they will probably set them up but will be doing the electrical work later.

He also stated they have not requested payment for that equipment. Mr. Daley presented pay estimate #6 for approval and signature. Motion by Darin Otto and seconded by Blaine Papenfuss to approve and have Chairman Hardy sign the pay estimate. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Discussion on the Highway 44 project regarding the two-to-three-week time frame during full harvest where no work will be done unless they have permission from American Crystal and the county. Mr. Daley will follow-up with American Crystal. Mr. Daley said the main road work will be done by then and it will just be miscellaneous work to be done after the harvest. Discussion on striping the highway. Discussion on if there will be delineators. Mr. Daley will check into the cost and report back.

The Commission reviewed the August payroll and claims. Motion made by Darin Otto and seconded by Scot Becker 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 9:59 AM.