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## BOARD OF PEMBINA COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS

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September 2, 2025

9:00 AM

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

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

Also, in attendance were: Terry Meidinger, Sheriff; Revel Sapa, VSO; Devin Johnson, Highway Superintendent, Jeff Daley, KLJ.

Motion made by Scot Becker and seconded by Patrick Hardy to approve the agenda with the removal of items six and eleven until the proper people can attend. 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 Patrick Hardy and seconded by Scot Becker to approve the August 19, 2025 meeting minutes with the correction that the annual contract signed was for the Pembina County Historic Preservation Committee, not the Pembina County Historical Society. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Patrick Hardy and seconded by Scot Becker to approve Bonesy's Bar Inc. to transfer his liquor license to the Leroy Hall on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Scot Becker and seconded by Patrick Hardy to approve and have Chairman Otto sign the engineering services award letter for projects CERP-3404(060) and CERP3411(064). All voting in favor, motion carried.

Revel Sapa gave an update stating the open house for the Atlas Telehealth site will be on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025. There will be people here from the VA to answer questions on how the program will work. She stated Walsh County has still not hired a VSO officer so she is taking on their veterans right now. She said she'd send them back once they

get someone hired. She stated Cavalier County did hire a new officer now. She said the motorcycle group, Dakota Jammers, conducted a fundraiser ride for the Pembina County veterans. They did a ride on August 16<sup>th</sup> and raised \$2,700.00 to donate to veterans in need. They will be coming up for an official picture and present those funds on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025. She stated they were asked to be in the Pumpkin Fest in Walhalla and will be bringing the DAV van to that.

Jeff Daley of KLJ gave an update on the Pembina County Highway 12 structure on drain 38. The county was awarded funding to replace this structure. He stated they have been conducting hydraulic studies on it. He presented two scenarios for the replacement. The first option would consist of a 50' long single span bridge and has minimal impact downstream. Option two would consist of a 60' long single span bridge and a higher elevation which would have more flow rate downstream. He is asking the commission on how they would like to proceed with the project so they can continue on with the design. Devin stated he spoke with the owner of the property downstream. They have issues with water as it stands now. This project will not be bid out until 2026. Commissioner Otto would like to meet with the property owners and get their opinion on it before any decision is made.

Jeff Daley then gave an update on the paving projects. He said County 3 is done and they were scheduled to put in rumble strips today. He stated they are up on highway 55 paving. He said there are four spots around the county where they will be doing some miscellaneous patching and when they finish that, most of the paving work around the county will be done.

He stated the Beaulieu/Akra project is also nearing the end. He said the box culvert is installed. They have been fighting mother nature to get it all finished. He said it should be finished next week.

Discussion followed on how the approaches are paved when the paving projects are done. Commissioner Becker stated the paving doesn't go the full width of the approaches. Mr. Daley said if they go wider there is more cost and it might not hold up. Mr. Daley said he would go drive the area and look at it.

Mr. Daley discussed the number 4 new box culvert by Bathgate and a dip on the south side of the structure. He feels that's probably because of the time of the year it was done. He said they are going to go drive it after the meeting today. A patch may need to be done. Since there will be a crew in the area, they may have them patch it. He said they could also wait through winter to see if it's fully settled yet. Whether there was warranty on it was also discussed. It was paved in May or June of 2025.

Devin discussed the flexible transportation funding. He stated his thoughts as far as an application would be County 12 south of highway 5. He stated we can apply for as many as we want. Applications are due September 19<sup>th</sup>. They would probably come

back and ask the county to prioritize the applications. Pembina County 44 by American Crystal was also discussed. American Crystal hired KLJ to do the initial work to look into it. Pembina County would have to be the sponsor on that project. American Crystal has had discussions with the NDDOT and ND Department of Agriculture and said it sounds promising for funding. County 9 east of Walhalla discussed. Devin discussed the bridge in Cavalier that the county is responsible for. Devin stated they would apply for as many projects as they can. He also stated that he wanted to correct a statement from the last minutes that it wasn't five bridge replacements and five rehabs. It was a total of five that are being rehabbed or replaced. The commission directed Devin to go down the list and apply in order he feels is priority for the flexible transportation funding. He stated Key Contracting is still looking for a house to rent and staging area for their materials and equipment and will need power.

The Commission reviewed the August payroll and claims. Motion made by Scot Becker and seconded by Patrick Hardy to approve the consent agenda as presented. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Motion made by Scot Becker to adjourn the meeting. All voting in favor; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:26 AM.