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BOARD OF PEMBINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

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Special Meeting – Preliminary Budget Approval

August 10, 2022

8:30 AM

Board of Pembina County Commissioners met in Special Session, to review and approve the 2023 preliminary budget, in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Courthouse. Chairperson Rutherford called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM. Roll call: Laverne Doyle, Nick Rutherford, Dave Moquist and Andrew Cull. Available by phone: Jim Benjaminson. A quorum was declared.

Commission reviewed the proposed salary increases for the deputies and the proposed health insurance premium increases. Discussion followed on retention of employees.

Commission reviewed the preliminary revenues and expenditures for County General and Non-General Funds.

Motion made by Dave Moquist to increase the Ambulance levy from 5 mills to 7.5 mills for 2023, and to request that each quick response receive \$10,000.00 annually to help them with the additional costs. Second by Laverne Doyle. Discussion followed. Roll call vote: Jim Benjaminson – yes; Laverne Doyle – yes; Nick Rutherford – yes; Dave Moquist – yes; Andrew Cull – yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the mill rate for Pembina County JDA. A levy of 4 mills was approved for the preliminary budget.

Motion made by Dave Moquist to exclude the proposed salary increase for the Commissioners from the 2023 preliminary budget. Second by Laverne Doyle. Discussion followed. Roll call vote: Jim Benjaminson – yes; Laverne Doyle – yes; Nick Rutherford – yes; Dave Moquist – yes; Andrew Cull – yes. Motion carried.

Commission reviewed the Zero Mill Increase worksheet. With the above listed changes the percentage increase will be 3.45% with a dollar increase of \$214,541 overall from 2022. Preliminary budget hearing is set for September 8, 2022 at 7:00 PM in the Farmer's Room of the Courthouse.

Motion made by Laverne Doyle to approve the preliminary budget with the approved changes. Second by Andrew Cull. Roll call vote: Jim Benjaminson – yes; Laverne Doyle – yes; Nick Rutherford – yes; Dave Moquist – yes; Andrew Cull – yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Laverne Doyle and seconded by Andrew Cull to adjourn the meeting. All voting in favor; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:24 AM.