

BOARD OF PEMBINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

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9:00 AM

Board of Pembina County Commissioners met at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Courthouse with the following members present: Corene Vaughn, Andy Adamson, Hetty Walker and Hugh Ralston. Absent: Gary Nilsson. Also present was Sheriff Brian Erovick.

Chairman Vaughn called the meeting to order. Additions to the agenda included the window project. Commissioner Vaughn noted that the meeting is being recorded.

Motion made by Hugh Ralston and seconded by Andy Adamson to approve the July 7, 2011 meeting minutes as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Commissioner Adamson informed the Board of Attorney General's Opinion 2000-F-03, on the use of a county road for a landing strip. Troy Georgeson requested to use Highway 44 as a landing strip while the Drayton Airport is being resurfaced. Motion made by Hugh Ralston and seconded by Hetty Walker to grant permission, upon request, for crop sprayers to use county highways as landing strips, with the following stipulations: it will be the pilot's responsibility to install proper signage and to post individuals at each end of the road being used by the airplane to flag down oncoming traffic. The pilots will assume full civil liability. All voting in favor; motion carried. Troy Kittelson, Highway Supervisor, will have signs available for purchase. The signs will be installed by the Highway Department, per NDDOT regulations, on county road right-of-way, at the crop sprayers' expense.

Troy Kittelson, Highway Supervisor, met with the Commission. Mr. Kittelson updated the Commission on culvert requests, bridge inspections done in Beaulieu Township and County Road 2, repairs on County Road 1, chip sealing on County Road 3, the box culvert by Bowsmont and the detour on County Road 12. Troy also informed the Commission that he has changed the load limit on County 55 from the spring limit of 6 Ton to the summer limit of 8 Ton effective July 18, 2011.

Drainage permit applications received from McMartin Farms to clean the ditch along County Road 11 in Section 36, Township 160N, Range 52W in North Midland Township and Section 1, Township 159N, Range 52W in South Midland Township. There will no culverts added or grade changes. Motion made by Hugh Ralston and seconded by Hetty Walker to approve the drainage permits as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Andy Adamson and seconded by Hugh Ralston to approve the application from the City of Mountain for a public display of fireworks. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Pembina County Water Resource District Board minutes were disbursed for review.

Motion made by Hetty Walker and seconded by Hugh Ralston to approve the consent agenda of claims and the June Financial Report as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Chairman Vaughn reported on a request she received from a Cavalier City resident for weed control. Kadie Benson, Pembina County Weed Officer, was contacted and will spray the needed areas.

Kelly Cluchie, Maintenance Engineer, met with the Commission to update them on maintenance needed on the air conditioners in the Law Enforcement Center, roof repairs needed on the Law Enforcement storage building, and the maintenance on the 911 generator. Commissioner Ralston requested Mr. Cluchie get bids for the roof repairs and report at the August 2, 2011 Commission meeting.

Duane Littlejohn, phoned the Commission to discuss the liability to the County if they allow county highways to be used as landing strips. Motion made by Hugh Ralston and seconded by Hetty Walker to amend the previous motion granting permission for crop sprayers to use county highways as landing strips by adding the aerial sprayer must provide proof that Pembina County has been added as an additional insured on their policy and sign an agreement holding the county harmless, prior to approval. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Troy Georgeson contacted the Commission by phone. Commissioner Adamson informed him of the requirements that must be met prior to using County Highway 44 as a landing strip.

Commission was informed of the email received from Kerry Peuser related to the completion of the window project. Discussion followed. Auditor will contact Mr. Peuser for a guaranteed start and finish date.

Discussion was had on the Partial Release of Covenants.

No further business; meeting adjourned.