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## BOARD OF PEMBINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

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June 7, 2022

8:30 AM

Board of Pembina County Commissioners met in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Courthouse. Chairperson Rutherford called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM. Roll call: Jim Benjaminson, Laverne Doyle, Nick Rutherford, and Dave Moquist. Absent: Andrew Cull. A quorum was declared.

Motion made by Laverne Doyle and seconded by Jim Benjaminson to approve the May 17, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Laverne Doyle and seconded by Dave Moquist to approve the agenda with the following additions/changes: transfer of funds from the State's Attorney budget to Victim Witness, transfer of funds from County General to the Highway Department, cancellation of appointment with Kelly Cluchie and John Jenson for the heating quote, and cancellation of appointment with Patrick Hardy, Pat Chaput and Phil Longtin for Frost Fire Park. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Request for a gaming site authorization, at Bonesy's in Leroy, received from Bartlette Resler Post 62. Motion made by Laverne Doyle and seconded by Jim Benjaminson to approve the gaming site request as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Request to purchase property described as Lots 1 and 2, Block 20, OT, City of Neche, (Parcel 32-0810000). Motion made by Jim Benjaminson and seconded by Dave Moquist to approve the sale of said property. All voting in favor; motion carried.

The North Dakota County Commissioners Association (NDCCA) is looking to appoint commissioners to serve on the following three standing committees: Audit, Nominating and Resolutions. Appointments to the Legislative Committee will be made after the NDACo Annual Conference in October. Committee work will begin in July or August, with most meetings being held virtually prior to the NDACo Annual Conference. No interest at this time.

Raffle permit request received from Pembina County Memorial Hospital Foundation. Motion made by Jim Benjaminson and seconded by Dave Moquist to approve the raffle permit as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Auditor informed the Commission of the refunds received from NDACo on behalf of Workforce Safety Insurance. Pembina County received a 5% safety discount, in the amount of \$1,303.67, for being successful with aggressive claims management and safety programs and practices in 2021. Pembina County also received a 5% LMS discount, in the amount of \$1,303.67, for participating in the LMS program.

Commission discussed the North Dakota Water Education Foundation 2022 Water Tours. The cost is \$30.00 per person. This year the tours include Devils Lake and the Walsh County Water Tour which includes a tour of Grafton's Park River Diversion. The tours begin mid-June and go through the first week of August.

Devin Johnson, Highway Superintendent, informed the Commission that Spring Weight limits were lifted as of Thursday June 2, 2022. Devin presented the Summer Weight limits.

Part of the County Commissioners Proceedings as of June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

#### 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 June 2nd, 2022 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 Laverne Doyle, seconded by Jim Benjaminson, and upon a vote carried unanimously.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF PEMBINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Dated this 7th day of June, 2022 at Cavalier, North Dakota.

/s/ Nick Rutherford

Nick Rutherford, Chairperson  
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST: /s/ Linda Schlittenhard

Linda Schlittenhard  
Pembina County Auditor/Treasurer

Devin presented a utility permit from Nodak Electric Cooperative to bore under County Road #3 east of Highway 81, between Sections 2 and 11 of St Thomas Township. Motion made by Laverne Doyle and seconded by Jim Benjaminson to authorize the Chairperson to sign the permit as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Devin presented quotes from Butler Machinery and General Equipment & Supplies to lease a tractor on a five year plan with the option to purchase at the end of the lease. The tractor could be utilized for mowing in the summer and removing snow in the winter. Devin will contact additional suppliers for quotes prior to a decision being made.

Kelly Cluchie, Maintenance Supervisor, informed the Auditor that the quotes to replace the heating system for the Courthouse and Law Enforcement Center are not available at this time. Auditor will contact John Jenson to reschedule a meeting.

Commission reviewed the April and May financial statements and claims submitted for payment. Auditor requested to transfer \$20,000.00 from the States Attorney budget to Victim Witness and transfer \$50,000.00 from County General to Highway Department. Motion made by Dave Moquist and seconded by Laverne Doyle to approve the financial statements, transfers and claims as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Zelda Hartje, Chairman of the Pembina County Historic Preservation Commission, presented Pembina County's State Historic Preservation Commission grant for signature. Zelda reviewed the projects the Preservation Commission handles and new projects they plan on implementing, as well as upcoming events they will be holding. The grant from the state is \$11,499.00. Pembina County's match is \$19,770.00 which comes in the form of in-kind salaries. Motion made by Laverne Doyle and seconded by Dave Moquist to authorize the Chairperson to sign the contract as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Commissioner Rutherford discussed the St Thomas School building. He was told the building is on the State Historical Registry. Zelda does not believe it is on the registry but will verify with the state.

Patrick Hardy, Pat Chaput and Phil Longtin will reschedule their meeting.

Motion made by Laverne Doyle and seconded by Jim Benjaminson to adjourn the meeting. All voting in favor; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.