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## BOARD OF PEMBINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

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October 11, 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 Dave Moquist and seconded by Laverne Doyle to approve the agenda with the following additions/changes: Sheriff Terry Meidinger and Chief Deputy Marcus Ramsay to discuss the jail inspection. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Jim Benjaminson and seconded by Laverne Doyle to approve the September 20, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Request received from Bonesy's Bar, Inc., to transfer his liquor license to the Leroy Hall on Saturday, October 22, 2022 from 3:00PM to 1:00AM. Motion made by Laverne Doyle and seconded by Jim Benjaminson to approve the transfer. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Jim Benjaminson and seconded by Dave Moquist to authorize the Chairman to sign the repurchaser deed, for foreclosed property that was redeemed prior to the County Sale date, as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Commission made the following Board appointments:

Pembina County Board of Health – Rachel Ramsay to fill the unexpired term of Julie Hardy

911 Advisory Board/LEPC Task Force – Rachel Ramsay for an indefinite term

Motion made by Laverne Doyle and seconded by Dave Moquist to approve the Board appointments as listed above. All voting in favor; motion carried.

The Certifications of Local Match for Bridge Inspection/Load Rating for Project BRC-BRS-0099(015), PCN 23409 and Project BRC-BRS-0099(011), PCN 22818 were reviewed. Motion made by Laverne Doyle and seconded by Jim Benjaminson to authorize the Chairperson to sign the certifications as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Auditor Schlittenhard presented an invoice from RPM Soundesign for an equipment rack with a lockable tempered glass door for the newly installed sound system. The cabinet was ordered and will be installed when the remaining microphones are delivered. The county will receive a credit for the black wood equipment rack that was used when the system was installed.

Kelly Cluchie, Maintenance Supervisor, presented a contract from American Waterworks to install helical piers under the footing of the Law Enforcement Center to permanently stabilize the foundation. Discussion followed on the details of the contract. Kelly also requested a bid from Innovative Basements but has not received one to date. Kelly will contact them again to see if they are willing to present a bid prior to the Commission making a decision.

Pembina County Fair Board minutes from June and July 2022 and the May – August 2022 financials were reviewed.

Sheriff Terry Meidinger and Chief Deputy Marcus Ramsay updated the Commission on the recent jail inspection. Sheriff Meidinger informed the Commission that beginning in January 2023 the Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation (DOCR) is requiring two correctional officers be on duty at all times. Currently Pembina County has 5 certified correctional officers and would require three additional certified correctional officers to meet the new standards. Sheriff Meidinger stated that they could receive a variance as long as they prove they are actively attempting to hire. Discussion followed on the option of closing the jail and contracting with another facility. Motion made by Dave Moquist to have the Sheriff's Department work toward hiring the additional correctional officers to meet the standards set by DOCR. Second by Jim Benjaminson. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Jason Jerome available by telephone. Also available by telephone was Jill Denault, Northern Valley Human Service Zone Director. Others in attendance were Missy Morden, Clerk/Recorder, Terry Meidinger, Sheriff, Marcus Ramsay, Chief Deputy and Rebecca Flanders, States Attorney. Mr. Jerome discussed his concerns with how county offices handled several situations regarding his children. Mr. Jerome stated he has filed several reports and has not received satisfactory results. Mr. Jerome claims he has been reporting since 2009 and has all the evidence to verify the reports. Chairperson Rutherford informed Mr. Jerome that the Commission has no authority and he would need to contact the State Department of Human Services regarding his concerns.

Commission reviewed the September payroll and claims. Motion made by Jim Benjaminson and seconded by Laverne Doyle to approve the consent agenda as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Laverne Doyle and seconded by Jim Benjaminson to adjourn the meeting. All voting in favor; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM.

