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BOARD OF PEMBINA COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS

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April 15, 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, Blaine Papenfuss, Darin Otto, Andrew Cull. A quorum was declared.

Also, in attendance were: Zelda Hartje, Samantha Weeks, GIS/911 Coordinator; Samantha Diemert, Emergency Manager; Marcus Ramsay, Chief Deputy; Kari Helgoe, NDSU Extension Agent; Sara Carter, Public Health RN; Missy Morden, Clerk/Recorder; Terry Meidinger, Sheriff; Rob Fleming, Bill Gunderson, Donald Kemp, Randy Emanuelson, Ted Juhl, Mike Ferrie of Houston Engineering, LuAnn Kemp, Tom Zaharia; Devin Johnson, Highway Superintendent.

Motion made by Andrew Cull and seconded by Patrick Hardy to approve the agenda with the addition of a raffle permit application for the Pembina County Historical Society. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Andrew Cull and seconded by Blaine Papenfuss to approve the March 18th, 2025 meeting minutes with the correction of the load limits start date to the 4th instead of the 7th. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Motion by Patrick Hardy and seconded by Scot Becker to approve the Cavalier Hook and Ladder Gaming Site authorizations for No Place Saloon Bar & Grill. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Scot Becker and seconded by Blaine Papenfuss to approve the Developmental Homes, Inc. Gaming Site Authorization for Bonesy's Bar. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Blaine Papenfuss and seconded by Patrick Hardy to approve the Raffle Permit for Growing Hope in Pembina County. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Blaine Papenfuss and seconded by Patrick Hardy to approve the raffle permit for Pembina County Historical Society. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Blaine Papenfuss and seconded by Andrew Cull to approve Option 3 for Walhalla Township's Floodplain Zoning and Management. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Kari Helgoe, Extension Agent, gave an update to the commission. She stated Alyssa Sharp was hired as the ag and natural resource agent. She stated she has been doing a lot of statewide training since her hire date. Her specialty is in crops. She will be putting on two workshops for the kids who show livestock. There will be a Farm Safety Camp that Alyssa will be helping with as well. Kari has been working with the 4H program which has 135 plus kids. Cavalier School has started an FFA program now which they will partner with. She is also putting on Field to Fork programs on gardening and food safety classes with hands on learning. Kari will be putting on a two-day beginner's guide to grant writing workshop. They are also gearing up for the fair. She is also working with the schools on food and nutrition education.

The water board met with the commission and gave an update. Donald Kemp stated there are some issues below the spillway at Renwick Dam. Houston Engineering said they came and looked at it and it was running under the rip rap on the south side of the channel. It is not the under drains of the dam but is just the flow and limited to the channel and there is no immediate risk to the dam at this time. The channel has widened out, but it is slowing down. They have submitted a cost share application to the state to get this taken care of as soon as possible. The Red River Joint Board has approved their portion of the cost share application and it is pending at the state water commission. Jetway will be cleaning some of the under drains and using cameras to verify there are no breaks. Rob Fleming inquired as to the commissions position on the snagging and clearing project on the Tongue River and if it has changed at all. Commissioner Otto stated the input he has gotten have been pretty even for and against it. The project is at Highway 12 right now. Beaver dams were discussed. It falls on the landowner to deal with them.

Sara Carter addressed the commission on the Tobacco Free Policy the county has. She is currently writing the tobacco free grant. One of the requirements is to submit a tobacco free policy indicating there is leadership buy-in and dedicated staff to implement commercial tobacco prevention work. Tobacco use is prohibited on county buildings, grounds, and vehicles. She is asking for the commission to approve the updated proclamation. Motion by Blaine Papenfuss and seconded by Scot Becker to sign the updated tobacco free proclamation. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Terry Meidinger gave an update to the commission on several vehicles and equipment. The new F250 weight enforcement vehicle is in. There are 198,186 miles on the old one which is a 2018 Ford Expedition which was purchased with Walsh County, and he is asking for permission to put the old one up for sale on bids. Motion by Blaine Papenfuss and seconded by Patrick Hardy to put the Expedition for sale on bids and split the

proceeds with Walsh County. All voting in favor, motion carried. The county has a 2016 Explorer with 167,300 miles on it having some problems. It will be replaced later this year with a pickup. They will limit the use on it. He stated they received new Wolfpack Armory 5.56 rifles. He stated the deputies are interested in purchasing their old ones. They are valued at \$350.00. Motion by Patrick Hardy and seconded by Scot Becker to allow the deputies to purchase them. All voting in favor, motion carried. He stated they also have old equipment from the state and is asking to return the equipment to the state. Motion by Blaine Papenfuss and seconded by Scot Becker to return all equipment to the state. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Tom Zaharia addressed the commission regarding flooding issues on drain 34. He stated the project started two years ago. He stated there was supposed to be culverts added on 105th but they never were. He stated if it floods, they would have to cut the road again. He stated the road was built way too high and it's holding back a lot of water which is sitting at 105th. He stated between his place and Jason Volk's the water builds up there and just sits there for weeks. He is asking for some relief. Commissioner Otto stated he remembers the commission stating they would cut the road this spring and install those culverts. They will talk with Devin on the status of the situation.

Commissioner Cull had to leave for another meeting at 10:42 AM.

Devin Johnson stated he received fourteen bids for Rental of Road Machinery. Motion by Blaine Papenfuss and seconded by Scot Becker to accept the bids and have Devin open those bids and get them categorized. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Devin Johnson presented a culvert request from Bill Gunderson to install an additional approach in Tim Gunderson's yard south of the #4 bridge at the SE ¼, Section 8, Township 162, Range 52. Motion by Blaine Papenfuss and seconded by Patrick Hardy to approve the culvert request. All voting in favor, motion carried.

The commission asked Devin about the culvert request from Jason Volk. He will reach out to Jason and get an update.

Commission reviewed the March financial report and claims. Motion made by Blaine Papenfuss and seconded by Scot Becker to approve the consent agenda as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Blaine Papenfuss to adjourn the meeting. All voting in favor; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:52 AM.