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BOARD OF PEMBINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

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April 3, 2018

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: James Benjaminson, Laverne Doyle, Nick Rutherford, Hugh Ralston, and Hetty Walker.

Chairman Benjaminson called the meeting to order.

Motion made by Nick Rutherford and seconded by Laverne Doyle to approve the March 20, 2018 minutes as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Auditor Schlittenhard informed the Commission of the error on the publication of the February 20, 2018 minutes in the March 28, 2018 issue of the Cavalier Chronicle. Auditor will publish the corrected February 20, 2018 minutes in the next issue.

Motion made by Hetty Walker and seconded by Hugh Ralston to authorize the Chairman to sign the Request for a Duplicate Warrant received from Kallie Christenson. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Laverne Doyle and seconded by Nick Rutherford to authorize a proxy vote to the Chairperson of NDIRF for such business as may properly come before the meeting. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Commission was informed of a mobile home removed from Pembina County in 2016. The outstanding tax amount is \$250.64, for tax years 2014 -2018. Motion made by Hetty Walker and seconded by Laverne Doyle to remove the unpaid taxes for years 2014-2018. Roll call vote: Laverne Doyle – yes; Nick Rutherford – yes; Hugh Ralston – yes; Hetty Walker – yes. Motion carried.

An appraised value of \$1,500.00 was set for property described as Lot 11, Block, 38, OT, City of Walhalla (Parcel 35-1490000). Motion made by Hugh Ralston and seconded by Hetty Walker to accept the appraised value as set. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Request received to purchase Pembina County property described as Lot 5, Block 1, North Addition, City of Walhalla (Parcel 35-4370000) for \$500.00. Motion made by Laverne Doyle and seconded by Hugh Ralston to authorize the sale of said property for \$500.00. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Commission was informed of the reimbursement received from NDACo for the 2017 Learning Management System (LMS) program. The 2017 reimbursement is a 5% premium discount, with this year's reimbursement being \$1,574.53. The Auditor informed the Commission that other counties are utilizing these funds to honor safety grant applications from county departments to be used for safety related purchases. Motion made by Hugh Ralston and seconded by Nick Rutherford to authorize grant applications from county departments to utilize the funds. Roll call vote: Laverne Doyle – yes; Nick Rutherford – yes; Hugh Ralston – yes; Hetty Walker – yes. Motion carried.

A bridge inspection follow-up letter on Alert Code 3 bridges was reviewed. The bridge, Number 34-112-01.0, is located six miles west and one mile north of Neche, in St Joseph Township. The information was forwarded to Devin Johnson, Highway Superintendent, to respond to by July 14, 2018.

Commission reviewed the listing of contractors that were accepted for the Rental of Road Machinery bids. Hiring of contractors will be based on availability and price.

Commission reviewed the March payroll and claims. Motion made by Laverne Doyle and seconded by Nick Rutherford to approve the consent agenda, consisting of the March payroll and claims, as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Samantha Lahman and Kari Helgoe, NDSU Extension agents, and Kim Ruliffson, NDSU Eastern ND District Director, discussed funding for the local Extension office. Due to Federal budget cuts, Tara Sondeland's position will be eliminated the end of June. Kim informed the Commission that State Board of Agriculture and Research Education (SBARE) negotiated with the State and, as of now, there will be a 40/60 split with **all** counties for **all** costs related to the local Extension office. The 40/60 split will be implemented in January 2019. Motion made by Nick Rutherford and seconded by Laverne Doyle to continue the program without requesting additional mills. Discussion followed. Roll call vote: Laverne Doyle – yes, Nick Rutherford – yes, Hugh Ralston – yes, Hetty Walker – yes. Motion carried.

Peter Welte, Vogel Law Firm Attorney, representing landowners in the Drain 66 area, discussed concerns regarding installation of an outlet for the drain. Also present were Becky Flanders, Pembina County State's Attorney, Curtis Christenson, Ted Juhl, Allen Anderson, Erik Thorlakson, Erick Lawonn, Jon Gerzewski, Mary Dietrich, Josh Heuchert, Rick Kendall, Chuck Thacker, Jerry Juhl,

Randy Emanuelson, and LuAnn Kemp, Water Board members, and Rob Fleming, Water Board Attorney. Mr. Welte's clients are requesting a reasonable solution for an outlet for Drain 66. Mr. Fleming updated everyone on the meetings the Water Board held with Enbridge Energy, NRCS, and ND Game and Fish regarding an outlet for the drain and stated a petition must be presented, by the landowners, in order for a project to be implemented. Discussion followed.

Motion made by Laverne Doyle and seconded by Hetty Walker to adjourn the meeting. All voting in favor; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:40AM.