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BOARD OF PEMBINA COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS

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January 21, 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 and Andrew Cull. A quorum was declared.

Also, in attendance were: Zelda Hartje, Samantha Diemert, Emergency Manager; Marcus Ramsay, Chief Deputy; Missy Morden, Recorder; LuAnn Kemp, Robert Fleming, Don Kemp, Randall Emanuelson, Bill Gunderson.

Motion made by Andrew Cull and seconded by Blaine Papenfuss to approve the agenda. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Blaine Papenfuss and seconded by Patrick Hardy to approve the January 7, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Motion by Andrew Cull and seconded by Blaine Papenfuss to approve the duplicate warrant request for Grand Forks Lodge & Suites. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Blaine Papenfuss and seconded by Scot Becker to approve the Township Flood Plain for Hamilton Township as option 1 and for Thingvalla Township as option 3. All voting in favor, motion carried. Commissioner Cull abstained from voting on this motion.

Motion by Andrew Cull and seconded by Scot Becker to approve the 2024 highway department receivables. All voting in favor, motion carried.

The water board asked to move their meeting with the commission to 9:30 from now on. Don Kemp gave an update. They attended the Red River Basin Commission last week. Motion by Andrew Cull and seconded by Blaine Papenfuss to appoint Scot Becker as the representative to the Red River Basin Commission. All voting in favor, motion carried. The snagging and clearing projects and cost shares were discussed.

Cody Cooper from the ND Primary Care Office called in. For Pembina County the healthcare shortage is being updated. Pembina County is not eligible for national health service core members. They are asking for the commission to sign a waiver for the notice and comment period. Motion by Patrick Hardy and seconded by Blaine Papenfuss to approve the signing of the waiver. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Commission Cull needed to leave for another meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Kelly Cluchie explained the reasoning of the replacement of toilets around the county. He also gave an update of the new boiler system. He stated he is still waiting on the contractor to fix the heating problems at the sheriff's department that were approved for repairs in 2022 with use of ARPA funds. Motion by Scot Becker and seconded by Blaine Papenfuss to contact another contractor to do the upgrade work in the sheriff's department. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Jeff Daley from KLJ gave an update on the County 4 bridge project. The box culvert is installed. The temporary diversion needs to be backfilled under the roadway before they can open it. They plan to get that work done this week. It will need to be signed as 25 miles per hour over the structure. It should be open next week. KLJ has met with Gowan and Contec regarding the failure. No official decision has been decided on what caused the failure.

Job descriptions for boards discussed. Auditor will let boards know commission is looking for these descriptions. This will be revisited at the first meeting in March and would like a draft of the job description by February 18th.

Commission reviewed the December financial statement 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 10:51 AM.