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BOARD OF PEMBINA COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS

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November 19, 2024

9:00 AM

Board of Pembina County Commissioners met in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Courthouse. Chairperson Cull called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Roll call: Jim Benjaminson, Laverne Doyle, Blaine Papenfuss, Darin Otto, Andrew Cull. A quorum was declared.

Also, in attendance are: Zelda Hartje, John Spencer, Scot Becker, Rebecca Davis, Missy Morden, Clerk/Recorder; Rachel Ramsay, Public Health Director; Samantha Diemert, Emergency Manager/Weed Officer; Samantha Weeks, 911 Coordinator/GIS; Kelly Cluchie, Judge Kari Agotness, Marcus Ramsay, Chief Deputy; Revel Sapa, Veteran Service Officer, Terry Meidinger, Sheriff; Debbie Defoe, Randy Defoe, Timothy Stegman, Louisa Stegman, Kirk Morrison, Tom Zaharia, Perey DeGeldere, Jerry Williams, Brian Sisk, Robert Defoe, Knute Gjovik, Kevin Thebeau, Jeremy Grube, Ryan Moe, Vince Reilly, Jay Reilly, Vince Johnson, Bill Gunderson, Randy Emanuelson, Ted Juhl, Don Kemp, LuAnn Kemp, Robert Fleming, Mike Ferrie, Houston Engineering.

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

Motion made by Jim Benjaminson and seconded by Darin Otto to approve the October 29, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Darin Otto and seconded by Blaine Papenfuss to pay the ClearGov contract from the LATCF Fund instead of the ARPA fund. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Jim Benjaminson and seconded by Laverne Doyle to approve the raffle permit for Tri-County Trail Riders. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Motion by Blaine Papenfuss and seconded by Laverne Doyle to send a letter of support from the commission for the Rendezvous Region Scenic Backway Project. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Darin Otto and seconded by Blaine Papenfuss to and appoint Melissa Gapp as the primary authorized agent for the NDPERS plan. Mr. Otto amended his motion and it was seconded by Blaine Papenfuss to adopt the NDPERS Employer Payment Election plan starting in 2025 and appoint Melissa Gapp as the primary authorized agent for the plan. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Lisa Keney presented the current land uses via telephone. Motion by Blaine Papenfuss and seconded by Jim Benjaminson to approve the current land uses for 2025 as presented. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Board appointments for expiring positions were discussed. Appointments will be made at the next commission meeting.

States Attorney's office informed the commission States Attorney Fontaine would not be able to attend the meeting today. The agenda items for the Drayton City and Flood Plain will not be able to be addressed today.

Discussion on the Court Facilities Improvement Grant to replace seating in the gallery which is over 100 years old. Judge Agotness and Kelly Cluchie addressed the commission on the condition of the seating. The county's portion of the grant would be \$23,540.00. Motion by Blaine Papenfuss and seconded by Jim Benjaminson to approve the grant application. Roll call: Jim Benjaminson, yes; Laverne Doyle, yes; Blaine Papenfuss, yes; Darin Otto, no; Andrew Cull, yes. Motion passed.

The Pembina County Water Board and Mike Ferrie with Houston Engineering gave updates to the commission. Mr. Ferrie discussed the Emergency Action Plans. He also discussed the Tongue River Cutoff channel reconstruction and working with NRCS on easements. They are also getting permits in place with state and federal agencies. They are hoping to have that all wrapped up in early 2025. The EAPs are all cost shared. There will be a table top discussion when completed. Presence gauges have been installed temporarily at local dams. This gives the ability to check levels from a cell phone. They will engage in the spring as water levels rise. Commissioner Cull asked for an update on Drain 7. It was taken to a 05 grade instead of a 07 grade for one mile. Commissioner Cull asked if Rick Kendall was staying on the water board or resigning as he stated he was last year. He will contact the auditor with his intentions before new appointments are made.

Motion by Blaine Papenfuss and seconded by Jim Benjaminson to approve the drainage permits for Brian S. Thompson and Landis McDonald and utility permit for Nodak Electric Cooperative as presented. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Bid received on property described as PT SW1/4, Drayton Township; Bid of \$150.00 received from Ryan Moe

Bid received on property described as PT SE1/4 NW1/4, Pembina Township; Bid of \$22,000.00 received from Douglas Putnam

Bid received on property described as Lots 22-24 Block 5 Glasston Village; Bid of \$200.00 received from Douglas Putnam

Bid received on property described as, Lots 1-5, Block 14, Glasston Village; Bid of \$200.00 received from Douglas Putnam

Bid received on property described as, Lot 8, Block 18 OT, Bathgate City; Bid of \$100.00 received from Kirk Morrison

Bid received on property described as 100' Lot 7 Block 1, Crystal City; Bid of \$800.00 received from Jay Reilly

Bid received on property described as, Lot 26, Block 5 OT, Crystal City; Bid of \$100.00 received from Vince Johnson

Bid received on property described as, Lot 14, Drayton City; Bid of \$2000.00 received from Ryan Moe

Bid received on property described as S1/2 Lots 5&6, Block 7 OT, Neche City; Bid of \$1100.00 received from Kevin Thebeau

Bid received on property described as Lot 7, Block 37, Neche City; Bid of \$600.00 received from Ryan Moe

Bid received on property described as PT SE ¼ NE ¼ PT Block 25; St. Thomas City; Bid of \$350.00 received from Ryan Moe

Bid received on property described as Lots 1-6, & E 65' Lots 7-12 Block 31; St. Thomas City; Bid of \$150.00 received from Ryan Moe

Bid received on property described as W 80.33' or Lots 13-16 Block 48 OT, St. Thomas City; Bid of \$1800.00 received from Timothy Stegman

Bid received on property described as Lots 13-15 Block 53 OT; St. Thomas City; Bid of \$1000.00 received from John Spencer

Bid received on property described as, Lot 10, Block 18 OT, Walhalla City; Bid of \$500.00 received from Mark White

Bid received on property described as, Lot 11 & S 55' of E ½ Lot 12, Block 39 OT, Walhalla City; Bid of \$1000.00 received from Ryan Moe

Bid received on property described as, Lot 10, Block 44 OT, Walhalla City; Bid of \$3350.00 received from Mark White

Motion by Darin Otto and seconded by Laverne Doyle to confirm and accept the high bids of the foreclosure sale. Roll call: Jim Benjaminson, yes; Laverne Doyle, yes; Blaine Papenfuss, yes; Darin Otto, yes; Andrew Cull, yes. Motion carried.

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

Motion made by Darin Otto and seconded by Blaine Papenfuss to adjourn the meeting. All voting in favor; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:32 AM.