

Public Notices

BOARD OF PEMBINA COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS
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December 2, 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, Blaine Papenfuss, Darin Otto, Andrew Cull. Absent: Scot Becker. A quorum was declared.

Also, in attendance were: Zelda Hartje, Samantha Diemert, Emergency Manager/Weed Officer; John Emerson, Tara Emerson, Garret Fontaine, States Attorney; Bennett Johnson, Vogel Law Firm via phone; Lisa Keney, Tax Director; Devin Johnson, Highway Superintendent; Angelle French, JDA Director.

Auditor Gapp called for nominations for chairman and vice chairman. Motion by Blaine Papenfuss and seconded by Andrew Cull to nominate Patrick Hardy for Chairman and Scot Becker for Vice Chairman. Blaine Papenfuss, Darin Otto and Andrew Cull, aye; Patrick Hardy, Nay. motion carried.

Commissioner Cull thanked Commissioner Otto for a job well done as the chairman for the past year. Commissioner Papenfuss seconded those sentiments.

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

The public comment section of the meeting started at 9:03 AM.

The public comment section of the meeting closed at 9:19 AM.

Motion made by Darin Otto and seconded by Blaine Papenfuss to approve the November 18, 2025 meeting minutes. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Motion by Blaine Papenfuss and seconded by Andrew Cull to approve the 2026 liquor licenses as presented and staying at the same rate as 2025. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Andrew Cull and seconded by Darin Otto to approve and have Chairman Hardy sign all the county deeds from the foreclosure sale as presented. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Board discussed the upcoming 2026 primary and general elections process to be used in Pembina County. Motion made by Darin Otto and seconded by Blaine Papenfuss for Pembina County to continue with vote by mail elections in 2026. For those choosing to vote in person on Election Day, rather than in advance by mail, there will be one polling place available in the county for the primary and general election. The polling site will be in the Farmer's Room of the Pembina County Courthouse in Cavalier. County election precincts to remain as follows:

Precinct #1
01-01 Pembina Township, Joliette Township, Carlisle Township, Neche Township, Hamilton Township, Bathgate Township

01-02 Pembina City
01-03 Neche City
01-04 Hamilton City
01-05 Bathgate City

Precinct #2
1. Walhalla Township, St Joseph Township, Felson Township, LaMoure Township, Advance Township
2. Walhalla City

Precinct #3
03-01 Beaulieu Township, Akra Township, South Cavalier Township, Thingvall Township, Park Township, Lodema Township, Gardar Township, Crystal Township
03-02 Mountain City
03-03 Canton City (Hensel)
03-04 Crystal City

Precinct #4
1. North Cavalier Township
2. Cavalier City

Precinct #5
05-01 Elora Township, St Thomas Township, Midland Township
05-02 St Thomas City

Precinct #6
1. Drayton Township, Lincoln Township
2. Drayton City
All voting in favor; Motion carried.

The snagging and clearing project discussed. Commissioner Cull stated he is standing by his original statement that he said the whole time, he doesn't think that it was started fair and his vote will be no. Commissioner Otto said he agreed with that but there are areas to the west and he is now getting more phone calls going in the direction of wanting it done. Commissioner Papenfuss said he agrees it wasn't done correctly but we spent money down there on the bridge and they're having problems past the dam.

Discussion on areas left to be done. Motion by Blaine Papenfuss and seconded by Darin Otto to place this on the agenda to discuss this with the water board on December 16, 2025. All voting in favor, motion carried.

States Attorney Fontaine addressed the commission on the Joliette Township motion of October 7, 2025. He is asking the commission for clarification of what the commission's intent was with the motion at that meeting. Mr. Fontaine stated he spoke with a commissioner about this and it was indicated to him that the intent was for the commission to voice that it appeared to the commission there was no objection in Joliette Township so therefore the commission had no objection of what Joliette Township was doing. He said he is asking for clarification if that was the intent of the commission or was it the commission's intent to close certain roads to public access. Commissioner Papenfuss stated his intent was to let Joliette Township take care of it and we did not want to close any roads in Joliette Township. Commissioner Otto stated they were following with the township and it was on the record that they did not want to supersede townships on any decisions unless it was gross negligence that they needed to correct. It was just if that's what you want to do, we support you. Mr. Fontaine asked Commissioner Cull and Hardy if that was their intent as well. Commissioner Cull stated yes that was his intent. Commissioner Hardy stated yes, that is how he remembered it and they didn't want to interfere with the business of the township unless it was a problem for the county. Mr. Fontaine stated that is why this was put on the agenda to get clarification in the minutes that the commission is essentially taking no action and just have no issue with what Joliette Township is doing.

He stated if the commission did have the intent to close the roads, there are certain procedures that would have to be followed. He stated there is no motion that needs to be done. Bennett Johnson of the Vogel Law Firm addressed the commission and stated for the purpose of closing section line roads, per Century Code 24-07-03 it is the commission's responsibility to close those roads. He stated if the township was coming to them to have them close those roads, there's certain procedures that would need to be followed but this board is the entity to make that decision and that can't be delegated to the township and it needs to come from the commission and there needs to be an order issued from the county commission. He said to put everyone on notice that if that was the intent for the township to do, they can bring a petition back to the commission and they can decide that after a public hearing is held. States Attorney Fontaine stated he was in agreement with Mr. Johnson. Tara Emerson stated she wants it on record that the roads remain open to public travel. States Attorney Fontaine stated the commission should send a letter to the township letting them know this agenda item was discussed. The commission asked States Attorney Fontaine to draft the letter to Joliette Township with the auditor clarifying all this information.

States Attorney Fontaine left the meeting at 9:36 AM.
Devin addressed the commission with an update on projects as they're being completed. He passed around a couple pictures of site 10. He stated on site ten they drilled in two Deadman anchors and attached cables. He said they are done except for the pile repairs. Devin will be putting a list together to have the DOT come and inspect all the bridges to see if they can be opened. A bridge by Craig Gunderson's was discussed. Commissioner Cull asked what was wrong with it because it is closed but people were moving the sign and going over it during deer season. Devin stated it was rated below three ton and it had something to do with the north abutment but he'd have to pull the information. Devin stated the Prigge bridge is completed. Commissioner Papenfuss stated it turned out great. Commissioner Otto stated how much all the work done is appreciated and he has received a lot of calls expressing thanks.

Lisa Keney met with the commission regarding a new home exemption for Nick and Ashley Chaput from Walhalla. It is for the two years of 2026 and 2027 in the amount of \$150,000.00. Motion by Darin Otto and seconded by Blaine Papenfuss to approve the exemption. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Lisa stated she is trying to set up a Soils Committee meeting for next week. They will be reviewing modifiers and bringing those to the commission.

Motion by Andrew Cull and seconded by Blaine Papenfuss to reappoint all open positions to all boards with vacancies and put the reorganization committee appointment on hold until the next meeting. All voting in favor, motion carried. Donald Kemp was reappointed to the water board. Jim Benjaminson was reappointed to the Pembina County Housing Authority. Andrew Cull was reappointed to the planning and zoning board and the reorganization committee. Darin Otto, David Monson, Danielle Blair, Teri Stoiber and Lacey Hinkle were all reappointed to the JDA board. Dawn Eckhart, Emily Laaveg and Patricia Hart Cayley were all reappointed to the Pembina County Historic Preservation Commission.

Motion by Darin Otto and seconded by Blaine Papenfuss to nominate Andrew Moquist for the Pembina County Reorganization Committee. All voting in favor, motion carried.

The Commission reviewed the November payroll and claims. Motion made by Blaine Papenfuss and seconded by Andrew Cull 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 10:01 AM.

/s/ Patrick Hardy, Chairperson
Pembina County Board of Commissioners
ATTEST: /s/ Melissa Gapp,
Pembina County Auditor/Treasurer
(December 24, 2025)
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Case No.: 34-2025-PR-00041

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF PEMBINA COUNTY
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
In the Matter of the Estate of
Darold D. Johnson, Deceased
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(¶1) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred, except that the claim of any creditor to whom said Personal Representative mails a copy of this notice shall not be barred until three (3) months after the date of such mailing. Claims must either be presented to Claire Herland, Trust and Estate Officer for Alerus Financial, Personal Representative of the Estate, at 401 Demers Avenue, Grand Forks, ND 58201, or filed with the Court.

Dated this 16th day of December, 2025,

/s/ Claire Herland,
Trust and Estate Officer for Alerus Financial, Personal Representative
401 Demers Avenue
Grand Forks, ND 58201
(December 24, 31, 2025
January 7, 2026)
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Probate No. 34-2025-PR-00045

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF PEMBINA COUNTY,
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
WILLIAM A. ROBBINS, DECEASED
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed Personal Representatives of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Jarrod R. Steele at Steven C. Ekman, PC., Attorney for the Personal Representatives of the estate, at PO Box 70, Grafton, ND 58237, or filed with the Court.

DATED this 15th day of December, 2025.

/s/ CHARLES P. ROBBINS
Co-Personal Representative
/s/ SCOTT E. ROBBINS
Co-Personal Representative
/s/ PATRICIA L. ROBBINS
Co-Personal Representative
(December 24, 31, 2025
January 7, 2026)
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LAURIE LARSON,
PHARMACIST

Community Calendar

SALVATION ARMY DONATIONS

Salvation Army donations for Pembina County can be mailed to Salvation Army, c/o United Valley Bank, PO Box 170, Cavalier.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER NOW - L.O.A.N.

Donations may be mailed to: L.O.A.N., PO Box 24, Cavalier, ND 58220.

BACKPACK PROGRAM

Pembina County Backpack Program donations can be mailed to Northern Valley Human Service Zone, 300 Boundary Rd. W #3, Cavalier, ND 58220.

IMAGINATION LIBRARY

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library is available for ALL preschoolers (age 0-5) in Pembina County. Go to Imagination Library.com to sign up for free books mailed monthly to your home.

FRIENDS AND FICTION

COFFEE HOUR

The Friends and Fiction coffee hour at the Cavalier Public Library. The second Thursday of the Month at 10:30. It's a casual gathering to discuss recent reads and ideas.

DVAC, INC. DONATIONS

Heart-felt thank you's to our many local businesses and community members for on-going support and donations of time and money toward safer communities. DVAC, PO Box 308, Grafton, ND 58237.

JOB SERVICE MONTHLY OUTREACH

Cavalier - Third Tuesday of each month from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Cavalier Library. Questions call GF Workforce Center at 701-795-3700.

STORY HOUR IN WALHALLA

EVERY TUESDAY unless otherwise posted - Story Hour at Walhalla Public Library at 4 p.m. Snack and activity provided.

CAVALIER COMMUNITY

NEW YEAR'S DAY DINNER

JAN. 1 - Faith in Action will sponsor the Cavalier Community New Year's Day dinner for those individuals and families who will be alone that day. Serving starts at noon at Trinity Methodist Church, 108 Elizabeth Street. RSVP appreciated but not required (265-6230) by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 30th. If you need a ride or would like in-town deliveries, call 265-6230 by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, De. 30th. Please join us for fellowship and a wonderful New Year's feast!

BOOK DISCUSSION

JAN. 8 - The Northeastern North Dakota Heritage Association is hosting a book discussion at 7:00 p.m. at the Pioneer Heritage Center at Icelandic State Park. Everyone is welcome to join us in discussing Peter Wohlleben's book, "The Hidden Life Of Trees." It's a story about what trees feel and how they communicate. Wohlleben shares his love of the woods and forests, explaining the processes of life, death and regeneration in his woodland.

Send Your Community Calendar

Announcements to:
lynn@cavchronicle.com

AREA SERVICES

Pembina County Memorial Hospital sponsors a Grief Support Group from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the hospital in Cavalier. This is a non-denominational group. Everyone is welcome who is a grieving a death. Contact Heather Duerre if you plan to attend. Materials will be provided but registration is required. Call or text Heather at 701-265-2419.

Pastor Fidel Hughes, born and raised in Cavalier, ND, is available to conduct non-demoninational Memorial, Funeral, or Graveside Services. Phone: (480) 688-7278

Home delivered meals available Monday-Friday. Please call 701-454-6586 to sign up or for more information.

Immunizations Clinics - Immunization clinics are held periodically at the Pembina County Health Department. You must call for an appointment. Please have child's records available when calling 265-4248.

FAITH IN ACTION provides a number of different services for citizens in Pembina County. Our services are: transportation to and from medical appointments, take a person shopping or shop for them, telephone reassurance, home visits, light home repair such as changing batteries in smoke detectors or light bulbs, short term basis light housekeeping or light yardwork, respite and assisting a person in writing letters. Donations may be sent to PO Box 458, Cavaier, ND 58220For more information call Michelle at 701-265-6230.

Pembina County Meals & Transportation Senior meals for those 60 and older: **Drayton Senior Citizens Center** Monday-Friday 12 noon. Call 454-6586 for a reservation. **Thompson's Cafe, Cavalier** Monday-Friday 11 a.m. - noon. **Waters Family Restaurant** serving 11:30-12:00. Pick up meals are available at all sites. Please call your local meal site by 10:00 a.m. to order a pick up meal or sign up for a congregate meal. Please call 454-6586 to set up appointment for home visit for HDM eligibility assessment. Frozen meals available to individuals residing in rural areas.

Pembina County Veterans Service Office Hours - Monday thru Friday - 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. In the event the officer is not present as indicated, please call 265-4460 or cell# 520-2704 or leave a message and the service officer will get back to you. **To better serve you please make an appointment.** Thank you for your service to our country.

The Pembina County Meals & Transportation Vehicles are Handicapped Accessible - public transportation for people of all ages; **Monday-Thursday**-Local transportation in Cavalier and transportation from other communities into Cavalier. **Monday-Friday**-Local transportation in Drayton and transportation from Drayton & St.Thomas into Grafton. **Wednesday & Friday**-Eastern Pembina County to Grand Forks (Cavalier, Neche, Pembina, Drayton) **1st & 3rd Thursday of the month**-Western Pembina County to Grand Forks (Walhalla, Mountain, Crystal, St.Thomas)

GROWING HOPE IN PEMBINA COUNTY:

Residents of Pembina County, North Dakota who are currently under medical care for cancer can apply for financial help on website <https://growinghopeinpembinacounty.org>

Tuesday - AA meetings at Pembina County Memorial Hospital Board Room, Cavalier, at 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday - Al-Anon meeting at Pembina County Memorial Hospital lunch room, 8:00 p.m.

Preschool Story Time every Thursday at 11:00 a.m. at the Cavalier Library.

Become involved with the Pembina County Historical Society. Memberships dues are \$10.00. Mail to Pembina County Historical Society, PO Box 473, Cavalier, ND 58220. Meetings are the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Pembina County Museum.

PEMBINA COUNTY EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY - The Pembina County Emergency Food Pantry is open every Tuesday from 3:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. You must come with proof of address and photo ID. Our new address is 106 Main St W in Cavalier. Please use back door for privacy.

Sharps Exchange Program: Keep your community safe and always use a SHARPS container. Used sharps are hazardous waste. When not discarded properly they can cut and infect others. Protect your community by always discarding your used sharps in a sharps disposal container. Free sharps containers are available at CliniCare, please see the receptionist or nurse to get your free sharps container and exchange it for a new one when full.

A Medsafe medication disposal bin is now located in CliniCare, Cavalier, ND. Patients can place unwanted prescriptions and OTC medications in this disposal bin, including controlled substances. Liquids less than 4 ml are allowed as long as they are placed in a plastic bag. Items not allowed include illegal drugs, sharps items, aerosol inhalers and liquid chemotherapy agents.

Pembina County Backpack Program. If you would like to sign up, please contact your local school.

CliniCare in Cavalier is a donation center for Lion's Club International. You can drop off your used eyeglasses (no cases) and your hearing aids of any age, brand or model at CliniCare.

NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE OF HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE COSTS OF IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE CITY OF CAVALIER, NORTH DAKOTA \$100,107 2021-01 SEWER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that special assessments for the cost of constructing the improvements for 2021-01 Sewer Improvement District, have been levied against the lots or tracts of land especially benefited by such improvements to wit:

PARCEL #	Lot or Tract	Amount Assessed
27-3880000	Lot 4, Woodland Homes 1st Addition	\$ 11,123.00
27-3890000	Lot 5, Woodland Homes 1st Addition	\$ 11,123.00
27-3870000	S 1/2 Lot 3, Woodland Homes 1st Addition	\$ 11,123.00
27-3900000	Lot 6, Woodland Homes 1st Addition	\$ 11,123.00
27-3860000	N 1/2 Lot 3, Woodland Homes 1st Addition	\$ 11,123.00
27-3910000	Lot 7, Woodland Homes 1st Addition	\$ 11,123.00
27-3850000	Lot 2, Woodland Homes 1st Addition	\$ 11,123.00
27-3920000	Lot 8, Woodland Homes 1st Addition	\$ 11,123.00
27-3840000	Lot 1, Woodland Homes 1st Addition	\$ 11,123.00

The Costs to be assessed for the District are as follows:

Construction	\$ 293,409
Engineering	\$ 107,100
Loan Forgiveness	- \$ 300,402
Amount to be Assessed	\$ 100,107

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that on the 8 day of January, 2026, at 12 PM, the Special Assessment Commission of the City of Cavalier, North Dakota, will meet at the City Administration Office, 301 Division Avenue North, Cavalier, to hear objections which may be made to any assessment shown in the foregoing list by any person interested therein or by his or her agent or attorney.

Dated this 10 day of December, 2025.

Chairman of Special Assessment Commission

(December 24, 31, 2025)