

February 22, 2005

Pipestone County Commissioner Special Meeting
City/County Local Government Cooperation
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The Pipestone County Commissioners met with Chairman Larry G. Carstensen, and Commissioners Luke Johnson, Jack Keers, Jerry L. Remund, Marvin Tinklenberg, Minnesota State Auditor Patricia Anderson, County Auditor Joyce Steinhoff, County Coordinator Sharon Hanson, Highway Engineer David Halbersma, Pipestone County EDA Director Mike Olsen and representatives from cities located within Pipestone County. Chairman Carstensen called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Chairman Carstensen welcomed city and county representatives.

Minnesota State Auditor Patricia Anderson presented information on cooperative efforts in public service delivery.

Chairman Carstensen requested city and county representatives discuss opportunities for potential cooperation. Potential cooperation stated included: joint use of street sweepers, shared use of capital equipment, economic opportunities, shared use of buildings, shared use of staff, snow removal and road equipment. City and county representatives discussed existing cooperation: EDA, Law Enforcement, Fire Departments, Ambulance, City/School Library, cooperative purchase of salt and sand and election ballots. City and county representatives further discussed potential future cooperation including: street sweeper, snow removal, sewer jetter, leaf collector, bucket truck, safety and employee training, building needs and insurance needs.

Consensus of the city and county representatives was to schedule another cooperation meeting for March 22, 2005 at 7:00 pm. and include representatives from townships located within Pipestone County. Pipestone City Mayor Darrel Tinklenberg was nominated Chairman for the March 22, 2005 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

ATTEST: /s/Sharon Hanson
Sharon Hanson
County Coordinator

/s/Larry Carstensen
Larry Carstensen
Chairman