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Pipestone County R&B Meeting  
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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, Engineer David Halbersma and County Coordinator Sharon Hanson present. Chairman Carstensen called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Remund to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

### **PROJECT UPDATES:**

#### **PROJECTS IN THE PLANNING STAGE**

2005 Culvert projects

SAP 59-599-48 Twp Rd. 269 culvert #516 replacement.

SAP 59-599-49 Twp Rd. 271 culvert #L3651 replacement.

SAP 59-599-50 Twp Rd. 255(S) culvert # L3621 replacement.

SAP 59-599-54 Twp Rd. 267 Bridge #L3641 replacement.

SAP 59-599-58 Rock Twp. Bridge #L3707 replacement.

SAP 59-599-60 Troy Twp. Bridge # L9019 replacement.

SAP 59-599-61 Grange Twp. Bridge # L3746 replacement.

SAP 59-599-62 Rock Twp. Bridge #L3729 replacement.

Comments: Open bids: March 1st, 2005 at 10:00 A.M.

TH 268/CSAH 9

SAP 59-609-02 Reconstruction of old TH 268, From Edgerton to TH 75.

SAP 59-609-03 Replacement of Bridge #6405 on old TH 268

SAP 59-609-04 Reconstruction of old TH 268, From CSAH 18 to Edgerton.

Comments: Right-of-way

Pipestone 6th Ave project

SAP 59-635-02 Reconstruction of 6th Ave. from 11th St. to TH 30.

Comments:

Elmer Township Bridge replacement

SAP 59-599-52 Elmer Twp. Bridge # L3730 replacement.

Comments: Update on Topeka Shiner issue

2005 Culvert project

SAP 59-599-53 Twp Rd. 255 (N) culvert replacement.

Comments: Waiting to hear from the landowner on right-of-way issues.

#### **PROJECTS UNDER CONTRACT**

Duininck Brothers Inc.

SAP 59-599-41 Bridge replacement #L3727 (Osborne Township)

Comments:

Duininck Brothers Inc.

SAP 59-617-08 Bridge #L3604 replacement (CSAH 17).

Comments:

Central Specialties Inc.

SP 59-604-03 - 2004 Federal Aid Project

Reconstruction and blacktop of CSAH 04, From CSAH 13 to TH 23

Comments:

Duininck Brothers Inc.

2004 Overlay projects.

SAP 59-601-27 Overlay of CSAH 01, From S. County line to E. County line.

SAP 59-606-17 Overlay of CSAH 06, From CSAH 10 to N. County line.

SAP 59-616-26 Overlay of CSAH 16, From 3 mi W. of CSAH 18 to CSAH 18.

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SAP 59-621-04 Overlay of CSAH 21, From CSAH 18 to CH 92.  
SAP 59-627-02 Overlay of CSAH 27, From CSAH 30 to 4th Ave NE.  
SAP 59-630-08 Overlay of CSAH 30, From CSAH 27 to 3900' N. of 9th Street.  
CP 2004-030 Overlay of CSAH 30, From 3900' N. of 9th Street to CH 67.  
SAP 59-636-08 Overlay of CSAH 36, From CSAH 40 to 7th Ave. E.

Comments:

Duininck Brothers Inc.

SP 59-596-01 Overlay of CH 59, From TH 75 to TH 268.

Comments: Approve Final Payment, Contract Amount \$81,983.85, Final Amount \$76,853.15, Final Payment Amount \$2,180.16

Rupp Construction Co.

CP 2004-100 Gravel crushing

Comments: Approve Final Payment, Contract Amount \$59,520.00, Final Amount \$59,369.70, Final Payment Amount \$2,730.99

Rupp Construction Co.

2005 Overlay projects

SAP 59-602-23 Overlay of CSAH 02, From CSAH 18 to E. County line.

SAP 59-612-02 Overlay of CSAH 12, From TH 23 to E. County line.

SAP 59-613-14 Overlay of CSAH 13, From TH 269 to CSAH 2.

SAP 59-615-29 Overlay of CSAH 15, From CSAH 1 to CSAH 2.

SAP 59-616-27 Overlay of CSAH 16, From Hatfield to TH 30.

SAP 59-616-28 Overlay of CSAH 16, From CSAH 16 to TH 23.

SAP 59-623-02 Overlay of CSAH 23, From CSAH 18 to CSAH 18.

SAP 59-624-03 Overlay of CSAH 24, Main St. Holland

Comments:

#### **SP 59-596-01 FINAL PAYMENT**

Motion by Tinklenberg, seconded by Keers to approve SP 59-596-01 Final Payment to Duininck Brothers Inc. in the amount of \$2,180.16. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **CP 2004-100 FINAL PAYMENT**

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Remund to approve CP 2004-100 Final Payment to Rupp Construction Co. in the amount of \$2,730.99. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **TRUNK HWY 268**

Commissioner Tinklenberg and Engineer Halbersma gave an update on Trunk HWY 268. The House bill establishing turnback funds for Trunk HWY 268 passed the House and has been sent to Governor Pawlenty for signature.

#### **ELMER TOWNSHIP BRIDGE REPLACEMENT**

Engineer Halbersma reported that bridge consultant Erickson Engineering has estimated \$80,000 to lengthen the bridge as a result of the Topeka Shiner minnow issue. Engineer Halbersma reported that Elmer Township Bridge #L3730 estimated cost of \$350,000 is over the one year allotment of the total township bridge fund.

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Discussion was held on sending a letter to legislators in regard to the Topeka Shiner minnow issue. Motion by Tinklenberg, seconded by Remund instructing Engineer Halbersma to draft a letter with final signature by the Board, addressed to Senator Coleman, Senator Dayton, and Representative Gutknecht regarding the increased costs and delays associated with the Topeka Shiner minnow. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Keers, seconded by Johnson to put on hold the Elmer Township Bridge #3730 replacement project as a result of the Topeka Shiner Minnow issue. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **2005 SAP 59-599-52 CULVERT PROJECT**

Engineer Halbersma reported that he has sent a certified letter to a landowner on a right-of-way issue.

#### **ANNUAL ROAD AND BRIDGE HEARING**

Engineer Halbersma reported that issues brought up at the Annual Road and Bridge Hearing held February 23, 2005 are being researched and the concerns will be photographed and presented to the Board for their review.

#### **OVER-WEIGHT AND OVER-WIDTH PERMITTING**

Engineer Halbersma reviewed current policy for over-weight and over-width permitting. Current policy states no over-weight axle groups on bituminous/concrete highways. However, if that carrier is not over-weight on axle, but over-weight on gross, carrier is still permitted under policy during non-spring road postings. The carrier is also required to verify all bridges and culverts are able to carry the extra load prior to crossing the structure. Engineer Halbersma will clarify with carrier in question regarding this policy. Consensus of the Board was that Engineer Halbersma can issue one year permits.

#### **SCANNING OF OLD PLANS**

Motion by Remund, seconded by Johnson to approve scanning of old bridge and road design plans into computer format at 80 cents a copy for a total purchase price of \$2,240. Motion carried unanimously.

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**2005 CULVERT PROJECT BID OPENING-10:00 A.M.**

Attorney Jim O'Neill joined the meeting for the 2005 Bid Overlay Projects bid opening. Bids were opened and taken for review.

**REFINANCING HOSPITAL BONDS**

County Auditor Joyce Steinhoff, County Treasurer Steve Weets, Pipestone County Medical Center Administrator Jody Jenner and Eric Kelly, Public Financial Management, Inc. joined the meeting for discussion of refinancing hospital bonds. Kelly presented information on potential debt service savings and reinvestment interest percentage rates. Kelly stated that the fees for refinancing is \$12,800 and is figured into the potential savings of \$111,441.44. Motion by Keers, seconded by Tinklenberg to proceed with refinancing of hospital bonds and solicitation of bids for March 22, 2005 sale of bonds. Motion carried unanimously.

**MAINTENANCE ISSUES**

Discussion was held regarding the potential snow removal options for the Cities of Ihlen, Trosky, and Hatfield. A March 22, 2005 city-county meeting has been scheduled and snow removal options will be discussed at that time.

Engineer Halbersma reported that a replacement of a tandem axle truck is forthcoming for Board consideration and the new crack filling machine has arrived.

**2005 CULVERT PROJECT BID OPENING-CONTINUED**

The following bids were submitted: Duininck Brothers Inc. at \$720,379.00, Landwehr Construction Inc at \$764,447.94, Mathiowetz Construction Co. at \$776,701.05, Midwest Contracting LLC at \$696,185.40, R&G Construction Co. at \$721,495.93. Attorney O'Neill reported that the bid bonds were acceptable. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Remund to approve the \$696,185.40 bid for 2005 Precast Concrete Box Culverts from Midwest Contracting LLC. Motion carried unanimously.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

Motion by Tinklenberg, seconded by Remund to approve the minutes of February 22, 2005, February 22, 2005 Special Meeting, and February 23, 2005 Road and Bridge Hearing as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Keers updated the Board on Clean Energy Renewable Team meeting where biodiesel use was discussed. Engineer Halbersma stated that B-2 biodiesel blend is used for Highway Department equipment when available. Engineer Halbersma will research B-5 blend biodiesel and bring back for discussion at a future meeting.

Commissioner Keers reported on proposed legislation for community based energy developments. Discussion was held on the proposed legislation and potential Board resolution supporting the legislation. No action taken at this time.

Motion by Remund, seconded by Johnson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

ATTEST: /s/ Sharon Hanson  
Sharon Hanson  
County Coordinator

/s/Larry Carstensen  
Larry Carstensen  
Chairman