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Pipestone County Commissioner Meeting
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The Pipestone County Commissioners met with Chairman Jerry Remund and Commissioners Luke Johnson, Harold (Butch) Miller, Jack Keers, Marvin Tinklenberg, County Coordinator Sharon Hanson and Human Resources Coordinator Judy Oldemeyer present. Chairman Remund called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion by Tinklenberg, seconded by Johnson to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Miller, seconded by Johnson to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

1. Minutes of August 8, 2006
2. Minutes of August 16-17, 2006 Special Meeting
3. Approve Auditor Warrant #5939 in the amount of \$325.25

Motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY COORDINATOR – SHARON HANSON

Building and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor Nickolas Tigie joined the meeting for his six-month probationary performance evaluation. Motion by Tinklenberg, seconded by Keers to move Building and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor Nickolas Tigie from a probationary status to regular employee status. Motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Hansen presented proposals on outsourcing the county employee flexible spending program. The following proposals were received: Total Administrative Services Corporation (TASC) at a cost of \$1901.00 annually which includes an employee debit card and Secure Benefits Inc. at approximately \$2,700.00 annually. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Miller to contract with TASC for the administrative services of the county employee flexible spending program, without the use of debit cards, at an annual cost of \$1,901.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Hanson provided an update on the 2007 budget.

Coordinator Hanson gave a preliminary report on a proposal submitted by Maximus, a Chicago-based consulting firm interested in assisting in the feasibility study for the possible merger of Lincoln Lyon Murray Human Services and Pipestone County Family Services. The committee of Commissioners Johnson and Keers will work with

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the Pipestone County Family Services management team to proceed with consideration of Maximus.

PUBLIC HEARING – COUNTY DITCH PETITION #1

At 9:30 AM Chairman Remund opened the public hearing to consider a petition by the City of Pipestone to use Judicial Ditch No. 1 as an outlet for the City of Pipestone's municipal drainage system or its overflow. Present for the City of Pipestone were City Administrator Jeff Jones and City Engineer Scot Leddy. Questions and comments were received from Gary Griebel, Gary Erickson and Jim Sehl, a hydrologist for the Department of Natural Resources. The Commissioners agreed the topic needed more consideration. Motion by Keers, seconded by Johnson to continue the public hearing at the Commissioner meeting on September 26, 2006 at 9:30 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF OFFICE - ELECTED OFFICIALS

Treasurer Steve Weets and Auditor Joyce Steinhoff appeared to present an annual review of their official duties and answer questions.

PRAIRIE RIDERS SADDLE CLUB – GRANT AUTHORIZATION

Deb Melby, representing the Prairie Riders Saddle Club, requested authorization to pursue grant money from the Minnesota Horse Council to put windows in the horse barn at the Pipestone County Fairgrounds. Motion by Keers, seconded by Johnson to authorize the Prairie Riders Saddle Club to work with Nickolas Tigue, Pipestone County Building and Maintenance Supervisor, to get estimates for the grant request. Motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF OFFICE – ELECTED OFFICIALS (continued)

Sheriff Dan Delaney reviewed his official duties and also reviewed the 2007 budget for the Sheriff's Office.

PERSONNEL – JUDY OLDEMEYER

Human Resources Coordinator Judy Oldemeyer reported on the performance evaluation of Carmen Hailey, Dispatcher/Office Assistant in the Transit Office.

Coordinator Oldemeyer presented for approval a Letter of Agreement between Pipestone County and AFSCME Council 65, Local 2424 (Courthouse Union) establishing the new grade level and pay range for the Floating Deputy/Information

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System Operator in the Auditor and Treasurer departments as previously approved by the Board. Motion by Keers, seconded by Tinklenberg to approve the Letter of Agreement establishing the new grade level and pay range of the Floating Deputy/Information System Operator and to authorize the appropriate signatures. Motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Oldemeyer presented information about current and future options for elected officials regarding membership in the Public Employees Retirement Association.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Tinklenberg reported attending the following meetings: Emergency Preparedness, Edgerton City Council, Meth Task Force (three county group), Meth Task Force (Pipestone County), Pipestone County EDA, NACO, AMC Transportation Policy Committee, GIS Committee, Budget meetings, E911, Personnel Policy Update Committee.

Commissioner Keers reported attending the following meetings: Health and Human Services Policy, manned a SERTs booth at Farm Fest, AMC Policy, Pipestone County Family Services/Lincoln Lyon Murray Human Services merger meeting regarding PrimeWest, Energy Board, discussed wind power with Senator Norm Coleman.

Commissioner Luke Johnson reported attending the following meetings: Redwood-Cottonwood River Control Area, Pipestone Creek Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Miller reported attending the following meetings: Extension, Plum Creek Library.

Commissioner Remund reported attending the following meetings: Travel Southwest Minnesota, Budget meetings, EDA.

Motion by Tinklenberg, seconded by Johnson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM

Jerry L. Remund
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Judy Oldemeyer
Human Resources Coordinator