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Pipestone County R&B Meeting
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The Pipestone County Commissioners met with Chairman Jerry L. Remund and Commissioners Luke Johnson, Jack Keers, Harold (Butch) Miller, Marvin Tinklenberg, Highway Engineer David Halbersma and County Coordinator Sharon Hanson present. Chairman Remund called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Remund appointed Commissioner Keers and Commissioner Johnson to serve on the Elections Canvassing Board for the November 9, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. Canvassing Board meeting.

Motion by Keers, seconded by Miller to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

PROJECT UPDATES AND HIGHWAY ENGINEER UPDATES

Engineer Halbersma presented updates on projects under contract and projects in the planning stage.

Motion by Tinklenberg, seconded by Miller to approve final payment in the amount of \$18,281.31 to Morris Seal Coat and Trucking Inc. for SAP 59-630-03 2006 Seal Coat projects. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Halbersma informed the Board that Pipestone County received a \$300,000 safety grant award from the Minnesota Department of Transportation for the North Hiawatha Ave project.

Consensus of the Board directing Engineer Halbersma to bid the North Hiawatha project and County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 18 Reconstruction project with both concrete and bituminous specifications with consideration of life-cycle legalities for awarding the bid.

Consensus of the Board that a house proposed to be purchased for North Hiawatha project right of way be demolished as a result of the overall condition of the house.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Keers to approve final payment in the amount of \$888.49 to Univar USA, Inc. for calcium chloride application. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Halbersma provided an update on the construction of the truck storage building.

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Consensus of the Board directing Engineer Halbersma to have a list of local contractors utilized by construction companies that work on highway projects available from his office versus on the County website.

TANDEM AXLE TRUCK SALE

Engineer Halbersma informed the Board that the City of Ruthton and the City of Edgerton are both interested in the used tandem truck. The truck was offered up for sale in the amount of \$8,000.00 to all cities via a letter, however prior to the letter, the City of Ruthton expressed interest in the truck.

Motion by Tinklenberg, seconded by Keers to have a coin toss between the City of Ruthton and the City of Edgerton to determine the sale of the used tandem axle truck.

Yeas: Keers, Tinklenberg. Nays: Johnson, Miller, Remund. Motion failed.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Johnson to authorize the sale of the used tandem axle truck to the City of Ruthton for \$8,000.00. Yeas: Johnson, Miller, Remund. Nays: Keers, Tinklenberg. Motion carried.

MAINTENANCE UPDATES

Engineer Halbersma informed the Board that he received a dust complaint from a resident on CSAH 4. Consensus of the Board directing Engineer Halbersma to refer the resident to private contractors for dust control options.

Engineer Halbersma informed the Board on recent maintenance activities.

Engineer Halbersma requested consideration of a proposed After the Fact Permit Fee in the amount of \$50.00 for highway department permits where the fee would be waived if the proper permit was attained prior to the work. Motion by Miller, seconded by Johnson to review the Pipestone County Fee Schedule, include a proposed After the Fact Permit Fee for highway department permits and meet all proposed notifications and public hearing requirements as required. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Engineer Halbersma informed the Board that he will pursue an energy audit from CenterPoint Energy for the current Highway Shop/Building.

Highway Accountant Leslie Lueck joined the meeting to inform the Board that an out of pocket medical expense flexible spending account maximum for employees participating in the

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flex spending account plans must be established. Discussion was held on the advantages, disadvantages and the current range amounts deducted by employees. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Miller to set the maximum out of pocket medical expense for the flexible spending account at \$8,000.00 annually. Motion carried unanimously.

RECYCLING CONTRACT BID OPENING-10:100 A.M.

Planning/Zoning and Conservation Administrator Kyle Krier joined the meeting. The following recycling contract bids were opened and read out loud: D's Sanitation at \$113,000.00 annually with a stipulation of a fuel surcharge if the price of gas is over \$3.00 per gallon, Van Dyke Sanitation at \$97,000.00 annually. Motion by Tinklenberg, seconded by Miller to award the recycling contract to Van Dyke Sanitation at \$97,000.00 annually, effective January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on the condition of the recycling sheds and the recycling containers. Consensus of the Board for the Solid Waste Committee and Administrator Krier to determine the condition of the sheds and recycling containers.

PERSONNEL-JUDY OLDEMEYER

Personnel Director Judy Oldemeyer joined the meeting and informed the Board that the Courthouse Union via their union representative has requested interest from the County in interest based bargaining. Director Oldemeyer explained interest based bargaining. Consensus of the Board that the County is not interested in pursuing interest based bargaining at this time with the Courthouse Union.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Keers to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

1. Minutes of October 24, 2006 Commissioner Meeting

Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Motion by Tinklenberg, seconded by Miller to utilize the services of Al Hubers to mow Veteran's Park for 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

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COUNTY DITCH DISCUSSION

Commissioner Johnson asked the Board if the County would be interested in utilizing the services of Attorney Kurt Deter who specializes in ditch law to discuss options on existing ditch outlets within the City of Pipestone. Discussion was held on the purpose of Deter’s services, the cost involved, the status of the City of Pipestone’s proposed outlet in Industrial Park and where the funds could be expended from for the attorney fees. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Miller to utilize the services of Attorney Kurt Deter, schedule a meeting with the Board and expend the attorney fees from Ditch Fund. Yeas: Johnson, Miller, Remund. Nays: Keers, Tinklenberg. Motion carried.

Chairman Remund recessed the meeting at 11:30 a.m. to reconvene at 1:00 p.m. at the City of Pipestone Fire Station building.

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PIPESTONE FIRE STATION BUILDING TOUR

Ambulance Director Steve Ewing, Architectural Incorporated Architect Mitch Aldinger and Pipestone Fire Chief Mark Otter joined the meeting for the purpose of exploring the Pipestone Fire Station building as an option for a future ambulance building. Chief Otter provided a tour of the building and answered questions.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Miller to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Jerry L. Remund
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Sharon Hanson
County Coordinator