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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, James Keyes, Harold (Butch) Miller, Marvin Tinklenberg 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.

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

1. Minutes of July 10, 2007

Motion carried unanimously.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION-VEBA

Insurance Committee Representative Jerry Brockberg joined the meeting to present a recommendation from the Insurance Committee to provide employees with the Voluntary Employee Benefit Account (VEBA) insurance option. Motion by Tinklenberg, seconded by Keyes to accept the Insurance Committee recommendation as follows:

That three employer sponsored insurance options be offered: \$500 deductible plan, \$1500 deductible plan and the VEBA \$1850/100% plan. That participation in the VEBA program by employees be voluntary on an annual basis, that all county employees on the VEBA plan shall be funded equally, that the County fund per employee VEBA accounts with the following base and grant amounts:

2008	\$500 Deductible Base Rate plus the greater of a minimum of \$500 grant or full Coop grant amount contributed (Combined County and SWWC Coop dollars)
2009	\$500 Deductible Base Rate plus the greater of a minimum of \$250 grant or full Coop grant amount contributed (Combined County and SWWC Coop dollars)
2010	\$500 Deductible Base Rate plus the greater of a minimum of \$125 grant or full Coop grant amount contributed (Combined County and SWWC Coop dollars)

That the County commences dialogue with Union representatives on the following item: Discontinue offering the \$100 deductible plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

SOUTHWEST INITIATIVE FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT

Marc Vaillancourt, Development Director from the Southwest Initiative Foundation joined the meeting to present an update of activities and programs of the Southwest Initiative Foundation during the past year.

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TAX ABATEMENT/ADJUSTMENT-MICHAEL RUSTAD

An application for abatement on parcel 18.720.0080 was presented on behalf of Michael Rustad requesting an abatement of \$1,056.00. The application is presented to correct the tax records to reflect the correct legal descriptions and to properly report the improvements on parcels 18.112.6300, 18.720.0010 and 18.720.0080.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Keyes to approve the application made on behalf of Michael Rustad for an abatement of \$1,056.00 on parcel 18.720.0080. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 59-25-07 TAX FOFEITURE PROPERTY REQUEST FOR SALE

Motion by Keyes, seconded by Miller to adopt Resolution 59-25-07 certifying that Parcel 17.700.0490 is non-conservation land and request approval from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for sale of said lands. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY COORDINATOR SHARON HANSON

Motion by Tinklenberg, seconded by Miller to participate in the 2007-2008 AMC Leadership Cohort Program and authorize the participation of six staff members in the Program. Yeas: Keyes, Miller, Remund, Tinklenberg. Nay: Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Keyes to approve Auditor Warrant payable to Pipestone County Treasurer in the amount of \$3,000.00 for use by Pipestone County Sheriff relating to drug enforcement expense. Motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Hanson provided the Board an update on the 2008 budget and also updated the Board on department head discussion on a non-smoking policy for County property and grounds. Consensus of the Board directing Coordinator Hanson to develop a County non-smoking policy for property and grounds.

PERSONNEL- OLDEMEYER

Personnel Director Judy Oldemeyer joined the meeting and reported the following completed evaluation: Auditor/Treasurer Floating Clerk/Information Systems Operator Laurie Bucher.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Johnson to accept the resignation of Highway Truck Driver Brian Raatz effective July 13, 2007 and Family Services Social Services Supervisor Linda Halbur effective August 26, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion by Johnson, seconded by Keyes to accept a Letter of Agreement between Law Enforcement Labor Services, Inc. Local 244 and Pipestone County regarding Lieutenant Investigator position, probation period and hourly wages and authorize Board Chair and County Coordinator signatures. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Oldemeyer informed the Board that Randy Sprik has decided to not accept the Facility Manager/Safety Officer position. Discussion was held on the position and possible future efforts to fill the position.

FEEDLOT PUBLIC MEETING-11:00 A.M.

A feedlot public meeting was held for the following feedlot application: Bill Crawford, located in Sweet Township, Section 5.

PLANNING/ZONING AND CONSERVATION OFFICE

Planning/Zoning and Conservation Technician Angie Raatz presented 2007 Feedlot Report and 2008 County Feedlot Program Delegation Agreement and Work Plan. Motion by Tinklenberg, seconded by Johnson to approve the 2007 Feedlot Report and 2008 County Feedlot Program Delegation Agreement and Work Plan and authorize Board Chair signature. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL-CONTINUED

Emergency Medical Services Director Steve Ewing joined the meeting. Discussion continued on the Facility Manager/Safety Officer position.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Tinklenberg to advertise for both the Building and Grounds Maintenance Worker and Building and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor positions with intent to fill one of the positions. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Tinklenberg, seconded by Keyes to direct Coordinator Hanson to research the sub-contracting of the safety officer position duties to a third party and report back to the Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Miller to temporarily assign the duties of the Facility Manager to Emergency Medical Services Director Steve Ewing effective August 1, 2007, evaluate the temporary assignment after a six month period and offer Director Ewing an additional salary of \$500.00 per month as compensation for the additional duties.

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Motion by Miller, seconded by Keyes to amend the main motion to offer Director Ewing an additional salary of \$800.00 per month as compensation for the additional duties. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Remund called for a vote on the amended main motion to temporarily assign the duties of the Facility Manager to Emergency Medical Services Director Steve Ewing effective August 1, 2007, evaluate the temporary assignment after a six month period and offer Director Ewing an additional salary of \$800.00 per month as compensation for the additional duties. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Tinklenberg reported on attending the following meetings: Health Insurance Committee, Annual Southwest Regional Development Corporation (SRDC) meeting, Personnel Committee, Building Committee meeting, MN Rural Energy Board, E911 Committee, Annual Southwest Minnesota Opportunity Council (SMOC) meeting.

Commissioner Keyes reported on attending the following meetings: Annual SMOC meeting, Law Enforcement Liaison Committee, E911 Committee, Southwest Mental Health Center meeting.

Commissioner Miller reported on attending the following meetings: Southwest Regional Development Waste Commission, County Extension meeting, Soil and Water Conservation District meeting.

Commissioner Johnson reported on attending the following meetings: Personnel Stewards, Negotiations Committee, RCRCA, Area II, SRDC Annual meeting, District 8 Land Use meeting, Resource Conservation and Development Board training.

Commissioner Remund reported on attending the following meetings: Insurance Committee, Resource Conservation and Development Board training, County Extension meeting, EDA Executive Board meeting, Negotiations Committee, Building Committee, Southwest Travel, Annual SMOC meeting.

Chairman Remund recessed the meeting at 12:25 p.m. to reconvene at 1:15 p.m.

Chairman Remund reconvened the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

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AMBULANCE BUILDING PLAN REVIEW/APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS

Architecture Incorporated Architect Mitch Aldinger and Emergency Medical Services Director Steve Ewing joined the meeting and presented the preliminary ambulance building plan and designs with considerable Board discussion and review.

Motion by Keyes, seconded by Miller to authorize the advertisement for bids for a proposed ambulance/emergency services building and schedule the bid opening for August 28, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. in the Pipestone County Commissioners room. Yeas: Keyes, Miller, Remund, Tinklenberg. Nay: Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Tinklenberg, seconded by Keyes to authorize the relocating of Quest utility poles and resulting expenses. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Remund appointed Commissioner Tinklenberg as delegate and Commissioner Keyes as alternate to the Nursing Partnership Joint Powers Board.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Keyes to write a letter of support for a PrimeWest Health System uninsured program planning grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Tinklenberg, seconded by Keyes to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

Jerry L. Remund
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Sharon Hanson
County Coordinator