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Pipestone County Commissioner Meeting
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The Pipestone County Commissioners met with Chairman Luke Johnson, Commissioners James Keyes, Jerry L. Remund, Harold (Butch) Miller and Marvin Tinklenberg. County Coordinator Sharon Hanson was also present. Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion by Tinklenberg, seconded by Remund to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Keyes, seconded by Remund to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

1. Approve Minutes of April 8, 2008
2. Appoint Darlene Bouman to Family Services Board
3. Approve Purchase of Castings from Sioux City Foundry in the amount of \$5,781.00
4. Approve Auditor Warrant in the amount of \$211.62 to Medicare for Ambulance Billing
5. Approve Auditor Warrant to Zylstra Auction for \$5,000.00

Motion carried unanimously.

HARVEY REDER – COMMUNITY CONCERN

Harvey Reder from Woodstock appeared before the Board to present information regarding a community concern.

RESOLUTION 59-14-08 HIAWATHA SNO BLAZERS COUNTY SPONSORSHIP

Chad Bucher from the Hiawatha Sno Blazers Club appeared to request approval of a Resolution 59-14-08 authorizing 2008 County sponsorship of trails operated by Pipestone County Hiawatha Sno Blazers Club and authorization of the contract between Pipestone County and the Hiawatha Sno Blazers for the establishment and maintenance of snowmobile trails.

Motion by Keyes, seconded by Tinklenberg to adopt Resolution 59-14-08 authorizing Pipestone County sponsorship of trails and signatures for the contract between Pipestone County and the Hiawatha Sno Blazers Club for the establishment and maintenance of snowmobile trails. Motion carried unanimously.

BILL JOHNSON – EDA UPDATE

County EDA Director Bill Johnson presented a quarterly update of EDA activities.

RESOLUTION 59-15-08 NORTH HIAWATHA LAND TRANSFER

County Coordinator Sharon Hanson presented Resolution 59-15-08 for Board approval authorizing the acquisition of land on North Hiawatha Avenue from the City of Pipestone for the

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sum of \$30,000.00. The land is located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 1, Township 106 North, Range 46 West of Pipestone County. Coordinator Hanson also requested approval of an Auditor's Warrant for the \$30,000.00 payment. Motion by Miller, seconded by Keyes to adopt Resolution 59-15-08 authorizing the acquisition of land on North Hiawatha Avenue from the City of Pipestone and authorizing Auditor's Warrant payable to the City of Pipestone in the amount \$30,000.00. Ayes: Miller, Remund, Keyes, Tinklenberg. Nays: Johnson. Motion carried.

SHARON HANSON, COUNTY COORDINATOR

Coordinator Hanson presented a recommendation from the Family Services Board to approve the proposal by the architectural firm of Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc. for professional services in the development of conceptual plans and probable costs associated with the construction of a Professional Services Building for Pipestone County. Motion by Remund, seconded by Keyes to accept the proposal from Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc. for professional services in the development of conceptual plans and probable costs for the construction of a Professional Services Building for Pipestone County. Motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Hanson presented a management agreement between Pipestone County and Nobles County to share the services of Pipestone County Family Services Director Mary Fischer. Ms. Fischer would be appointed the Nobles County Human Services Director effective August 1, 2008 and the contract would be effective through December 31, 2009. Motion by Keyes, seconded by Remund to approve the contract between Pipestone County and Nobles County to share the services of Family Services Director Mary Fischer. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioners Remund and Johnson will serve as the Pipestone County Board representatives on the Advisory Committee as stipulated in the contract.

Family Services Director Mary Fischer reported the hiring of Gary Knochenmus as Social Services Supervisor in the Family Service Agency. Mr. Knochenmus will begin employment on May 19, 2008 and will be paid on Step 4.5 of the Merit System Pay Plan. Motion by Tinklenberg, seconded by Keyes to approve the hiring of Gary Knochenmus as Social Services Supervisor effective May 19, 2008 with a starting wage of Step 4.5 on the Merit System Pay Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

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JUDY OLDEMEYER- HUMAN RESOURCES

Human Resources Coordinator Judy Oldemeyer reported that Krista Jasper has been hired as the Office Assistant in the Coordinator's Office. Ms. Jasper began employment on April 14, 2008 and will be paid on Step 2 of the non-union, non-Merit pay plan.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Coordinator Hanson requested that the Board set dates for several upcoming events. A 2009 Budget Work Session will be held on June 25 at 9:00 AM. The 2008 County Employee Grill-Out will be held on June 18, 2008 beginning at 11:00 AM.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Tinklenberg reported on the following meetings: County Leadership Training, E911, AMC Legislative Conference, County EDA, Nurse Family Partnership, Edgerton Chamber of Commerce, Personnel Policy Review, SW Minnesota Leadership Cohort.

Commissioner Keyes reported on the following meetings: E911, AMC Legislative Conference, Active Living Presentation, SW Minnesota Leadership Cohort, SW Mental Health.

Commissioner Miller reported on the following meetings: Drainage/Wetlands and Natural Resources Conference, Building Committee, Leadership Training, EMS Building progress, tour of Ihlen Community Center, SW Minnesota Leadership Cohort, Extension.

Commissioner Remund reported on the following meetings: County EDA, RC & D, EMS inspection, EDA Executive Board, Hospital Plant Operations, Building Committee, Law Enforcement Liaison, EDA, AMC, SW Mental Health, Travel Southwest, Extension.

Commissioner Johnson reported on the following meetings: Drainage/Wetlands and Natural Resources Conference, Leadership Training, Solid Waste, Chief Elected Officials, AMC Legislative Conference, MCIT Land Use seminar, District VIII, RCRC, Area II.

STEVE EWING – EMS DIRECTOR

Emergency Medical Services Director Steve Ewing appeared to request approval for a proposed change in audio/visual equipment for the new Emergency Medical Services Building for a total cost of \$2,564.10. Motion by Remund, seconded by Miller to approve the change in audio/visual equipment for the Emergency Medical Services Building for a total cost of \$2,564.10. Ayes: Miller, Remund, Keyes, Tinklenberg. Nays: Johnson. Motion carried.

Chairman Johnson recessed the meeting at 11:35 AM to reconvene at 1:00 PM.

Chairman Johnson reconvened the meeting at 1:00 PM

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PENDING LITIGATION

Chairman Johnson announced that a closed session would be held to discuss pending litigation Jeremiah Halverson versus Sheriff Dan Delaney and Pipestone County.

Motion by Tinklenberg, seconded by Remund to close the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting closed at 1:01 p.m.

Motion by Remund, seconded by Tinklenberg to open the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting opened at 1:48 p.m.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Remund to issue Commissioner Warrant in the amount of \$15,000 payable to Pipestone County insurer MN Counties Insurance Trust to settle claim with former County employee Jeremiah Halvorson for a total settlement of \$40,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Remund, seconded by Keyes to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Luke Johnson
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Sharon Hanson
County Coordinator

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