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

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

PROJECT UPDATES

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

Motion by Tinklenberg, seconded by Keyes to approve final payment for Project SAP 59-630-09 North Hiawatha project in the amount of \$27,099.90. Motion carried.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Keyes to approve final payment for 2007 Box Culvert projects in the amount of \$10,985.85. Motion carried.

Motion by Tinklenberg, seconded by Miller to set SAP 59-599-55 Bridge #7039 bid letting date for August 5, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the Pipestone County Highway Shop. Motion carried.

Engineer Halbersma gave an update on a road swap proposal that would swap County State Aid Highway 21 with Aetna Street in the City of Ruthton.

MAINTENANCE ISSUES/UPDATES

Engineer Halbersma provided an update on maintenance issues including spraying road ditches, mowing and graveling.

Engineer Halbersma presented the following 2008 Highway striping quotes:

Plan Holder	Bid Total
AAA Striping Services Co.	\$12,901.52
Traffic Marking Service Inc	\$13,211.87
Twin City Striping	\$13,965.89
Swanston Equipment Co	\$15,692.65
Tri-State Striping Inc	\$16,746.29
Highway Technologies Inc	\$17,288.16

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Motion by Keyes, seconded by Tinklenberg to award the 2008 Highway striping project to Triple A Striping in the amount of \$12,901.52. Motion carried.

2007 ANNUAL REPORT

Engineer Halbersma reviewed and answered questions about the 2007 Annual Road and Bridge Report.

GRAVEL CRUSHING PROJECT CP 2008-100-10:00 AM

County Attorney O'Neill joined the meeting for the 10:00 AM Gravel Crushing Project CP 2008-100 bid opening. The following bids were opened: Rupp Construction Co. Inc in the amount of \$121,920.00, Sterzinger Aggregate in the amount of \$235,600.00. Bids were taken for review and Attorney O'Neill announced that the bid bonds were acceptable.

2009 BUDGET CONCERNS-FUEL COSTS

Engineer Halbersma updated the Board on the 2009 budget and early budget numbers related to rising fuel costs. The Board discussed a number of cost-saving measures with Engineer Halbersma.

GRAVEL CRUSHING PROJECT CP 2008-100-10:00 AM-CONTINUED

Motion by Miller, seconded by Tinklenberg to award the Gravel Crushing Project CP 2008-100 bid to Rupp Construction Co. Inc in the amount of \$121,920.00. Motion carried.

2009 BUDGET WORK SESSION FOLLOW-UP

Motion by Keyes, seconded by Tinklenberg to set a 0% cost of living increase for non-union, non-merit personnel as a guideline for establishing preliminary departmental budgets.

Yeas: Johnson, Keyes, Tinklenberg. Nay: Miller. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Miller to require Board approval by department heads prior to starting the hiring process for all existing and new positions. Motion carried.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Keyes to set a budget goal of no more than 3.9% increases in departmental budgets. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Johnson announced that the Area II meeting will be held at the Pipestone County Courthouse Commissioner Room on July 3, 2008 and that all Board members are welcome to attend.

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Motion by Keyes, seconded by Tinklenberg to approve the Amendment and Restatement of Articles of Incorporation for Southwestern Mental Health Center, Inc. Motion carried.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Tinklenberg to assign the Transit building office space to the County EDA for an indefinite term. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Miller, seconded by Keyes to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

1. Minutes of June 24, 2008 Commissioner Minutes
2. Minutes of June 25, 2008 Budget Work Session
3. Minutes of June 27, 2008 Murray County Work Session

Motion carried.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Keyes to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Luke Johnson
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Sharon Hanson
County Coordinator