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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, Jerry L. Remund, Marvin Tinklenberg, Highway Engineer David Halbersma and County Coordinator Sharon Hanson 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 Keyes to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Keyes, seconded by Miller to correct Resolution 59-25-08 as a result of a typographical error in the legal description in which NE should have been SE. Motion carried unanimously.

PROJECT UPDATES

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

Engineer Halbersma discussed determining limits of liability for independent contractors for varying projects. Consensus of the Board to have Engineer Halbersma continue to research and bring back to the Board for further discussion.

RESOLUTION 59-29-08 AND RESOLUTION 59-30-08 CSAH 21 TRANSFER

Motion by Tinklenberg, seconded by Miller to adopt Resolution 59-29-08 which resolves that the following roads be revoked as County State Aid Highways (CSAH):

CSAH 21 in Ruthton from CSAH 18 to Aetna St.-0.2 miles
CSAH 21 in Ruthton from Aetna St. to Norway St. on Leo Ave-0.2 miles
CSAH 21 in Ruthton from Leo Ave to CSAH 18 on Norway Ave-0.1 miles

and adopt Resolution 59-30-08 that the following roads be designated as CSAH:

Aetna St. in Ruthton from CSAH 23 to TH 23-0.38 miles
(to be numbered and known as CSAH 21)

Motion carried unanimously.

PROJECT UPDATES-CONTINUED

Engineer Halbersma informed the Board that concern has been expressed about the condition of CSAH 9 pavement. Engineer Halbersma will discuss possible funding possibilities to correct the pavement with Minnesota Department of Transportation.

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RIGHT OF WAY ISSUES

Engineer Halbersma and the Board discussed several right of way issues/requests with consensus from the Board to consult with County Attorney Jim O'Neill and bring back to the Board at a future meeting.

PERSONNEL

Sheriff Dan Delaney and Personnel Director Judy Oldemeyer joined the meeting. Motion by Tinklenberg, seconded by Remund to accept the resignation of Sheriff Deputy Todd Siemonsma effective October 1, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Delaney requested the filling of the open Deputy position. Consensus of the Board to refer to the Deputy Union Contract regarding posting requirements and bring back request to the Board.

REQUEST FOR BLACKTOP CH 67

Harvey Reder joined the meeting to state that he and neighbors living near the east end of County Highway (CH) 67 have concerns regarding the amount of dust, the excessive speed by vehicles using the road. Mr. Reder requested that CH 67 be blacktopped to reduce these issues and requested that the Board respond to the questions as to which governing body is responsible for dust control and which governing body is responsible for enforcement of the law on CH 67. The Board took no action on the request to blacktop CH 67 and consensus of the Board to respond to Mr. Reder's questions.

POSSIBLE LAND PURCHASE FOR GRAVEL SOURCE

Engineer Halbersma informed the Board that because of soil testing completed on the Fred Portz property, the County did not pursue purchase of the property as previously discussed. Consensus of the Board to conduct soil testing on the Doug Rupp property to determine viability of gravel sources.

PERSONNEL-CONTINUED

Coordinator Hanson informed the Board that the combined Emergency Services Director and Transit Director job description will no longer be pursued as discussed at the Personnel Committee level. Motion by Tinklenberg, seconded by Keyes to approve the revised Transit Manager job description and allow posting of the Transit Manager job. Motion carried unanimously.

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UPDATE ON NEW LAWS AFFECTING COUNTY HIGHWAYS

Engineer Halbermsa informed the Board on new laws affecting County Highways.

MAINTENANCE ISSUES/UPDATES

Engineer Halbersma provided an update on maintenance issues including an update on an existing MCIT claim on possible spray damage to a soybean field, noxious weed spraying, and removal of radio tower located near CSAH 2 and CSAH 13.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Minutes of September 23, 2008 Commissioner Minutes
2. Approve four class registrations at \$300.00 each for construction training.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Tinklenberg, seconded by Miller to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Luke Johnson
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Sharon Hanson
County Coordinator