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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 Keyes to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Keyes, seconded by Remund to pull the Commissioner Warrants from the consent agenda until further review. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Miller, seconded by Remund to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Minutes of December 2, 2008 Road and Bridge
2. Minutes of December 4, 2008 TNT Public Hearing
4. Treasurer's Report of November 2008

Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Johnson recessed the meeting at 9:06 AM to allow time to review the newly distributed Commissioner Warrants. Meeting was reconvened at 9:30 AM. Motion by Miller, seconded by Tinklenberg to approve Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$ 307,122.67 and Commissioner Warrants and Meal reimbursements in the amount of \$233,003.11. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY ASSESSOR

Coordinator Sharon Hanson reported that County Assessor Joyce Schmidt has successfully completed the requirements for senior accreditation as an assessor and can be appointed as Pipestone County Assessor for a four year appointment. Motion by Miller, seconded by Keyes to appoint Joyce Schmidt as the Pipestone County Assessor for a four-year appointment beginning January 1, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

RESPECTFUL WORKPLACE

Coordinator Hanson requested authorization to institute a respectful workplace training program for commissioners, supervisors and employees involving training, protocol and policy development and customer service feedback. Consensus of the Board to discuss the proposal in the Personnel Stewards Committee prior to further Board discussion.

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2009 BUDGET REVIEW

The Commissioners met with Sheriff Dan Delaney to discuss the 2009 Sheriff's Department budget, specifically the Buffalo Ridge Drug Task Force. Consensus of the Board to meet on December 18, 2008 to further discuss the 2009 budget.

LPRW BOARD APPOINTMENT – RESOLUTION 59-36-08

Motion by Tinklenberg, seconded by Keyes to approve Resolution 59-36-08 appointing Janice Moen to the Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water System Board of Commissioners for a term commencing on January 1, 2009 and expiring on January 1, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL – JUDY OLDEMEYER

Human Resources Coordinator Judy Oldemeyer and Transit Manager Marc Hall requested approval to advertise for a Substitute Transit Bus Driver. Motion by Miller, seconded by Keyes to authorize advertising for a Substitute Transit Bus Driver. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Oldemeyer presented an amendment to the Dakotacare Administrative Services, Inc. contract for employee dental insurance specifying that elected officials with four (4) years of service shall have the option of remaining on the plan indefinitely upon leaving county service. Premium costs would be the responsibility of the elected official. Motion by Remund, seconded by Miller to approve the Dakotacare Administrative Services, Inc. amendment to the Pipestone County employee dental insurance plan. Ayes: Miller, Remund, Keyes, Tinklenberg. Abstain: Johnson. Motion carried.

Ms. Oldemeyer reported that the Minnesota Life employee life insurance contract does not have language for elected officials with four (4) years of service to continue coverage indefinitely and it could be somewhat prohibitive to change the contract language. Consensus of the Board to leave the insurance contract language as is. Ms. Oldemeyer was directed to change the Personnel Policy to reflect that life insurance is not available for an indefinite period of time to elected officials with four (4) years of service. The policy change will be considered for approval at the December 23 Commissioner meeting.

Ms. Oldemeyer presented information on the proposed contract between Pipestone County and FirstLab of North Wales, PA for administration of the Pipestone County Drug and Alcohol Testing Program. No action was taken at this time.

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AMC ANNUAL CONFERENCE GIFT

Motion by Tinklenberg, seconded by Miller to authorize payment up to \$100.00 for a peace pipe which was presented as a gift at the recent AMC Annual Conference held in Duluth.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Johnson adjourned the meeting at 11:25 AM.

Luke Johnson
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Sharon Hanson
County Coordinator

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