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Pipestone County Commissioner Meeting
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The Pipestone County Commissioners met with Chairman Harold (Butch) Miller, Commissioners James Keyes, Jerry L. Remund, Marge DeRuyter, and Marvin Tinklenberg. County Coordinator Sharon Hanson was also present. Chairman Miller 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 Remund, seconded by DeRuyter to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Minutes of March 10, 2009
2. Minutes of March 13, 2009 Budget Work Session
3. Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$444,467.45

Motion carried unanimously.

GAIL SATER – MCIT ANNUAL REPORT

Gail Sater, MCIT Account Executive and Bruce Casey, Loss Control Consultant, presented the 2009 Member Report for Pipestone County.

MARY FISCHER – FAMILY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Pipestone County Family Services Director Mary Fischer presented an update on current human services legislation and emphasized the priority to meet the needs of the local clients.

MARVIN TINKLENBERG – ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA COUNTIES

Commissioner Tinklenberg presented an update on the recent AMC Board meeting.

JEFF ARENDT – SAVE A LIFE TOUR

Jeff Arendt, Senior Corrections Agent for Pipestone and Murray Counties, presented information on the Save a Life Tour scheduled for presentation to ninth through twelfth graders on April 7, 2009 in Pipestone and Slayton.

SHARON HANSON-COUNTY COORDINATOR

County Coordinator Sharon Hanson briefly reviewed the March 13, 2009 Budget Work Session discussion. In an effort to explore options regarding budget reductions, motion by Keyes, seconded by Tinklenberg to direct department heads to reduce 2009 department budgets by 5% and provide a report to the County Coordinator. Motion carried unanimously.

Coordinator Hanson presented purchase requests from the Highway Department. The following quotes were received for twenty sets of grader blades:

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Kris Engineering	\$5,426.97
Ziegler Cat	\$7,062.23

Motion by Keyes, seconded by Remund to approve the purchase of twenty sets of grader blades from Kris Engineering for \$5,426.97. Motion carried unanimously.

The 2009 culvert inventory order is \$13,375.53 with Johnston Fargo Culverts, Inc. from the state contract pricing. Motion by Remund, seconded by Tinklenberg to approve the purchase of the 2009 culvert inventory for \$13,375.53 from Johnston Fargo Culverts, Inc. from the state contract pricing. Motion carried unanimously.

The following quotes were received for the 2009 sign replacements for the Highway Department:

Newman Signs	\$8,787.83
M.R. Signs	\$9,537.00
Lyle Signs	\$8,961.49

The following quotes were received for posts for the Highway Department:

E.F.A.	\$6,367.64
Newman Signs	\$8,790.51
M.R. Signs	\$7,272.24
Lyle Signs	\$7,551.91

Motion by Keyes, seconded by DeRuyter to approve the purchase of signs from Newman Signs for \$8,787.83 and posts from E.F.A. for \$6,367.64. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Tinklenberg, seconded by Remund to approve the 2008 Financial Audit Letter of Understanding and authorize the appropriate signatures. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Remund to transfer on an annual basis from the General Revenue Fund Balance the money that has been collected through the Pipestone County Septic Loan Program Special Assessment to the Designated County Septic Loan Program (account 01-000-2826). Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Keyes, seconded by Miller to approve the agreement with the City of Pipestone regarding the County's construction and installation of a private wastewater disposal system for the proposed Public Services Building along North Hiawatha Avenue and the future connection of the private system to the City's public sewer system when the MPCA's moratorium is lifted on additional connections to the City's sewer system. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Remund, seconded by Tinklenberg to direct the Personnel Stewards Committee to develop a County Administrator job description. Motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioners discussed the possibility of a concrete parking lot for the proposed new Public Services Building instead of a paved lot as is in the specifications. Consensus of the Board to request that the architects and engineers develop an alternate bid for a concrete parking lot for the proposed Public Services Building. Coordinator Hanson will contact the architects and engineers.

STEVE WEETS – FINANCIAL POLICY AND CONTINGENCY FUND

Treasurer Steve Weets discussed establishment of a contingency fund within the Family Services Department as discussed at March 17, 2009 Family Services Board meeting. Motion by Remund, seconded by Keyes to establish an income maintenance/social service contingency fund of \$500.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Weets presented for approval an amendment to the Pipestone County Investment Policy. Motion by Tinklenberg, seconded by DeRuyter to approve the Pipestone County Investment Policy as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Weets presented a request from the Manatron Steering Committee. The AVT (consultants for the Manatron project) fund will be depleted as of Wednesday, March 25, 2009 and they requested an additional \$1,000 per county to cover AVT work through the end of April 2009. Discussion was held on the current status of the Manatron project and the timeline when the 28 counties will go live on the program. A final vote of the 28 counties will determine if Pipestone County will pay the Manatron Steering Committee AVT fund for continued consulting fees. Motion by Miller, seconded by Remund to not support the funding of the additional \$1,000 to cover AVT work through the end of April 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Keyes, seconded by DeRuyter to amend Pipestone County Resolution 59-06-2009 to include investment purchases by the County Treasurer to the authorized Auditor Warrant list. Motion carried unanimously.

KYLE KRIER – PUBLIC HEARINGS, WATER PLAN UPDATE

Environmental Administrator Kyle Krier appeared at 11:00 AM for public meetings to hear input on the proposed construction and expansion of the following feedlots: Brinkmeyer Farms construction of one 440' by 425' open lot with runoff controls in the W ½ of Section 35 Fountain Prairie Township (T-108-N, R-45-W) Pipestone County.

Glen Van Eck construction of one 14' by 54' total confinement barn in the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 14 Rock Township (T-107-N, R-44-W) Pipestone County.

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Administrator Krier also presented Resolution 59-14-09 to amend the Pipestone County Comprehensive Water Management Plan by providing for the required update of the Five-Year Focus Plan. Motion by Tinklenberg, seconded by Keyes to approve Resolution 59-14-09 to amend the Pipestone County Comprehensive Water Management Plan with the required update of the Five-Year focus Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

BILL FOLGER- FIBER OPTIC LINE PROPOSAL

Information Technology Coordinator Bill Folger appeared to request authorization to purchase engineering services to establish a construction cost estimate for a fiber optic data link between the Courthouse and the proposed Public Services Building. Various options were discussed with consensus of the Board that Coordinator Folger return with a proposal for engineering services to include wireless options.

COMMISSIONER KEYES – SMOC AUTHORIZATION

Commissioner Keyes requested authorization to sign a Southwest Minnesota Opportunity Council participation agreement with Western Community Action to receive grant funds to aid the Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program in Rock, Pipestone, Nobles and Murray Counties. Motion by Remund, seconded by DeRuyter to authorize Commissioner Keyes' signature on the SMOC agreement with Western Community Action. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Tinklenberg, seconded by Remund to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 11:34 AM.

Harold (Butch) Miller
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Sharon Hanson
County Coordinator

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