

The Pipestone County Commissioners met with Chairman Les Nath, Commissioners Chris Hollingsworth, Luke Johnson, Bruce Kooiman, and Dan Wildermuth. County Administrator Sharon Hanson also present. Chairman Nath called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

AGENDA

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Minutes of April 11, 2017 Commissioner Meeting
2. Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$311,369.91

Motion carried unanimously.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS ITEMS-WAYNE DREW, SUPERVISOR

Building and Grounds Supervisor Wayne Drew joined the meeting and provided a brief update on the construction of the Fairgrounds Beef Barn.

Supervisor Drew explained that the proposed Fairgrounds sign could also be joined with a City of Pipestone sign due to their sign being recently damaged. The Board directed Supervisor Drew to continue with the original Board direction to purchase and install a stand-alone County Fairgrounds sign to be located at the corner of 10th Ave SE and Highway 30.

Supervisor Drew presented for consideration a proposal from Johnson Controls on work to improve the dehumidification on an existing heating and ventilation system for the Courtroom. He followed-up on direction from the Board to seek out other bids, but was not successful in obtaining additional bids. Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Johnson to accept the proposal from Johnson Controls in the amount of \$22,525.00 that will remove, clean and flush both the cooling and heating coils from the Courtroom air handling unit and install a re-heat coil in the duct of the air handling unit. New air handling controls will also be installed as part of the project. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to accept the resignation of Substitute Transit Bus Driver Jerry Priester effective April 25, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 59-17-17 HOME VISIT MEDICAL ASSISTANCE REIMBURSEMENT

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to adopt Resolution 59-17-17 that acknowledges support for increasing the minimum Medical Assistance reimbursement rate for all public health nurse family home visits as proposed in House File 1385 and Senate File 1143 and direct Chairman Nath to submit letters of support for the legislation. Motion carried unanimously.

RCRCA JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Wildermuth approving a Joint Power Agreement between Pipestone County and member counties of Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area, extending the agreement with an effective date of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019 and authorize Commissioner Johnson signature. Motion carried unanimously.

PASSPORT UPDATE

Administrator Hanson provided an update on number of passport applications processed and fees thus far collected by the County for the processing of passports since beginning operations March 27, 2017. Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Hollingsworth to provide an additional \$200.00 per month to County Auditor Tyler Riesch's salary, effective June 1, 2017 as part of his additional duties as Passport Facilities Manager and Passport Acceptance Agent Supervisor. Yeas: Hollingsworth, Kooiman, Nath, Wildermuth. Nay: Johnson. Motion carried.

FIRST BANK AND TRUST LETTER OF CREDIT EXTENSION

Community Bank President Kevin Paulsen First Bank and Trust-Pipestone, joined the meeting to present a request to authorize the Board Chairman to sign a letter of credit extension for the Pipestone County Medical Center Hospital Renovation project due to the project completion date needing to be extended. The letter of credit relates to First Bank and Trust's financing of \$6,300,000.00 for the project with the original maturation date of the loan at May 5, 2017. Mr. Paulsen stated that the letter of credit needs to be extended sixty-six (66) days to July 10, 2017 with a fee in the amount of \$13,155.01 for the letter of credit extension. Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Wildermuth extending Pipestone First Bank and Trust letter of credit as it

relates to the loan of \$6,300,000.00 for the PCMC Hospital Renovation Project, to July 10, 2017 and authorize Chairman's signature, with the total fee of \$13,155.01. Motion carried unanimously.

HOME TAX ABATEMENT PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Nath opened the Home Tax Abatement Public Hearing at 9:34 a.m. County Auditor Tyler Reisch explained the tax abatement application from Dean Honken consisting of new home construction located in Section 8 of Elmer Township, Pipestone County. It has been proposed that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Pipestone grant a Property Tax Abatement on these properties in an amount not to exceed 100 percent (%) of the County's portion of the real estate taxes related to new residential home construction on the subject properties for a period not to exceed three (3) years. The estimated value of abatement is less than \$1,000 annually for the property. Chairman Nath closed the public hearing at 9:35 a.m.

RESOLUTIONS 59-18 -17 GRANTING TAX ABATEMENT

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Hollingsworth to adopt 59-18-17 whereas Dean Honken has applied for a Home Tax Abatement pursuant to the County's Home Tax Abatement Initiative on property legally described as: Parcel ID: 05.008.0100, Section 8 of Elmer Township, Pipestone County. The County Board of Commissioners grants abatement of property taxes levied for property by the County on the Property for three (3) years, commencing with taxes payable for the assessed value related to the capital improvements outlined. The Abatement may be modified or terminated at any time by the Board of Commissioners. Motion carried unanimously.

PRIMEWEST HEALTH EMPLOYEE INSURANCE

Matt Magnuson, Director of Membership & Program Development for Primewest Health, joined the meeting to present information on the Primewest Health Employee Health Insurance project and answer questions from Board members. Mr. Magnuson explained that the thirteen member counties of Primewest are meeting on May 4, 2017 and a decision by Pipestone County on whether they will be joining the Employee Health pool will be needed by that date. Consensus of the Board to consider joining Primewest Health Employee Health Insurance pool at the May 2, 2017 Board meeting.

STONE ARCH BRIDGE AGREEMENT AND GUARDRAILS

Engineer David Halbersma joined the meeting.

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Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve the agreement between Pipestone County and Bolton and Menk, Inc. for consultant and design services related to the Historic Stone Arch Bridge Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$87,487.00 to be reimbursed with MN Historical Society Grant funds, and authorize Engineer Halbersma signature. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Halbersma updated the Board on whether or not the County should install guardrails on the Historic Stone Arch Bridge and that after further discussion with grant officials, the proposal to install guard rails could negatively impact grant funding for the rehabilitation project. Engineer Halbersma also stated that design standard exceptions for historic road and bridge structures are common. Consensus of the Board to proceed as planned and without installation of guardrails.

ADA CURB RAMP BID OPENING-10:30 A.M.

Engineer Halbersma was joined by Staff Engineer Nick Bergman. The following bids were submitted for Project SP 059-030-009 American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Curb Ramps:

Contractor	Bid Total
BG Amundson Construction, Inc.	\$448,421.00
Hulstein Excavating Inc.	\$500,640.90
Musch Construction, Inc.	\$481,666.85
Thorstad Companies, Inc.	\$439,032.85
Ti-Zack Concrete, Inc	\$422,602.50

Engineer Halbersma informed the Board that bids and bid bonds will be taken for review and brought back to a future meeting as the Project is federally funded and Minnesota Department of Transportation needs to review to ensure that Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goals are met.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Kooiman to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Les Nath
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Sharon Hanson
County Administrator