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Pipestone County Commissioner Meeting
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The Pipestone County Commissioners met with Chairman Jerry Remund, Commissioners Marvin Tinklenberg, Harold (Butch) Miller, and Marge DeRuyter. County Attorney Jim O'Neill and County Administrator Sharon Hanson were also present. Commissioner Bill Johnson absent. Chairman Remund called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion by Tinklenberg, seconded by DeRuyter to approve the agenda. Yeas: DeRuyter, Tinklenberg, Remund, Miller. Nays: None. Absent: Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Tinklenberg to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Minutes of June 11, 2012 County Board of Equalization Minutes
2. Minutes of June 12, 2012 Commissioner's Meeting
3. Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$437,637.83
4. Auditor Warrant Payable to VISA in the amount of \$363.38
5. Auditor Warrant Payable to AVI Systems in the amount of \$2,023.20

Yeas: DeRuyter, Tinklenberg, Remund, Miller. Nays: None. Absent: Johnson. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – BILLY QUIST

Billy Quist, resident of Pipestone appeared before the Board to discuss ongoing flooding problems that he has encountered at his home located on 702 7th St NE. He stated that his home has been flooded out twice in the last four years and his current flood insurance is designated for one (1) flood for every hundred (100) years. Ditch Committee Secretary John Shaffer reviewed past discussion with the City of Pipestone regarding the ditch system within the City of Pipestone. Consensus of the Board to have County Administrator Sharon Hanson contact the City about their previously agreed upon cleanup of trees that contribute to flooding and to refer back to the Ditch Committee the response from the City of Pipestone.

911 COMMITTEE UPDATE

Emergency Services Director Steve Ewing and County Administrator Sharon Hanson gave a brief update of the progress of the ARMER tower site and the status of the Firefighter Grant. It was recommended to postpone the full review of 911 Committee updates until a future Commissioner meeting when Sheriff Delaney can be present.

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WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

The Southwest Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement Workforce Investment Program Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) is up for renewal for a two-year agreement and had been modified to incorporate recommendations from MCIT. The JPA carries out the provisions in the Workforce Investment Act.

Motion by Tinklenberg, seconded by DeRuyter to approve the Workforce Investment Act Joint Powers Agreement between Pipestone County and the State of Minnesota with an effective date of July 1, 2012. Yeas: DeRuyter, Tinklenberg, Remund, Miller. Nays: None. Absent: Johnson. Motion carried.

CATHY FESTE – JAIL ADMINISTRATOR JOB DESCRIPTION

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste presented for approval an updated job description for Jail Administrator and requested the reclassification of this position from Exempt to Non-Exempt under the Fair Labor Standards Act by recommendation of the Personnel Committee. Motion by Miller, seconded by DeRuyter to approve the updated job description for Jail Administrator and reclassify the position as Non-Exempt. Yeas: DeRuyter, Tinklenberg, Remund, Miller. Nays: None. Absent: Johnson. Motion carried.

CANVASSING BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Motion by Miller, seconded by DeRuyter to appoint Commissioner Tinklenberg and Commissioner Johnson as the commissioner reps to the Primary and Election Canvassing Board. Yeas: DeRuyter, Tinklenberg, Remund, Miller. Nays: None. Absent: Johnson. Motion carried. The primary canvassing board will be meeting on August 16, 2012 at 1:30p.m.

WOODSTOCK BROADBAND PROJECT

Woodstock Telephone Company CEO Ken Knuth and Manager Ron Nelson presented information on a grant they received through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act that would allow them to install broadband services to rural residents in portions of Pipestone, Lyon and Rock Counties. They were awarded the grant in 2010 with a total estimated cost of the project to be \$15.9 million with a grant and loan. Due to unanticipated increased cost of fiber and higher wage rates than planned, the cost of the project has increased to an estimated \$21.8 million. Woodstock Telephone Company is looking for options for funding. Terri Heaton from Springsted Inc., presented an overview of some of the options a feasibility and risk analysis study would present to a County interested in funding this type of project.

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Motion by Miller, seconded by DeRuyter, to have Pipestone sponsor a feasibility and risk analysis study conducted by Springsted, with cost of the study provided to the County up-front from Woodstock Telephone Company, that would identify options that the Woodstock Telephone Company could use for funding this project. Yeas: DeRuyter, Tinklenberg, Remund, Miller. Nays: None. Absent: Johnson. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FEEDLOT MEETING-11:00 A.M.

Planning/Zoning and Conservation Administrator Kyle Krier, Mike Hulstein, and James Masselink joined the meeting. A feedlot public meeting was held for the following feedlot applications: James Masselink, located in the NE Quarter of Section 13 in Osborne Township; Mike Hulstein, located in the SW Quarter of Section 35 in Elmer Township; and Michael Zeinstra, located in the NW Quarter of Section 1 in Grange Township.

AMENDMENT NO 1 TO LOAN AGREEMENT

Motion by Tinklenberg, seconded by Johnson to decrease funds by \$36,000 provided to Pipestone County as part of the Minnesota Clean Water Partnership Project as a result of the lack of need for those funds and make those funds available to Rock County, the Project Sponsor. Pipestone County will have \$114,000 remaining from the original loan of \$150,000. Yeas: DeRuyter, Tinklenberg, Remund, Miller. Nays: None. Absent: Johnson. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Commissioners reported on the following committee meetings:

Commissioner Miller: Regional Radio Board, Plum Creek Library, Building Committee, SWHHS Merger Committee, Coteau Des Prairie RC&D, District AMC Meeting, Board of Equalization, Personnel Committee, Soil & Water Conservation District

Commissioner DeRuyter: AREA II RERCA, Board of Equalization, Holland City Council, 911 Meeting, Planning Commission

Commissioner Tinklenberg: E911 Meeting, Murray County Law Enforcement Open House, Pipestone Vet Clinic - Research Barn #2 Tour, AMC District 8 Meeting, Rural Minnesota Energy Board, Edgerton City Council, Personnel Committee, E911, SRDC, AMC Conference Call

Commissioner Remund: Building Committee, Southwest Mental Health, SWHHS Merger Committee, Pipestone Vet Clinic – Research Barn # 2 Tour, AMC District Meeting, Board of Equalization, Teleconference with Hospital on purchase of property.

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Motion by Miller, seconded by DeRuyter to adjourn. Yeas: DeRuyter, Tinklenberg, Remund, Miller. Nays: None. Absent: Johnson. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:46a.m.

Jerry Remund
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Sharon Hanson
County Administrator

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