

October 23, 2012

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

Motion by Tinklenberg, seconded by Johnson to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Minutes of October 9, 2012 Meeting
2. Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$392,831.37
3. Auditor Warrant Payable to IES in the amount of \$109.88 and Wright Express in the amount of \$184.48

Motion carried unanimously.

MARC HALL – TRANSIT CONSORTIUM RESOLUTION 59-30-12

Transit Director Marc Hall presented Resolution 59-30-12 for a 2013-2014 Buffalo Ridge Transit and State of Minnesota Grant Agreement that would form a Transit Consortium consisting of Pipestone County Transit, Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council (SMOC)-Nobles County Prairie Land Transit, Rock County Heartland Express, and Murray County Heartland Express. The purpose of this grant is to implement and maintain a proposed Buffalo Ridge Transit Route for duration of two years, 2013-2014. The Buffalo Ridge Transit Route would go between Pipestone, Slayton, Worthington, and Luverne. The funding to implement the Buffalo Ridge Transit Route will come from matching grant money through the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) and Pipestone, Murray, Rock, and Nobles Counties (85/15 split); with each county paying ¼ share of the 15% match. SMOC will act as the fiscal agent for the grant. Pipestone County's cost to implement this program is approximately \$10,673.50 for the duration of the agreement (2013-2014). Motion by Johnson, seconded by Miller to adopt Resolution 59-30-2012 that would allow Pipestone County to enter into a grant agreement with MNDOT for the implementation of a joint Buffalo Ridge Transit Route, with Pipestone County paying one quarter of a 15% match requirement, for a duration of two years. Motion carried unanimously.

DAVE HALBERSMA – BLACKTOP PATCHING

Highway Engineer presented quotes for two culvert projects that are in need of blacktop patching. Bids received were as follows:

Knife River - \$135.00 per ton

McLaughlin & Schulz - \$150.00 per ton

The two projects will require approximately 145 tons. Motion by Tinklenberg, seconded by DeRuyter to award the bid to Knife River at a cost of 135.00 per ton with an approximate project cost of \$19,575.00. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Miller, seconded by Johnson to re-appoint Joyce Schmidt as Pipestone County Assessor as per Minnesota Statute 273.061 and authorize Chairman Remund to sign the appointment papers. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Miller, seconded by DeRuyter to approve the 3rd quarter payment for uniform allowances in the amount of \$300.00 as an Auditor Warrant to each Deputy and Sergeant per the LELS 2424 labor agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by DeRuyter, seconded by Miller to accept the resignation of Commissioner Marvin Tinklenberg from the position of Pipestone County Commissioner District III, effective December 31, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste announced that Diane Bucher began employment on October 23, 2012 as the Administrative Support Specialist in the Sheriff's Office. Her starting salary is Step 3 of the Courthouse Union pay plan.

Coordinator Feste announced that the target dates for the annual County Insurance Open Enrollment will be November 5 through November 16, 2012.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Commissioners reported on the following committee meetings:

Commissioner Johnson: Solid Waste Committee, Southwest Mental Health, Active Living and Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council.

KYLE KRIER – ROCK RIVER LOAN RESOLUTION 59-31-12

Environmental Administrator Kyle Krier requested adoption of Resolution 59-31-12 that would authorize the County Environmental Administrator to submit a Project Implementation Continuation Request Form for the Rock River Replacement Sub-Surface Treatment System (SSTS) Loan Program that is funded through Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Clean Water Partnership Project for SSTS upgrades located within the Rock River Watershed, with Pipestone County requesting an additional \$100,000. Loan funds are used to pay for septic upgrade costs and then assessed back on property taxes over a ten year period at 3% interest. Motion by Tinklenberg, seconded by Johnson to adopt Resolution 59-31-2012 stating that the Pipestone County Board of Commissioners will continue to act as the project sponsor for the Rock River Replacement SSTS Loan Program Clean Water Partnership Project, in cooperation with the MPCA and authorizing Kyle Krier, Pipestone County Conservation and Zoning Administrator, to act as project representative. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION

County Administrator Sharon Hanson presented information to the Board on the impact of rising healthcare costs, the value of insurance benefits, and health insurance trends in other organizations, COLA increases for Pipestone County employees and Social Security recipients over the last several years as well as PERA increases. Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste presented information on single and family health insurance contributions in other counties and the out-of-pocket costs to their employees. Administrator Hanson stated that the insurance committee recommends a 2013 County cafeteria contribution of \$525.00 for individuals, up from \$521.03 in 2012. The Insurance Committee also requested board consideration of an increased contribution for employees with family Health insurance coverage. Board consensus to not support an increased family contribution at this time.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Tinklenberg to approve the 2013 cafeteria contribution of \$525.00 per employee, per month, for insurance-eligible Pipestone County employees. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Miller to approve the VEBA contribution of \$59.00 per employee, per month, for VEBA eligible Pipestone County employees. Motion carried unanimously.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION - RESOLUTION 59-32-2012

The Pipestone County Board held a County employee recognition ceremony recognizing employees for years of service in five year increments. The Board thanked the employees for their years of service and commended them for their dedication to Pipestone County. Motion by Johnson, seconded by DeRuyter to approve Resolution 59-32-2012 recognizing the service of the following employees to Pipestone County:

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| 5 Years | Nick Bergman
Pam Friesen
Dustin Miller
Justin Schroyer
Judy Vanden Bosch
Michael Wussow |
| 10 Years | Angie Bos
Laurie Bucher
Carmen Hailey
Deanna Hoffman
Kyle Krier
Don Lupkes |
| 15 years | Mike Hamann
Diane Scotting
Danette Smit
Bruce Wollan |
| 20 Years | Sue Lingen
Doug Nagel
Pam Thies
Jenny Vander Plaats |
| 25 Years | Steve Weets |

Motion carried unanimously.

KYLE KRIER – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, GEOMOOSE

Environmental Administrator Kyle Krier requested approval of a Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Recommendations in the matter of a Conditional Use Permit request by Verizon Wireless for the installation of one 309 foot Wireless Communications Tower to be constructed on the property of Tim and Joyce LaBrune, located in the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section Thirty-four (34) in Aetna Township. Motion by Miller, seconded by Johnson to accept the Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Recommendations and approve the conditional use permit for the Wireless Communications Tower located in the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section Thirty-four (34) in Aetna Township. Motion carried unanimously.

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Administrator Krier presented information on the new Geomoose system, a web-based GIS system in which users can access cartographic data for land in Pipestone County.

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The Commissioners reported on the following committee meetings:

Commissioner Miller: Regional Radio Board, K-5 Workgroup, Strategic Planning for Southwest Health and Human Services.

Commissioner DeRuyter: Area II, RCRCA, Planning and Zoning Commission, SWCD and Solid Waste Committee.

Commissioner Tinklenberg: AMC Policy Committee Meetings, AMC Board, Nurse Family Partnership, County EDA.

Commissioner Remund: Hospital Plant Operations, Law Enforcement Liaison Committee, Southwest Mental Health, County EDA.

Chairman Remund recessed the meeting at 11:40 a.m. to reconvene at 1:15 p.m.

Chairman Remund reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

The County Board held a budget work session and heard budget presentation from Steve Schulze, Court Administrator. The Board discussed the 2013 Budget and directed the County Administrator to present options at reducing the levy amount for final adoption on December 11, 2012.

Motion by Tinklenberg, seconded by Johnson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Jerry Remund
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Sharon Hanson
County Administrator