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Pipestone County R&B Meeting
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The Pipestone County Commissioners met with Chairman Harold (Butch) Miller, Commissioners Luke Johnson, William (Bill) Johnson and Bruce Kooiman and Jerry L. Remund. County Engineer David Halbersma, Senior Staff Engineer Nick Bergmann and County Administrator Sharon Hanson also present. Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

PROJECT UPDATES, UNDER CONTRACT, PROJECTS IN THE PLANNING STAGE

Engineer Dave Halbersma presented updates on projects under contract and projects in the planning stage.

Engineer Halbersma informed the Board that discussion has taken place between Northdale and Double D Gravel with regard to the 2nd St. Reconstruction project in the City of Pipestone in attempt to come to an agreement on payment between the two parties. Thus far, there is still no agreement, but required Minnesota Department of Revenue forms have been received from Double D Gravel.

Engineer Halbersma provided an update on the County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 10 water retention project that was being considered as part of the bridge/culvert replacement Project SAP 59-610-28. Engineer Halbersma stated that because of the soil structure additional measures would need to be taken to stabilize the road embankment and that could mean an approximate additional cost of \$150,000 for the road retention project that was not anticipated. The County would be responsible for twenty-five percent (25%) of the cost of the road retention project and Area II would pay for seventy-five percent (75%) of the cost. Consensus of the Board to not proceed with the water retention project portion of the project because of the higher costs in comparison to benefits.

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

Engineer Halbersma provided information on past and current transportation funding as well as future potential sources of revenue approved by the MN Legislature. Engineer Halbersma explained that the County, by County Board resolution, could enact a wheelage tax of \$10.00 per vehicle (some exceptions as to type of vehicle) and/or a one-half cent sales tax to be used for

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transportation funding. The Board discussed the new transportation funding options with no consensus to proceed with either the wheelage tax or the one-half cent sales tax.

MAINTENANCE ISSUES & UPDATES

Engineer Halbersma reported on maintenance issues and updates, including removal of spoils from the County Ditch within the City of Pipestone and spraying road ditches.

Engineer Halbersma presented the following skid steer replacement quotes:

Bobcat T650 skid track loader		Cat 357 Series 3 track skid loader	
Base Price	\$47,873.00	Base Price	\$48,370.50
Trade in Price	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	Trade in Price	<u>\$ 9,500.00</u>
Total without tax	\$47,873.00	Total without tax	\$38,870.50

Engineer Halbersma stated that the John Deere is not off the State Contract and that Cat offers a lease type option with a purchase price after the first of the year to help address the sale tax issue as Counties are exempt from sales tax starting January 1, 2014. Motion by W. Johnson, second by Remund to approve the purchase of the Cat 357 Series 3 track skid steer, with trade-in, for a total purchase amount of \$38,870.50 with lease payments for 2013 applied towards the full purchase after January 1, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Miller discussed with the Board the amount of dust and traffic on CSAH 15 and consideration of remedy options for the property owners near the road as well as consideration of traffic counts that could be evaluated as part of future road and bridge construction plans. Engineer Halbersma will look into the issues and bring back information to the Board. Current policy is for the County to not implement dust control, rather leave up to property owners affected by the dust.

Motion by L. Johnson, seconded by Kooiman to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

- 1). Minutes of June 25, 2013
- 2). Approve as Auditor Warrant Payment to Jer's Electric in the amount of \$822.00 and Insight Public Sector in the amount of \$2,121.53.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Remund, seconded by W. Johnson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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Harold (Butch) Miller
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Sharon Hanson
County Administrator

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