

September 3, 2013

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, Bruce Kooiman and Jerry L. Remund. County Administrator Sharon Hanson and County Engineer David Halbersma also present. Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

PROJECT UPDATES, UNDER CONTRACT, PROJECTS IN THE PLANNING STAGE

Engineer Halbersma provided an update on project updates, project under contract and projects in the planning stage.

Engineer Halbersma informed the Board that the Holland Shop is near completion and that the Board should consider options on the existing Holland Shop and land. Discussion occurred on selling the shop and land via bid, auctioneer or real estate listing. Engineer Halbersma will check with County Attorney Jim O'Neill on legally viable options and report back to the Board.

Engineer Halbersma provided an update on the Minnesota Department of Transportation Highway 75 culvert replacement project and that dust complaints had been received by residents that live on 90th Ave and 120th Ave that travelers are using for their detour route. The MNDOT agreed to pay for calcium chloride application for these residents.

AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT TRANSITION PLAN

Engineer Halbersma presented information on compliance measures for Public Right of Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG) under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) that requires public entities with more than fifty employees to develop a transition plan that details steps towards compliance with the ADA. The County Board gave consensus to proceed with the transition plan at February R&B meeting and Engineer Halbersma presented information on ADA and PROWAG at the March 1, 2013 R&B Public Hearing. Motion by L. Johnson, seconded by W. Johnson to adopt the Pipestone County ADA Transition Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

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AMC TRANSPORTATION FUNDING COMMITTEE

Engineer Halbersma reported that the Minnesota County Engineers Association (MCEA) convened a series of meetings in the summer of 2013 to review the CSAH funding allocation. The group was comprised of representatives from each MNDOT District (including Engineer Halbersma), the MCEA Board, and four (4) county commissioners representing both urban and rural interests. They identified problems with the current CSAH funding distribution, discussed a series of possible solutions, and ultimately agreed to a recommendation for the consideration of the Association of Minnesota Counties.

The Minnesota County Engineers Task Force recommended that AMC support a simpler, more transparent method of distributing dollars for the County State Aid Highway (CSAH) System. The Committee recommend that any future revenue, in conjunction with a significant new funding package, regardless of source, be deposited in the Highway User Tax Distribution Fund and then be split with 68% of CSAH funds distributed according to the apportionment sum formula and 32% CSAH funds distributed using the excess sum formula. This change would be phased in with new money from a transportation finance package such that counties do not lose funding due to changes from the bill, and would be periodically reviewed. Statute changes directing the change would be drafted upon approval of a finance bill.

MAINTENANCE ISSUES UPDATES

Engineer Halbersma reported on maintenance issues and updates.

2014 HIGHWAY BUDGET/COUNTY BUDGET

Engineer Halbersma answered questions regarding the 2014 proposed Road and Bridge Budget. Consensus of the Board to reduce the 2014 Road and Bridge budget by delaying survey vehicle and AVL purchases until 2015 and reducing overtime.

Administrator Hanson and the Board discussed the 2014 County Budget and provided feedback on proposed reductions. Administrator Hanson will revise the Budget and present on September 10, 2013.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by L. Johnson, seconded by Kooiman to approve the consent agenda as follows:

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Motion carried unanimously.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner W. Johnson reported attending the following meetings: Law Enforcement Liasion, SW Mental Health, SW Health and Human Services, Solid Waste Committee, Southern Minnesota Opportunity Council, Information Technology Committee.

Motion by Remund, seconded by W. Johnson to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Harold (Butch) Miller
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Sharon Hanson
County Administrator