

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

AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Minutes of January 13, 2015 Minutes
2. Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$913,440.62

Motion carried unanimously.

EXTENSION MOA ADDENDUM-AGRICULTURE EDUCATOR FTE

University of Extension Regional Director Holli Arp joined the meeting to present a Memorandum of Agreement Addendum between the University of Minnesota Extension and Pipestone County that would increase the Agriculture Educator full-time equivalency (FTE) from 0.46 FTE to 0.50 FTE. The Agriculture Educator is shared with Murray County and the remaining 0.50 FTE support would be provided by Murray County. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nath to approve the Memorandum of Agreement Addendum between the University of Minnesota Extension and Pipestone County that would increase the Agriculture Educator full-time equalivancy (FTE) from 0.46 FTE to 0.50 FTE effective January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Arp also introduced 4-H Youth Development Program Coordinator Brandi Raatz to the Board.

STORAGE AREA NETWORK CABINET-BILL FOLGER IT COORDINATOR

Information Technology Coordinator Bill Folger joined the meeting and presented the following quotes for an IBM EXP3512 Storage Area Network Cabinet (SAN) with an Environmental Services Module. The SAN would add redundancy and storage capacity to the existing SAN networks within the County:

Rhino Technology Group: \$6,985.00
Great Lakes Computer: \$7,000.00

Discussion took place by the Board regarding the possibility of purchasing two SAN's in the event the model is no longer available due to market changes. Coordinator Folger supported the discussion, however recommended to purchase only one SAN at this time. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nath to accept the quote from Rhino Technology Group in the amount of \$6,985.00. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY BOARD ORIENTATION

Administrator Hanson presented information on various County Commissioner and County Board topics as part of County Board Orientation as set forth in the County's Strategic Plan. **BUFFALO RIDGE REGIONAL TRANSIT JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT**

REVISION

Transit Director Marc Hall joined the meeting to present a Buffalo Ridge Regional Transit (BRRT) Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) revision which would allow the BRRT participating counties to continue to work together in the areas of transit such as grant administration, equipment purchasing, dispatch, training, employee sharing and drug and alcohol pooling. Director Hall stated that the BRRT route would not be continued under the new JPA. Administrator Hanson informed the Board that the County's property and liability insurance carrier Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust has in the past advocated for a JPA to ensure proper liability coverage. Motion by Remund, seconded by Johnson to approve the revised BRRT JPA. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT

Motion by Remund, seconded by Nath to appoint Commissioner Nath to Southwest Mental Health Board in place of Commissioner Wildermuth and direct Administrator Hanson to revise the Committee Assignment Resolution concurrent with the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CALENDAR ITEMS

Consensus of the Board to schedule visits with legislators during the Minnesota Association of Counties Legislative Conference. Consensus of the Board to schedule the annual employee grill out for June 2, 2015 with expenses paid by non-County funds.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Johnson: Southwest Legislative Roundtable, Minnesota Hospital Association Trustee Board and Conference, District 8 Land Use, Area II/RCRCA, Solid Waste Commission.

Commissioner Remund: Southwest Legislative Roundtable, Southwest Mental Health Board, Casey Jones Trail, Travel Southwest.

Commissioner Kooiman: Southwest Legislative Roundtable, Hospital Plant Operations, Personnel Committee, Southwest Regional Development Commission, Plum Creek Library Board, Nurse Family Partnership.

Commissioner Nath: Southwest Mental Health Board, Soil and Water Conservation District Board, Southwest Health and Human Services, Plum Creek Library Board.

Commissioner Wildermuth: Southwest Legislative Roundtable, Rural Energy Board, Southwest Health and Human Services, Southern Minnesota Opportunity Council.

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Remund to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:25 A.M.

Bruce Kooiman
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Sharon Hanson
County Administrator