

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.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Minutes of February 3, 2015 Commissioner Meeting
2. Commissioner Warrants / Meal Reimbursements in the amount of \$223,477.44
Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$230,823.21
3. January 2015 Treasurer's Report

Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA

Treasurer Steve Weets and Auditor Tyler Reisch joined the meeting to discuss and present Finance Committee agenda items. Treasurer Weets presented information on Treasurer's Cash, Investment Rates and Fund Investments. Auditor Reisch reviewed a delinquent tax report.

Discussion took place on the accepting of personal checks to pay for delinquent taxes.

BOARD/STAFF WORK SESSION DATE

Consensus of the Board to schedule a work session with department heads on March 24, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

HEAT TEAM MEMBERSHIP

Sheriff's Deputy Edison Dengler joined the meeting to request approval of the 28E Agreement for Sharing of Law Enforcement Officers and providing Emergency Response Assistance (H.E.A.T. Tactical Team). The purpose of the Agreement is to provide law enforcement assistance to governmental units, which are a party to this Agreement, in circumstances where such assistance would enable a governmental unit to more adequately deal with situations involving public health, safety, and welfare. Member governmental units designate one person to be part of the 22-member team and the cost to join the program is \$2,195.00 per year. Any law enforcement agency may withdraw from the agreement upon thirty (30) days notice. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Remund to approve the 28E agreement

for Sharing of Law Enforcement Officers and providing Emergency Response Assistance (H.E.A.T. Tactical Team) for \$2,195.00 per year. Motion carried unanimously.

WATER HEATER PURCHASE

The following quotes were received to replace an existing Courthouse water heater: Quist Plumbing and Heating - \$5,440.00 and Stout Evink Plumbing and Heating - \$5,512.00.

Motion by Nath, seconded by Johnson to approve the purchase of a water heater for Law Enforcement and Courthouse in the amount of \$5,440.00 from Quist Plumbing and Heating. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste thanked the board for allowing Sand Creek group, the County’s Employee Assistance Program provider, to conduct a Resilience Training and allowing employees and managers to take time out of their workday to attend. There were 49 attendees at the training and positive feedback was received.

BID OPENING – SAP 59-600-003 AND SAP 59-619-003 – 10:00AM

Engineer Dave Halbersma and Assistant County Attorney Jim O’Neill joined the meeting to conduct the bid opening for projects SAP 59-600-003 (cemetery road) and SAP 59-619-003 (County Road 19). The following bids were received:

<i>Bidder</i>	<i>SAP 59-600-003 Bid Amount</i>	<i>SAP 59-619-003 Bid Amount</i>	<i>Total Bid</i>
Thorstad Companies, Inc. Dell Rapids, SD	\$339,522.90	\$314,239.80	\$653,762.70
Carl V. Carlson Company Hartford, SD	\$458,718.04	\$374,026.44	\$832,744.48
Carstensen Contracting Pipestone, MN	\$504,255.00	\$419,308.50	\$923,563.50
Hoffman Concrete, Inc. Mankato, MN	\$334,568.06	\$329,945.00	\$664,513.06

Engineer Halbersma took bids for review.

PUP TRAILER PURCHASE

Motion by L. Johnson, seconded by Nath to approve purchase of a pup trailer in the amount of \$34,381.00 off of the State Contract. Motion carried unanimously.

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISCUSSION

County Auditor Tyler Reisch, Administrator Hanson and the Board discussed Central School personal property. Auditor Reisch is seeking a quote from a salvage company for some of the built-in items of value. Other personal property were reported to be in marginal condition at best with limited quantities of items for public interest.

BID AWARD SAP 59-619-003 and 59-600-003

Engineer Halbersma returned to the meeting and stated that the bid amounts reported during the bid opening were correct and that he would recommend awarding the concrete bid for project SAP 59-619-003 to Thorstad Companies in the amount of \$314,239.80. The cemetery road project SAP 59-600-003 was bid at concrete pricing and Engineer Halbersma informed Commissioners that the project could be put together in the bid with the rest of the bituminous projects. Attorney O'Neill stated that the bid bonds and securities were acceptable.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Remund to award project SAP 59-619-003 to Thorstad Companies from Dell Rapids, SD in the amount of \$314,239.80 and reject concrete bids for project SAP 59-600-003 in order to obtain bids with the Highway department's other bituminous projects. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Jerry L. Remund excused himself from the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

WWII SHERMAN TANK PAINTING PROJECT

Sons of the American Legion members Dave Rambow and Scott Park joined the meeting to inform the Commissioners of a project they are considering. The M4A3 Sherman Tank located on the Courthouse lawn has been on the grounds since 1962 and is in need of a new coat of paint. Rambow and Park stated that the Sons of the American Legion would like to look into the preparations and cost that need to be done to paint the tank and start fundraising. Commissioners thanked them for taking on this project and wished them luck in their efforts.

Motion by Nath, seconded by Johnson to adjourn. Yeas: Johnson, Kooiman, Nath, Wildermuth. Nays: None. Absent: Remund. Meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Bruce Kooiman
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Sharon Hanson
County Administrator