

The Pipestone County Commissioners met with Chairman Bruce Kooiman, Commissioners Les Nath, Jerry L. Remund, and Dan Wildermuth. Commissioner Luke Johnson absent. 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 Nath, seconded by Remund to approve the agenda. Yeas: Kooiman, Nath, Remund and Wildermuth. Nays: None. Absent: Johnson. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Minutes of February 24, 2015 Commissioner Meeting
2. Minutes of February 27, 2015 Road and Bridge Public Hearing
3. Ratify Approval to Send Letter to City of Pipestone Regarding 5th Ave SW Project Stating Preference to Delay Project

Yeas: Kooiman, Nath, Remund and Wildermuth. Nays: None. Absent: Johnson. Motion carried.

PROJECT UPDATES, PROJECTS UNDER CONTRACT, PROJECTS IN THE

PLANNING STAGE

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

Motion by Remund, seconded by Wildermuth to set the bid letting date of April 14, 2015 at 10:15 a.m. for SAP 59-610-27 and SAP 59-610-028. Yeas: Kooiman, Nath, Remund and Wildermuth. Nays: None. Absent: Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Nath, seconded by Remund to set the bid letting date of April 14, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. for SAP 59-600-003, SAP 59-601-032, SAP 59-606-022, SAP 59-615-038, SAP 59-616-035 and CP 2015-056. Yeas: Kooiman, Nath, Remund and Wildermuth. Nays: None. Absent: Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Wildermuth to set the bid letting date of April 7, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. for SAP 59-030-010. Yeas: Kooiman, Nath, Remund and Wildermuth. Nays: None. Absent: Johnson. Motion carried.

ROAD AND BRIDGE PUBLIC HEARING FOLLOW-UP

Engineer Halbersma reviewed comments received during the February 27, 2015 Road and Bridge Public Hearing. Engineer Halbersma and the Board discussed road and bridge funding and how road and bridge needs exceed funding available.

EXTENSION OF PEDESTRIAN PATH AND ROAD AROUND INDIAN LAKES

Engineer Halbersma asked for Board direction on whether to apply for a State Park Grant to extend the pedestrian path now located adjacent to Cemetery road and continue around Indian Lakes east to Minnesota West. Engineer Halbersma stated that Highway 267 would also need to be reconstructed to accommodate the path and that would mean possibly an additional \$50,000 to \$60,000 of county levy dollars to complete the project. Engineer Halbersma said the State Park Grant has a ten (10) percent (%) match requirement. Motion by Remund, seconded by Wildermuth to proceed with State Park Grant for Highway 267 and extension of path around Indian Lakes and seek out interest from the City of Pipestone on assisting with match requirement. Yeas: Kooiman, Nath, Remund and Wildermuth. Nays: None. Absent: Johnson. Motion carried.

MAINTENANCE ISSUES AND UPDATES

Engineer Halbersma informed the Board that he has budgeted to trade off oldest “spare” truck - a 1998 International with 340,148 miles and use our 2005 Sterling truck (estimated miles at about 280,000 at year end) as a spare. Engineer Halbersma recommended purchase of Mack Truck at the purchase price of \$107,971.96 and truck box with snow equipment for \$91,085 from Tow Master for a total of \$199,056.96 off the State Contract. Motion by Remund, seconded by Nath to approve Mack Truck at the purchase price of \$107,971.96 and truck box with snow equipment for \$91,085 from Tow Master for a total of \$ 199,056.96 off the State Contract. Yeas: Kooiman, Nath, Remund and Wildermuth. Nays: None. Absent: Johnson. Motion carried.

Engineer Halbersma informed the Board that the County has an opportunity to purchase a used snow blower from the State of Minnesota for an approximate price of \$15,000.00 Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nath to authorize Engineer Halbersma to negotiate with the State of Minnesota on the purchase price of a used snow blower up to \$15,000.00. Yeas: Kooiman, Nath, Remund and Wildermuth. Nays: None. Absent: Johnson. Motion carried.

Engineer Halbersma provided an update on maintenance issues and activities.

CHANARAMBIE LLC DEVELOPMENT

Rick Vanderstoep from Chanarambie LLC Development and County Auditor Tyler Reisch joined the meeting to present information on a recent development project on Main Street in Edgerton, MN that has resulted in a 5,500 square foot building being constructed and a potential property value of \$350,000. Mr. Vanderstoep explained that the Chanarambie LLC has

a five (5) year lease with Guide Point Pharmacy for one-third of the building. Mr. Vanderstoep requested consideration of a tax abatement of county taxes as he believed it would assist in possible further development by Chanarambie LLC. The City of Edgerton did grant a five (5) year, 100% tax abatement of city taxes. Auditor Tyler Reisch presented information on potential county taxes generated by the development. Administrator Hanson informed the Board that if the Board would like to consider an abatement of County taxes, a public hearing must be held before abatement can be granted. Motion by Nath, seconded by Kooiman to set a public hearing for April 7, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. for a five (5) year tax abatement, beginning with year 2017 at 100% of county taxes abated and decreasing 20% thereafter. Yeas: Kooiman, Nath, Remund and Wildermuth. Nays: None. Absent: Johnson. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Motion by Remund, seconded by Nath to approve the development of an informational insert to be sent in coordination with County property tax statements as a means to communicate about the services of Pipestone County. Yeas: Kooiman, Nath, Remund and Wildermuth. Nays: None. Absent: Johnson. Motion carried.

Consensus of the Board to approve the 2015 Legislative Positions of Pipestone County.

Commissioner Wildermuth stated his appreciation to the City of Pipestone for deciding to revise construction plans for 5th Ave SW to better accommodate Pipestone County Medical Center. Consensus of the Board to support Commissioner Wildermuth attendance at a future Pipestone City Council meeting to publically thank the members of the Council.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Administrator Hanson requested a closed session as per Minnesota Statutes 13D.05 Subd 3 (a) for her annual performance evaluation. Motion by Remund, seconded by Wildermuth to close the meeting for Administrator Hanson's annual performance evaluation as per Minnesota Statutes 13D.05 Subd 3 (a). Yeas: Kooiman, Nath, Remund and Wildermuth. Nays: None. Absent: Johnson. Motion carried. Meeting closed at 11:10 a.m. Present: Chairman Bruce Kooiman, Commissioners Les Nath, Jerry L. Remund, and Dan Wildermuth, Administrator Hanson. Motion by Remund seconded by Wildermuth to open the meeting. Meeting opened at 11:39 a.m. Yeas: Kooiman, Nath, Remund and Wildermuth. Nays: None. Absent: Johnson. Motion carried. Motion by Nath, seconded by Remund to approve satisfactory performance

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evaluation of County Administrator Sharon Hanson and grant appropriate step increase. Yeas: Kooiman, Nath, Remund and Wildermuth. Nays: None. Absent: Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nath to adjourn. Yeas: Kooiman, Nath, Remund and Wildermuth. Nays: None. Absent: Johnson. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Bruce Kooiman
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Sharon Hanson
County Administrator