

May 5, 2015

Pipestone County Commissioner Meeting
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The Pipestone County Commissioners met with Chairman Bruce Kooiman, Commissioners Luke Johnson, Les Nath, Jerry L. Remund and Dan Wildermuth. County Administrator Sharon Hanson, County Engineer David Halbersma and Assistant County Engineer Nick Bergman were 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. Approve Minutes of April 28, 2015

Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY ENGINEER

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Remund to re-appoint County Engineer David Halbersma to the position of County Engineer, per Minnesota Statute 163.07, effective May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

PROJECT UPDATES, PROJECTS UNDER CONTRACT, PROJECTS IN THE PLANNING STAGE

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

Motion by Remund, seconded by Wildermuth to approve final payment to Sweetman Construction for the 2014 Gravel Crushing Project in the amount of \$5,815.68. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Halbersma informed the Board that the Minnesota Department of Transportation plans to resurface Hwy 30 from the west junction of Hwy 23 in Pipestone to Lake Wilson starting July 6, 2015.

SHERMAN TANK COURTHOUSE LAWN

Mr. Jerry Priester representing the Sons of the American Legion joined the meeting to provide an update on the proposed paint restoration of the Sherman World War II Tank located on the Courthouse Lawn. Mr. Priester informed the Board that they are still working on paint

removal cost estimates and finalizing a time frame for completion. The Sons of American Legion are looking at raising funds through various fundraisers to help pay for the restoration.

2014 ROAD AND BRIDGE ANNUAL REPORT

Engineer Halbersma presented the 2014 Road and Bridge Annual Report and encouraged contact with him if there were further questions on the report.

TENTATIVE 5 YEAR ROAD AND BRIDGE PLAN

Engineer Halbersma reviewed via electronic imagery anticipated road construction needs that will be a part of the County's 5 Year Road and Bridge Plan.

Engineer Halbersma reported that he is still developing the 5 Year Road and Bridge Plan and that further input from the Board of Commissioners is needed as to construction requests within the City of Pipestone. Engineer Halbersma recently met with City of Pipestone regarding their road needs and more discussion needs to occur regarding how to fund the requested work. The Board and Engineer Halbersma discussed County State Aid funding and limited history on the County State aid funding within the City of Pipestone. Consensus of the Board directing Engineer Halbersma to meet with the Road and Bridge Committee to discuss funding options as it relates to County State Aid funding within the County.

SAFETY CONSULTING CONTRACT

Engineer Halbersma presented a request to consider contracting with SafeAssure, a health and safety consulting company that would provide the County with necessary safety written plans and training to assist with the County's safety program. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Remund to approve a contract between SafeAssure and Pipestone County effective May 5, 2015 through May 5, 2016 for the annual cost of \$4,822.00. Motion carried unanimously.

MAINTENANCE ISSUES AND UPDATES

Engineer Halbersma reported on highway department maintenance issues and areas of work completed.

FIBER OPTIC LINE PHASE II

Information Technology Coordinator Bill Folger and Emergency Services Director Steve Ewing joined the meeting to present information on a proposed construction of a fiber optic line from the Courthouse to the Fairgrounds. The fiber optic line is the second project for the County, with the first fiber optic line being constructed from the Courthouse to Public Services Building and Minnesota West Community College. Coordinator Folger explained that the project

permitting process has begun and that the bid process would need to be initiated with Board consent. Administrator Hanson informed the Board that available grant funding was not awarded to the County based on the small scope of the project and that the project will serve County entities only and not include residential. Administrator Hanson recommended a ten year time frame to levy for the Project in order to impact the County levy minimally. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nath to authorize Coordinator Folger to develop the bid process for the Fiber Optic Line Phase II Project. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 59-11-15 FAMILY HOMELESS PREVENTION AND ASSISTANCE

Motion by Remund, seconded by Wildermuth to adopt Resolution 59-11-15 that authorizes Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council in collaboration with Western Community Action to be charged with administration of the Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program in Pipestone County. Yeas: Johnson, Nath, Remund, Wildermuth. Nay: Kooiman. Absent: None.

PROBATION SECRETARIAL CONTRACT

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nath to approve the annual agreement between the State of Minnesota Department of Corrections and Pipestone County for secretary services to the Probation Agent in Pipestone County, effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

CREDIT CARD REQUEST

Motion by Remund, seconded by Nath to approve use of credit card per policy for the County Board that will be used for the purpose of conference registration related expenses. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Wildermuth seconded by Nath to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Bruce Kooiman
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Sharon Hanson
County Administrator