

The Pipestone County Commissioners met with Chairman Bruce Kooiman, Commissioners Luke Johnson, Les Nath, Jerry L. Remund and Daniel 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 Wildermuth, seconded by Nath to approve the agenda and the consent agenda as follows:

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approve Minutes of June 9, 2015
2. Approve Minutes of June 15, 2015 County Board of Equalization
3. Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$300,668.43
4. Approve Auditor Warrants Payable to JB Cabinets in the amount of \$1,393.50, State of MN in the amount of \$2,000.00 and DeBoer Motors in the amount of \$31,945.00

Motion carried unanimously.

**MICHELE CLARKE – SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA HOUSING PARTNERSHIP**

Michele Clarke of Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership (SWMHP) requested Board approval of a letter of support stating that the County supports the efforts of SWMHP to seek funding from Rural Development's Housing Preservation Grant Program. If awarded, the grant totaling \$40,875.42 for both Pipestone and Murray County would provide assistance for low and very low income homeowners that need assistance with energy efficiency, accessibility, lead hazards or other health and safety issues in their homes. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Remund to approve the letter of support for SWMHP to seek funding from Rural Development's Housing Preservation Grant Program and authorize Board Chairman signature. Motion carried unanimously.

**SMOC BOARD APPOINTMENT**

Commissioner Wildermuth presented for consideration appointment of William (Bill) Johnson to the Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council (SMOC) Board Member as SMOC Board Member Jim Priester has met the term limit of ten (10) years on the SMOC Board.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nath to appoint William (Bill) Johnson to the Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council (SMOC) Board. Motion carried unanimously.

**DECLARE COUNTY SURPLUS AUCTION**

Motion by Remund, seconded by Nath to declare the items listed on the presented auction list as County surplus and authorize the sale of those items at public auction. Motion carried unanimously. The County Surplus Auction will be held on Monday, July 6 at 5:00p.m. at the County Fairgrounds.

**SOUTHWESTERN MENTAL HEALTH LEASE AGREEMENT**

County Administrator Sharon Hanson presented a lease agreement between Pipestone County Southwestern Mental Health Center for property located at 1016 8th Ave SW Pipestone, MN. The previous lease agreement with a term of 20 years expired on June 1, 2015.

The proposed lease agreement would be for a period of five years beginning June 1, 2015 with the lease amount being \$1,096.00 per month.

Discussion followed on the possibility of negotiating the lease amount since it has not been increased in 20 years. Consensus of the Board to defer action on the agreement until they obtain more information on the lease value of the property.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Rock County has invited Association of Minnesota Counties District 8 counties to participate in a regional discussion regarding dispatch with focus on trying to determine if there are efficiencies that can be achieved by some type collaboration among the counties.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Remund to designate Commissioner Nath and Commissioner Kooiman as the representatives for the regional dispatch discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

**LEGAL SERVICES COST REVIEW**

Court Administrator Denise Brandel and County Attorney Damain Sandy joined the meeting to discuss the increased cost of court-appointed counsel in recent years. Administrator Brandel stated that much of the cost is due to Child in Need of Protection (CHIPS) cases which often times require the use of court appointed attorneys at County expense. Attorney Sandy stated that there appears to be an increase in the amount of cases that Southwest Health and Human Services (SWHHS) send into the court system. Consensus of the Board to have Commissioner Wildermuth, Commissioner Nath, and Attorney Sandy set up a meeting with SWHHS Director Chris Sorensen concerning the increase in CHIPS cases in the court system.

**BID LETTING – BOX CULVERTS – 10:00AM**

County Engineer Dave Halbersma, joined by Assistant County Attorney Jim O’Neill, opened 2015 box culvert bids. The following bids were received:

<i>Planholder</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Bid Total</i>
Central Specialties Inc	Alexandria, MN	\$1,301,025.08
Henning Construction Inc	Adrian, MN	\$998,535.50
Midwest Contracting	Marshall, MN	\$1,160,925.00
R&G Construction	Marshall, MN	\$1,075,001.00

Engineer Halbersma took the bids for review. Assistant County Attorney O’Neill stated the bid bond security was acceptable.

**2015 STRIPING QUOTES**

Engineer Halbersma presented the following quotes for 2015 striping.

<i>Contractor</i>	<i>Lincoln County</i>	<i>Pipestone County</i>	<i>Total</i>
Swantson Equipment Company	\$29,838.00	\$24,204.69	\$54,042.69
Traffic Marking Services, Inc	\$29,002.00	\$23,469.54	\$52,471.54
Traffic Solutions Inc	\$40,076.00	\$31,801.68	\$71,877.68
AAA Striping	\$28,376.00	\$22,631.83	\$51,007.83

Motion by Remund, seconded by Nath to approve the quote from AAA Striping with Pipestone County’s portion totaling \$22,631.83. Motion carried unanimously.

**JEREMY WHIPPLE- BROWN SCHOOL FENCING**

Jeremy Whipple on behalf of the Pipestone Youth Baseball Association and Pipestone Area School District, requested that used County Fairgrounds fencing be donated to Pipestone Area School District- Brown School, that will be used for construction of a baseball field.

Motion by Remund, seconded by Nath to donate the used County Fairgrounds fence to Pipestone Area School District- Brown School, to be used for construction of a baseball field. Motion carried unanimously.

**GREG MANGOLD – COMPENSATION STUDY PRELIMINARY REPORT**

Greg Mangold of Fox Lawson and Associates presented the preliminary report of the compensation study which included an overview of the process, job evaluation method, market

survey data, and findings and recommendations for the board to consider in implementing a new plan. Motion by Remund, seconded by Nath to accept the presentation from Fox Lawson and Associates. Motion carried unanimously.

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste requested approval of revised ratings for the Investigator and Patrol Sergeant positions. The new ratings were a result of appeals submitted by employees and their department head. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the new ratings for the Investigator and Patrol Sergeant. Motion carried unanimously.

**DAVE HALBERSMA – BID AWARD – BOX CULVERTS**

Engineer Halbersma returned to the meeting to recommend a box culvert bid award. Motion by Remund, seconded by Johnson to award the 2015 box culvert bid to Henning Construction in the amount of \$998,535.50. Motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED PAY PLANS AND COMPENSATION STUDY**

**IMPLEMENTATION-CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Nath, seconded by Remund to close the meeting per MN Statute 13D.03, to discuss pay ranges as part of Labor Negotiations Strategy. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting closed at 11:04 a.m.

The following were in attendance during the closed session: Chairman Bruce Kooiman Commissioners Luke Johnson, Les Nath, Jerry L. Remund, and Dan Wildermuth, County Administrator Sharon Hanson, Compensation Consultant Greg Mangold, Labor Attorney Susan Hansen via telephone, and HR Coordinator Cathy Feste.

Motion by L. Johnson, seconded by Remund to open the closed session. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting opened at 12:36 p.m.

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Remund to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:37p.m.

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Bruce Kooiman  
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

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Sharon Hanson  
Pipestone County Administrator