

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes of July 7, 2015
2. Commissioner Warrants/Meal Reimbursements in the amount of \$381,294.46 and Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$491,300.54
3. Treasurer's Report June 2015

Motion carried unanimously.

KEITH VREEMAN, MIKE HAMANN – BI-DIRECTIONAL AMPLIFIERS

Sheriff Keith Vreeman and Patrol Captain Mike Hamann joined the meeting to request purchase of six vehicle bi-directional amplifiers (BDAs) from Alpha Wireless in the amount of \$12,099.00 each for a total of \$72,594.00. The BDAs would increase signal strength for radio coverage near structures where the radio signal is weak. This purchase is eligible for a 50/50 grant match in the amount of \$36,297.00 with the remainder to come from County 911 reserve funds. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nath to approve purchase of six vehicle BDAs in the amount of \$72,594.00 with half the funds from County 911 reserve funds and the other half from grant dollars. Motion carried unanimously.

TROSKY TOWER USER AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Captain Hamann explained that the Trosky Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) Allied Radio Emergency Matrix System (ARMER) tower with Pipestone County equipment was damaged by rain and hail approximately in May of 2014 causing a radio connections to be intermittent. Captain Hamann explained that an insurance claim was filed with Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust who will cover the damage, however Sheriff Vreeman is recommending installation of two four foot ice shields to protect the radio connection equipment from future storm events. Installation of equipment requires an amendment to the original Use Agreement between the County and MNDOT that would specify the addition of ice shields as

equipment on the tower. Motion by Nath, seconded by Wildermuth to approve State of Minnesota Communications Facility Use Agreement Amendment between the MNDOT and Pipestone County that allows the installation of two four foot ice shields on the MNDOT Trosky ARMER tower and authorize Sheriff Vreeman and Chairman Kooiman signature.

TERESA ZEINSTRAS – PIPESTONE COUNTY FOOD STAND UPDATE

Fairground Food Stand Committee member Teresa Zeinstra joined the meeting to give an update on the progress of the Pipestone County food stand project. Construction is underway and the building is set to be completed before this year's County's Fair. Zeinstra presented a donation from New Horizon Farms in the amount of \$30,000.00 and showed examples of signs that will be placed on the outside of the building. Motion by Remund, seconded by Wildermuth to accept the \$30,000 donation from New Horizon Farms, as per MN Statutes 465.03, to help with building costs for the Pipestone County Food Stand. Motion carried unanimously.

NEAL STEFFL – SMOC ANNUAL UPDATE

Neal Steffl, Southwest Minnesota Opportunity Council Executive Director, presented an annual update for 2014. Director Steffl stated that they are still looking for a Pipestone representative for the SMOC Board after William (Bill) Johnson recently became aware of scheduling conflicts with serving on the Board. Director Steffl also noted that SMOC has been in existence for 50 years and they will be celebrating with an Open House on July 27, 2015 at the Worthington Office.

10:00 AM PUBLIC FEEDLOT MEETING

Environmental Administrator Kyle Krier joined the meeting. A feedlot public meeting was held for the following feedlot application: Pat Haag, located in the Southeast corner of Section 16 in Elmer Township.

LPRW BOARD APPOINTMENTS RESOLUTION 59-16-15

Motion by Remund, seconded by Nath to adopt Resolution 59-16-15 recommending that Mitch Kling and Bill Ufkin be appointed to the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System Board to a four year term beginning January 1, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

MINETT KRANTZ RESERVOIR INSPECTION REPORT

Administrator Hanson presented for approval the Minett-Krantz Reservoir Inspection annual report. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nath to accept the Minett-Krantz Reservoir

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Inspection report and authorize County Administrator Sharon Hanson to sign the report. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – COMMISSIONER REMUND

Commissioner Remund reported on the following Committee meetings: Board of Equalization, Fair Board, Plant Operations, Travel Southwest, Primewest Flag Presentation, Law Enforcement Liaison Meeting, School Resource Officer meeting.

TYLER REISCH – CENTRAL SCHOOL DEMOLITION AND DECONSTRUCTION

QUOTE

Auditor Tyler Reisch presented a quote from FEH Associates for demolition and deconstruction services at Central High School. The package includes the coordination of contractors, bid phase services, construction administration, recycling solutions, development of the demolition budget, civil engineering, environmental consulting, and community presentations. The Design Services Fees including the Architectural, Civil Engineering, Civil Survey and Environmental Consultant Fee total \$179,800 with an estimated cost for asbestos abatement for \$197,000 – \$205,000. Commissioners took no action at this time.

NORTHLAND SECURITIES, INC. – DEMOLITION FINANCE OPTIONS

Representatives from Northland Securities Inc. presented County financing options for the demolition of the Central School, including Tax Abatement Authority and Tax Increment Financing.

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Johnson to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:09a.m.

Bruce Kooiman
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Sharon Hanson
Pipestone County Administrator