

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. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approve Minutes of November 3, 2015
2. Commissioner Warrants/Meal Reimbursements in the amount of \$258,832.91 and Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$206,653.57
3. Treasurer's Report October 2015

Motion carried unanimously.

GRAVEL CRUSHING BID

Administrator Hanson reported that an additional bid was received for the 2015 Gravel Crushing Bid Opening, however was not received in time for the November 3, 2015 bid opening. The following bid was received: Hard Rock Screening LLC in the amount of \$164,640. The bid from Hard Rock Screening was not properly addressed and thus was not received at the time of bid opening and the bid was not the low bid.

SOLAR ORDINANCE-SET PUBLIC HEARING

Environmental Administrator Kyle Krier presented information on a proposed Solar Energy Systems Ordinance that would amend the Pipestone County Zoning Ordinance to provide regulations and requirements for the operation of such systems in the County. The Pipestone County Planning and Zoning Commission held a meeting on the proposed Solar Ordinance and recommends to the County Board that the Ordinance be amended. Motion by Remund, seconded by Nath to set the Pipestone County Zoning Ordinance Amendment-Solar Energy Systems Public Hearing for Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Pipestone County Commissioners Room at the Pipestone County Courthouse. Motion carried unanimously. To view the proposed Solar Ordinance Amendment, visit the county website at www.pipestone-county.com

COUNTY AMBULANCE 2016 BUDGET

EMS Director Steve Ewing joined the meeting to discuss the 2016 Ambulance budget with revised revenue amount due to a possible 2016 rate change. Director Ewing presented the following proposed 2016 ambulance rates:

	Current	Proposed
Base Rate BLS Emerg	\$630.00	\$693.00
Base Rate BLS Non Emerg.	\$630.00	\$693.00
Base Rate RN Required	\$758.00	\$869.00
Base Rate ALS 1	\$758.00	\$869.00
Base Rate ALS 2	\$858.00	\$944.00
Multiple Pickup	\$315.00	\$347.00
Mileage	\$ 11.00	\$ 12.10

Director Ewing explained that the reasons for this adjustment are to keep up with the increasing costs of fuel and other petroleum products, medical supplies and equipment. Pipestone County Ambulance’s last rate adjustment was in January 1, 2013. Motion by Nath, seconded by Remund to accept the proposed 2016 Pipestone County Ambulance rates as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

2016 BUDGET

The Board and Administrator Hanson discussed the 2016 budget.

OTHER BUSINESS

Consensus of the Board directing Administrator Hanson to seek out additional information on the Generator Fire Suppression System upgrade and corresponding National Fire Protection Association Code requirement related to the upgrade.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Johnson to approve a letter of agreement between AFSCME Council 65, Local 2424 and Pipestone County that stipulates that Carmen Hailey and Rhonda Sievert, Dispatchers/Office Assistants, may temporarily be assigned to perform additional duties in the absence of the Transit Director and that each shall each receive a \$200.00 lump sum per month, on a pro-rate basis, between September 26, 2015 and until such time as the Transit Director position is filled by appointment by the County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

November 10, 2015

Administrator Hanson informed the Board that Highway Maintenance Worker/Intermittent Foremen Nathan Stoel started his position November 19, 2015.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Bruce Kooiman
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Sharon Hanson
Pipestone County Administrator