

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 Remund to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approve Minutes of November 10, 2015
2. Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$598,993.64
3. Auditor Warrant Payable to First Farmers and Merchants in the amount of \$4,444.00

Motion carried unanimously.

PENDING PROPERTY TAX COURT LITIGATION-CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Remund, seconded by Nath to close the meeting to discuss pending property tax court litigation per Minnesota Statutes 13D.05 Subdivision 3 (b). Motion carried unanimously. Meeting closed at 9:03 a.m.

Present during the closed session: Commissioners Johnson, Kooiman, Nath, Remund and Wildermuth, County Attorney Damain Sandy, County Assessor Tyler Reisch and County Administrator Sharon Hanson.

Motion by Remund, seconded by Wildermuth to open the closed meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting opened at 9:32 a.m.

COURTHOUSE SECURITY CAMERA SYSTEM-SHERIFF KEITH VREEEMAN

County Sheriff Keith Vreeman, Information Technology Director Bill Folger and Jail Administrator Ed Scholten joined the meeting to present a request to replace the existing Courthouse and Jail security systems and also add the Public Service Building to the system. Sheriff Vreeman reported that the Courthouse and Jail systems are at the end of life, that the Jail has additional monitoring requirements and Public Services needs to be added to the system. The following quotes were presented:

Reliance Telephone, Inc.	\$15,721.00
Dakota Security Systems, Inc.	\$17,376.11

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Johnson to accept the quote from Reliance Telephone, Inc. in the amount of \$15,721.00 that will install cameras in various locations in Courthouse, Jail and Public Services Building and supporting equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

2016 BUDGET

Sheriff Vreeman answered questions regarding the Sheriff's 2016 Budget.

PERSONNEL

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste joined the meeting. Human Resources Coordinator reported that Jailer/Dispatcher Taylor Swenson started her position on November 19, 2015.

Coordinator Feste presented a revised Information Technology Support job description. Motion by Nath, seconded by Remund to approve the revised Information Technology Support job description. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Hanson reviewed the Information Technology Support, Building and Grounds Supervisor and Veterans Service Officer interview process and upcoming candidate selection process and confirmation from the County Board to fund the positions as separate positions in the 2016 County Budget.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to accept the resignation of Assistant County Attorney Jim O'Neill effective January 1, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Johnson to appoint Steve Schulze to the Southwest Health and Human Services Board to fill the vacated Board position held by Marvin Tinklenberg. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Remund, seconded by Nath to authorize Commissioner Johnson to sign an amended Area II Joint Powers Agreement that revised the Powers and Duties of the Board language. Motion carried unanimously.

2016 BUDGET

The Board and Administrator Hanson discussed the 2016 Budget.

Motion by Remund, seconded by Johnson to set the 2016 Library appropriation at the one-hundred (100) percent (%) Maintenance of Effort level of \$51,651 and not fund the requested amount of \$61,639. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 59-26-15 COUNTY PROGRAM AID

Motion by Nath, seconded by Wildermuth to adopt Resolution 59-26-15 that endorses the following revisions to the Minnesota County Program Aid formula:

- A funding increase of \$40 million;
- The creation of a funding floor that guarantees each county \$350,000 in tax base equalization aid (“TBEA”);
- Adjustments to the TBEA formula factors to slow down counties’ loss of TBEA funding, including: an increase of the per capita factor to \$190 and a decrease of the county adjusted net tax capacity (ANTC) factor to 9 percent;
- The elimination of special funds and transition aid; and
- The creation of a 5% cap on annual CPA losses; ensuring no county will lose more than 5% of its funding each year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nath, seconded by Remund to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Bruce Kooiman
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Sharon Hanson
Pipestone County Administrator