

The Pipestone County Commissioners met with Chairman Bruce Kooiman, Commissioners Luke Johnson, Les Nath, Jerry L. Remund and Daniel Wildermuth. County Administrator Sharon Hanson and County Engineer David Halbersma 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.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approve Minutes of November 24, 2015

Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

**LINCOLN-PIPESTONE COUNTY ENGINEER SHARING AGREEMENT**

Motion by Remund, seconded by Nath to approve an agreement between Lincoln County and Pipestone County, effective January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, which defines the terms for sharing of a County Highway Engineer between the two counties. Motion carried unanimously.

**EQUIPMENT PURCHASE**

Environmental Administrator Kyle Krier joined the meeting to discuss with Engineer Halbersma a purchase of a used fork lift that would be used between the Highway and Solid Waste Departments to enhance safety in comparison to a skid steer that is currently in use. Consensus of the Board to bring back fork lift options and quotes to the Board for consideration.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nath to set the 2016 fuel bid letting date for December 22, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Pipestone County Commissioners Room.

**MAINTENANCE UPDATES**

Engineer Halbersma provided an update on maintenance activities.

**2016 COUNTY BUDGET**

Engineer Halbersma answered questions on the 2016 Highway Department budget.

**MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY GRANT AGREEMENT**

Motion by Nath, seconded by Johnson to approve a Letter of Agreement and State Capital Projects Grants-In-Aid Agreement between Pipestone County and the Minnesota Historical Society agreeing to a State Capital Project Grants In Aid in the amount of \$62,500.00 with a local match of \$62,500.00 and authorize County Administrator signature. Motion carried unanimously.

**2016 COUNTY BUDGET**

The County Board discussed the 2016 Budget. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nath to decrease the 2016 County budget an additional \$25,000 to lower the levy further. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioners reported on the following committee meetings:

Commissioner Johnson: Minnesota Hospital Association Trustee meeting, AMC District 8 meeting, Road and Bridge Committee, Soil and Water Conservation District, Area II/Redwood Cottonwood Rivers Control Area Legislative meeting, Hospital Executive meeting, Senate Bonding Hearing, Southwest Regional Waste Committee.

Commissioner Remund: Hospital Plant Operations, PrimeWest, 4-H Recognition Program, Road and Bridge Committee meeting, Southwest Mental Health Center, Union negotiations, Casey Jones Trail, Travel Southwest, City/County/School meeting regarding Central School, Extension.

Commissioner Wildermuth: AMC District meeting, Southwest Mental Health Consortium, Southwest Health and Human Services, Casey Jones Trail, Travel Southwest.

Commissioner Nath: AMC District 8 meeting, Personnel, Union Negotiations, Southwest Health and Human Services, City/County/School meeting regarding Central School, Extension.

Commissioner Kooiman: Hospital Plant Operations, Planning and Zoning Commission, AMC District 8 meeting, Personnel, Hospital Executive meeting.

Motion by Remund, seconded by Wildermuth to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

December 1, 2015

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Bruce Kooiman  
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

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Sharon Hanson  
Pipestone County Administrator