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Pipestone County R&B Meeting
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The Pipestone County Commissioners met with Chairman William (Bill) Johnson, Commissioners Luke Johnson, Bruce Kooiman, Harold (Butch) Miller and Jerry L. Remund. County Administrator Sharon Hanson, Assistant Engineer Nick Bergman, County Auditor Tyler Reisch and County Engineer David Halbersma also present. Chairman W. Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

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

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

Motion by Remund, seconded by Kooiman to approve final payment to Larson Crane Service, Inc. in the amount of \$20,536.89 for projects SAP 59-599-79 and SAP 59-599-82. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Halbersma informed the Board that Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) will install an Intersection Conflict Warning System at the intersection of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 16 and Trunk Highway 23. Engineer Halbersma stated that MNDOT will pay for the System and installation, however MNDOT has requested that the County pay for the electricity for the system at an approximate cost of \$12.00 per month. Motion by L. Johnson, seconded by Miller to authorize the County to pay the electricity charges for the Intersection Conflict Warning System located at the intersection of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 16 and Trunk Highway 23. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Halbersma informed the Board that he is researching options with regards to bridge engineering design work as Hancock Engineering no longer provides box culvert sizing services.

Engineer Halbersma informed the Board that Pipestone County received a Transportation Alternatives Program grant in the approximate amount of \$400,000 for Pipestone County's correction of deficiencies in the sidewalk curb ramps along the County State Aid Highways that will help improve the mobility of the disabled community within the cities and also benefit all

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pedestrians throughout the County. Engineer Halbersma will notify cities in the County so work can be coordinated to effectively and efficiently implement the grant.

ROAD AND BRIDGE PUBLIC MEETING

Engineer Halbersma discussed the Road and Bridge Public Meeting that was held on March 3, 2014 and encouraged the Board to also submit suggestions and thoughts into the development of the County's Road and Bridge plans.

MAINTENANCE ISSUES UPDATES

Engineer Halbersma informed the Board of maintenance activities including the recent blowing, sanding and plowing of roads caused by snow and windy conditions.

Engineer Halbersma recommended the purchase of a lawn mower off the State Contract that includes trade-in of an existing lawn mower. Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Remund to approve the purchase of a John Deere Z930M EFI Commercial ZTrak, off the State Contract, in the amount of \$8,283.24, that includes trade-in of 1995 John Deere 425 at \$985.00 for a total cost of \$7,298.24. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Commissioners reported on the following committee meetings:

Commissioner Kooiman: Hospital Plant Operations, Primewest, Personnel, County EDA Executive Meeting, Planning and Zoning Committee, Medi-Sota Hospital Conference, Nurse Family Partnership, Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) Legislative Conference.

Commissioner Miller: Building Committee, Information Technology Committee, Personnel, Southwest Health and Human Services (SWHHS), Plum Creek Library Board, Extension Committee.

ELECTRICAL BID-PIPESTONE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER

Brad Burris, Pipestone County Medical Center (PCMC) Chief Executive Officer joined the meeting and stated that County Attorney Jim O'Neill reviewed the electrical bid bond information from Muth Electric and stated that bid bonds were acceptable. The bids were opened at the February 25, 2014 Commissioner meeting. Motion by L. Johnson, seconded by Remund to approve the bid from Muth Electric in the amount of \$150,738.00 for the electrical project at PCMC. Motion carried unanimously.

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Mr. Burris updated the Board on the proposed construction project at the Pipestone County Medical Center.

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT LOAN PUBLIC HEARING-10:15 A.M.

Mr. Burris was joined by PCMC Chief Financial Officer Dave Keeler, Dr. Larry D. Christensen and Dr. Myles F. Zephier for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Loan Public Hearing. The Loan proposes to finance construction of a replacement clinic (including new exam rooms, entrance, lobby, admissions area, specialty clinic and outpatient laboratory) and a new inpatient unit with a rooftop helipad at Pipestone County Medical Center. The financing is expected to consist of an aggregate of \$25 million principal amount of permanent financing, consisting of an \$18 million direct loan from the USDA, Rural Development and a \$7 million loan guaranteed by USDA, to pay for construction, costs of issuance, capitalized interest, if any, and a reserve fund, if required.

Chairman W. Johnson opened the Public Hearing at 10:15 a.m. Dr. Zephier read a statement on behalf of the Pipestone County Medical Center medical staff stating support for the Pipestone County Medical Center Clinic and Hospital construction project as proposed.

Chairman W. Johnson closed the Public Hearing at 10:17 a.m.

RESOLUTION 59-15-14 AND RESOLUTION 59-16-14 USDA LOANS FOR PCMC

CLINIC HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Remund to adopt Resolution 59-15-14 that approves USDA Form 1942-47 that sets forth the requirements of the USDA Rural Development Loan for the \$25,000,000 Pipestone County Medical Center Clinic and Hospital construction project as proposed and authorize Board Chairman and County Administrator signatures. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by L. Johnson, seconded by Miller to adopt Resolution 59-16-14 that finance construction of a replacement clinic (including new exam rooms, entrance, lobby, admissions area, specialty clinic and outpatient laboratory) and a new inpatient unit with a rooftop helipad at Pipestone County Medical Center in the amount of \$25 million principal amount of permanent financing, consisting of an \$18 million direct loan from the USDA, Rural Development and a \$7 million loan guaranteed by USDA, to pay for construction, costs of issuance, capitalized interest, if any, and a reserve fund, if required is approved and that the County and Medical Center staff

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are authorized to proceed with preparation plans for the Project and financing documents, which shall be subject to final approval by this Board and that the Loan Resolution 59-15-14 (USDA Form RD 1942-47) shall be submitted to appropriate USDA representatives. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED

Commissioner L. Johnson: Road and Bridge Committee, Solid Waste, Soil and Water Conservation District, Avera Leadership Meeting, MN Rural County Caucus, AMC Legislative Conference.

Commissioner Remund: Fair Board, Hospital Plant Operations, Building Committee, Law Enforcement Liaison, Southwest Mental Health, County EDA Executive Committee, Medi-Sota Hospital Conference, Extension Committee, AMC Legislative Conference.

Commissioner Johnson: Information Technology Committee, Rural Energy Board, SW Mental Health, SW 18 Mental Health Consortium, SWHHS, Avera Leadership Meeting, Southern Minnesota Opportunity Council, AMC Legislative Conference.

Administrator Hanson gave a report on the AMC General Government Committee meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. February 25, 2014 Minutes

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Kooiman to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

William (Bill) Johnson
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Sharon Hanson
County Administrator