

April 1, 2014

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

PROJECT UPDATES, PROJECTS UNDER CONTRACT, PROJECTS IN THE PLANNING STAGE, RESOLUTION 59-21-14

Engineer Halbersma provided an update on the sharing of the County Engineer position between Lincoln and Pipestone County.

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

Motion by Miller, seconded by Kooiman to adopt Resolution 59-21-14 that Pipestone County enter into Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) Agreement No. 05564 with the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation for providing electrical energy for the new Intersection Conflict Warning System at the intersection of Trunk Highway No.23 at County State Aid Highway No. 16, under State Project No. 8816-1765 (T.H. 23), within Pipestone County. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by L. Johnson to approve right of way purchase for Project SAP 59-606-21 to Donald Nienkerk and Gary Nienkerk in the amount of \$984.00 and approve as Auditor Warrant. Motion carried unanimously.

FUNCTIONALLY OBSOLETE AND STRUCTURALLY DEFICIENT COUNTY BRIDGE STATUS UPDATE

Engineer Halbersma provided information on Functionally Obsolete and Structurally Deficient Bridges in Pipestone County. A majority of the Functionally Obsolete and Structurally Deficient Bridges in Pipestone County were built in the 1940's with timber construction. Engineer Halbersma fielded questions from the Board on the bridges, permits and inspection methods.

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REVIEW OF STANDING AGREEMENTS-TOWNSHIPS, CITY OF PIPESTONE

Engineer Halbersma provided information on the 2003 County road transfer to townships in the County in which 220 miles of County roads were transferred to the township to enhance township road and bridge funding from the State. Engineer Halbersma also provided information on the 1985 agreement between the City of Pipestone and Pipestone County that transferred the City of Pipestone's 6.61 miles of State Aid Streets to the County.

PROJECT UPDATES-CONTINUED

Engineer Halbersma provided an update on the Highway 267 (Cemetery Road) Reconstruction and walking path project. The Project may be delayed to 2015 as the County is waiting on needed permits from Fish and Wildlife, archeological review by the Pipestone National Monument and information regarding native grass seed blends.

MAINTENANCE ISSUES UPDATES

Engineer Halbersma informed the Board that the new motor grader has arrived, however the motor grader that is to be traded-in had an engine failure approximately one week prior to trade-in resulting in unanticipated costs for the traded-in motor grader. Engineer Halbersma hopes to negotiate a new trade-in price that will result in only an \$11,000 dollar reduction to cover labor to fix the traded-in motor grader.

Engineer Halbersma reviewed the March 6, 2014 snow and wind storm that caused a discussion to occur between Pipestone Area School District and the Highway Department. It was resolved to share more information with the School District in the future to assist with decision making on the part of the School District.

DRAFT LEGISLATION H.F. 2939 /S.F. 2490-JOINT POWERS LANGUAGE

Motion by L. Johnson, seconded by Miller to draft a letter to Representative Schomacker and Senator Weber opposing draft language H.F. 2939 /S.F. 2490 which adds language regarding employees covered under a collective bargaining agreement when a new joint powers entity is formed. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Kooiman provided an update on the efforts to bring historical photos to Courthouse areas and that currently pictures are being developed with the help of Commissioner L. Johnson and the County Museum.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Remund to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

William (Bill) Johnson
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Sharon Hanson
County Administrator