

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 was 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 Miller to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Minutes of April 8, 2014 Commissioners Meeting
2. Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$578,891.77
3. Approve Auditor Warrant Payable to Alpha Wireless in the amount of \$13,777.12

Motion carried unanimously.

SMALL CITIES DEVELOPMENT GRANT UPDATE

Michelle Clarke, of the Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership, presented information and answered questions on the outcomes of the Small Cities Development Grant Program which provided funds to rehabilitate low to moderate income, owner-occupied single family households, and acquisition and clearance activities with priority given to flood victims as a result of the September 2010 flood.

Clarke requested approval of an Agreement for Professional Services between Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership and Pipestone County in which Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership agrees to provide the following services for fees set forth in the contract to administer the Small Cities Development Program: staff, secretarial services/supplies, program income reports, subordination of the SCDP Loan, Satisfaction of SCDP Loans, Re-Administration of Funds, Collection of Program Income. The fees will be paid by program funds or the borrower of the funds. Motion by Remund, seconded by Miller to approve the Agreement for Professional Services between Pipestone County and Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership, effective April 22, 2014, for duration of two years to administer the Small Cities Development Program. Motion carried unanimously.

DAVE HALBERSMA – BOX CULVERT LETTING DATE

Engineer Halbersma reported that the final plans and funding were approved for box culverts SAP 59-599-85, SAP 59-599-83, SAP 59-606-18, SAP 59-606-19, SAP 59-606-20, SAP 59-606-21, and SAP 59-616-30 and requested that the Board set a letting date. Box culvert SAP 59-599-84 may be added to the list if permission from the adjacent landowner is obtained before the publishing date.

Motion by Remund, seconded by Kooiman to set letting date of May 27, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Pipestone County Commissioner's Room for box culverts SAP 59-599-85, SAP 59-599-83, SAP 59-606-18, SAP 59-606-19, SAP 59-606-20, SAP 59-606-21, and SAP 59-616-30 with the possible addition of SAP 59-599-84. Motion carried unanimously.

TAX ABATEMENT REQUEST- ASSESSOR JOYCE SCHMIDT

Assessor Joyce Schmidt presented a tax abatement request for Craig and Connie Vreeman on the Pizza Ranch in Edgerton (parcel 13.220.0400) which was completely destroyed by fire on February 24, 2013. The total tax abatement for 2013 would be \$1,960.00 and the solid waste assessment fee abatement would be \$90.00. Motion by Miller, seconded by Kooiman to approve the tax abatement request for Craig and Connie Vreeman on parcel 13.220.0400 for a total of \$1960.00 and approve the abatement of solid waste fees in the amount of \$90.00. Motion carried unanimously.

PIPESTONE COUNTY HIAWATHA SNO BLAZERS CLUB - RESOLUTION 59-22-14

Auditor Tyler Reisch requested adoption of Resolution 59-22-14 that would provide legal sponsorship of the Hiawatha Sno Blazers Club by Pipestone County. Motion by Remund, seconded by L. Johnson to adopt Resolution 59-22-14, that Pipestone County act as the legal sponsor for an application for funding to the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR) for construction and maintenance of snowmobile trails managed by Pipestone County Hiawatha Sno Blazers Club and designate the Pipestone County Auditor as the fiscal agent and authorize the County Auditor to sign the agreement with the MNDNR. Motion carried unanimously.

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY DIGITIZING GRANT

County Administrator Sharon Hanson inquired about Board interest in applying for a grant that would provide funds to contract with a vendor to digitize Commissioner Minutes. Commissioner Minutes prior to 1996 are stored as hard copies and purchase of this software

would enable Pipestone County to create a searchable electronic database of meeting minutes available to the public. Consensus of the Board authorizing County Administrator Hanson to move forward with the grant application for digitizing Commissioner Minutes.

GARDEN AT FAMILY SERVICES BUILDING

Southwest Health and Human Services Dietician Janet Bush and Nurse Supervisor Kristin Deacon requested Board approval to plant a raised garden at the Family Services Building. The garden would serve as an educational tool for WIC program participants with the work to be completed by volunteers. Funding for the garden is being provided by the Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) grant. Motion by Kooiman, seconded by L. Johnson to authorize the establishment of a garden at the Family Services Building with expenses to be reimbursed by the Statewide Health Improvement Program Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

HISTORICAL COUNTY PHOTOS

Motion by Miller, seconded by Remund to authorize Historical Photo Committee of Commissioners L. Johnson and Kooiman the purchase of additional historical photos to hang throughout the Pipestone County Courthouse. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Commissioners reported on the following committee meetings:

Commissioner Kooiman: Southwest Regional Development Commission, Edgerton Chamber, Nurse Family Partnership, Transit Committee.

Commissioner Miller: Fair Board, Plum Creek Library Board, Southwest Health and Human Services Mediation Session, Southwest Health and Human Services Board.

Commissioner L. Johnson: Solid Waste Committee, Area II, Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area, Health Insurance District 8 Land Use, MCIT Land Use Training.

Commissioner Remund: Fair Board, Plant Operations, SW Mental Health, Law Enforcement Liaison, Insurance Committee.

Commissioner W. Johnson: Solid Waste, Rural Energy Board, SW Mental Health, Southwest Health and Human Services Board, Regional Radio Board.

FEEDLOT PUBLIC MEETING – 11:00 AM

Planning/Zoning and Conservation Administrator Kyle Krier joined the meeting. A feedlot public meeting was held for the following feedlot application: Scott Wassink, located in the NW Quarter of Section 30 in Osborne Township.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

William (Bill) Johnson
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Sharon Hanson
County Administrator