

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.

NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTION

County Assessor Joyce Schmidt introduced her new employee, Chris McChesney, who started as a Junior Appraiser on May 28, 2014.

AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

1. Minutes of June 3, 2014 Road and Bridge Meeting
2. Commissioner Warrants/Meal Reimbursements in the amount of \$279,549.12 and Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$438,780.02
3. Treasurer's Report May 2014
4. Accept Pipestone Chamber Ag Committee Donation in the amount of \$3,500.00

Motion carried unanimously.

DENNIS INMAN – CARGILL, INC.

Cargill AgHorizons Vice President Dennis Inman joined the meeting to present information on the upcoming expansion of the Cargill facility in Pipestone. The project includes numerous upgrades and additions to the current facility for a cost of \$25 million with an anticipated completion of Fall of 2015.

Inman reported that Cargill is planning to apply for the New Markets Tax Credit Program and is seeking a letter of support from the Board. The New Markets Tax Credit Program (NMTC Program) was established by Congress in 2000 to spur new or increased investments into operating businesses and real estate projects located in low-income communities. The NMTC Program attracts investment capital to low-income communities by permitting individual and corporate investors to receive a tax credit against their Federal income tax return in exchange for making equity investments in specialized financial institutions called Community Development Entities (CDEs) communities. Motion by Remund, seconded by Kooiman to

approve the letter of support for Cargill's New Market Tax Credits application. Motion carried unanimously.

CHRIS SORENSEN – SWHHS UPDATE

Southwest Health and Human Services (SWHHS) Director Chris Sorensen joined the meeting. Director Sorensen presented information on new staffing, improvement initiatives, and programs that SWHHS is currently undertaking.

ADMINISTRATOR SHARON HANSON – BUDGET, LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

Administrator Sharon Hanson presented and reviewed with the Board the 2014 1st Quarter Budget, presented an overview of 2014 legislative updates that could affect Pipestone County, and went over the 2015 budget planning process and timeline.

SSTS GRANT APPLICATION

Administrator Hanson presented for approval an SSTS Grants Combined Application to be submitted to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to support work of the Clean Water Legacy Act in protecting groundwater and surface water from impacts resulting from the improper design and/or operations of Subsurface Treatment Systems (SSTS). Total dollars being applied for are \$18,600 for the SSTS base grant, \$5,000 for the SSTS incentive grant, and \$40,000 for the SSTS Low-income Fix-up Grant. Motion by Miller, seconded by L. Johnson to approve the SSTS Grants Combined Application and authorize Environmental Administrator Kyle Krier to submit the application to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste reported that Anthony Sievert terminated employment as a part time Jailer/Dispatcher effective May 7, 2014 and Zachary Schafer was hired as a part time Jailer/Dispatcher on May 19, 2014. HR Coordinator Feste asked for Board approval to hire another part-time Jailer/Dispatcher to ensure adequate staffing for upcoming employee leaves of absence. Motion by L. Johnson, seconded by Miller authorizing the hire of another part-time Jailer/Dispatcher. Motion carried unanimously.

HR Coordinator Feste announced that Chris McChesney was hired as a full-time Junior Appraiser in the Assessor's office on May 28, 2014 and Carly Fritz was rehired as the 4-H summer intern on May 19, 2014.

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HR Coordinator Feste presented point valuation for the Investigator and Lieutenant Investigator job descriptions that were approved by the Board in May. Compensation Consultant Rod Kelsey evaluated the Investigator and Lieutenant Investigator positions at Range 10 (637 points) and Range 11 (676 points), respectively. Feste also presented a letter of agreement between Pipestone County and LELS, Inc. establishing the Investigator and Lieutenant investigator pay ranges in the current union contract subject to the Union's approval. Motion by Miller, seconded by Remund to accept the points assigned by Rod Kelsey to the Investigator and Lieutenant Investigator positions and approve the proposed letter of agreement between Pipestone County and L.E.L.S. Motion carried unanimously.

VETERAN'S PARK MOWING

County Administrator Sharon Hanson presented three bids for mowing Veteran's Park. The County Highway Department, Darl's Mowing, and Huber's Mowing all submitted bids of \$120.00 per time. The Huber Family currently mows Veteran's Park and has been mowing the Park for many years. Motion by L. Johnson, seconded by W. Johnson to accept the Huber's Mowing bid of \$120.00 per time for mowing at Veteran's Park. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Remund, seconded by Kooiman to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

William (Bill) Johnson
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Sharon Hanson
County Administrator