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Pipestone County Commissioner 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 absent. 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 Kooiman 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 July 1, 2014 Commissioner Meeting
2. Commissioner Warrants/Meal Reimbursements in the amount of \$339,847.85 and Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$426,560.33
3. Treasurer's Report June 2014

Motion carried unanimously.

TAX ABATEMENT REQUEST

Rick Vanderstoep joined the meeting to discuss plans that he and Dave Hulstein have to build an office building on Edgerton Main Street. There is a pharmacy interested in leasing space in the new building and the rest will be leased to other businesses. Vanderstoep stated that the Edgerton City Council approved a five-year tax abatement on the property and he is requesting the same from Pipestone County. Motion by Remund, seconded by L. Johnson to table the decision on the tax abatement to the July 22, 2014 Commissioners Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

DAVE HALBERSMA – HIGHWAY REQUESTS/UPDATES

Engineer Dave Halbersma requested that the board set a letting date for the following projects all located on County State Aid Highway 10:

2014 SAP 59-610-31 CSAH 10 Culvert L3577

2014 SAP 59-610-32 CSAH 10 Culvert LT 10'

2014 SAP 59-610-33 CSAH 10 Culvert L3576

2014 SAP 59-610-34 CSAH 10 Culvert LT 10'

2014 SAP 59-610-35 CSAH 10 Culvert L3575

2014 SAP 59-610-36 CSAH 10 Culvert LT 10'

2014 SAP 59-610-37 CSAH 10 Culvert LT 10'

Motion by Remund, seconded by L. Johnson to set letting date of August 12, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Kooiman to approve Right of Way payment to Darwin Hurd in the amount of \$500.00 for project SAP 59-600-02. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Halbersma requested approval to reduce the retainage on the flood repair contract from 5% to 1%. Motion by Miller, seconded by Remund to authorize the reduction of retainage on the flood repair contract from 5% to 1%. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Halbersma gave an update on the flood repair that the Highway department has been working on. All County roads are now open.

STEVE EWING – UPDATE ON FLOOD EMERGENCY DECLARATION

Emergency Management Director Steve Ewing gave an update on the flood emergency declaration. Pipestone County has an estimated \$837,400 worth of damage. Including Pipestone, there have been 46 counties in Minnesota that have declared a state of emergency. Director Ewing stated Governor Dayton will likely send a Presidential disaster declaration request today due to the widespread flood damage. The FEMA threshold for federal assistance is \$7.3 million in statewide eligible damages and preliminary damage assessments have already exceeded that amount. If granted by the President, the disaster declaration would provide assistance for uninsured and eligible storm-related damage to public infrastructure, 75% of the repair cost will be covered by the federal government and 25% will be covered by the state government with 0% local share.

WESTERN COMMUNITY ACTION DISCUSSION

Transit Director Marc Hall presented a Resolution for the Authorization for the Consolidation of Transit Services between Pipestone County and Western Community Action. Director Hall recommended the Board not move forward at this time in order to have time to gather more information. He recommended committee discussions regarding consolidation. Consensus of the Board to not move forward Resolution for the Authorization for the Consolidation of Transit Services between Pipestone County and Western Community Action but to continue the committee discussions regarding consolidation in the future.

TYLER REISCH – POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

Auditor Tyler Reisch requested Board approval of a draft Accounting Policies and Procedures Manual to send to the State Auditor. The manual provides a written summary of

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Pipestone County's current policies and procedures. Motion by L. Johnson, seconded by Remund to approve the draft Accounting Policies and Procedures Manual. Motion carried unanimously.

TYLER REISCH, JOYCE SCHMIDT, JEFF JONES – SUZLON WAIVER OF OBLIGATION REQUEST

Auditor Tyler Reisch, Assessor Joyce Schmidt, and Pipestone City Administrator Jeff Jones presented a petition of Suzlon Rotor Corporation for waiver of obligation to repay JOBZ tax benefits. City Administrator Jeff Jones reported that the Pipestone City Council voted unanimously to oppose granting Suzlon's waiver request of the prior JOBZ tax benefits payable in 2013 and 2014. Motion by Remund, seconded by Miller to oppose the granting of Suzlon's waiver request of the JOBZ tax benefits payable in 2013 and 2014 and authorize Auditor Resich to submit a letter to the Minnesota Department of Revenue opposing the waiver request of Suzlon Rotor Corporation. Motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF DAN DELANEY – RMS EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

Sheriff Dan Delaney presented two quotes for the purchase of computers to be installed in squad cars as part of the new law enforcement records management system purchased through LETG. The quotes received were both from SHI International Corporation off the State contact. Quotes received were \$47,933.20 for 14 Panasonic Toughbook Model #53 computers and accessories and \$70,504.00 for 14 Panasonic Toughbook Model #31 computers and accessories. Motion by Miller, seconded by Remund to authorize purchase of 14 Panasonic Toughbook Model #53 computers and accessories in the amount of \$47,933.20 from SHI International Corporation with \$22,000 to be expended from the Sheriff's equipment budget and the remaining to be expended from the general fund. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

William Johnson
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Cathy Feste
Human Resources Coordinator

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