

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 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.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Minutes of August 12, 2014 Commissioner Meeting
2. Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$597,681.64
3. Auditor Warrant Payable to Zoll Medical in the amount of \$265.41

Motion carried unanimously.

DUNCAN KOERBEL, SUZLON CEO – TAX WAIVER REQUEST

City of Pipestone representatives joined the meeting. City of Pipestone representatives present: Mayor Laurie Ness, City Council Members: Harry Hansen, Jim Stout, Myron Koets, Assistant City Administrator Deb Nelson and City Administrator Jeff Jones. Suzlon Chief Executive Officer (CEO) USA-Canada Duncan Koerbel presented information on Suzlon's contribution to the local economy, wind industry trends, and factors that led to Suzlon's large reduction in force. Suzlon recently was ordered by the Minnesota Department of Revenue to pay back property taxes in 2013 and 2014 and other taxes as a result of not complying with the Job Opportunity Building Zone (JOBZ) program. Suzlon has requested from the Minnesota Department of Revenue a waiver of taxes due for 2013 and 2014 and support from the City of Pipestone and Pipestone County. Mr. Koerbel asked the Pipestone County Board and the City Council to reconsider their vote in July of 2014 opposing the waiver request for JOBZ taxes payable in 2013 and 2014. Minnesota Statute 469.319 states that the Commissioner of Revenue may waive all or part of a repayment required, if the commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of employment and economic development and appropriate officials from the local government units in which the qualified business is located, determines that requiring repayment of the tax is not in the best interest of the state or the local government units and the business ceased operating as a result of circumstances beyond its control including, but not

limited to: a natural disaster; unforeseen industry trends; or loss of a major supplier or customer.

Pipestone County Commissioners took no action on Mr. Koerbel's request.

DAN DELANEY – CENTRAL SCHOOL PERSONAL PROPERTY BILL OF SALE

Sheriff Dan Delaney and Attorney Jim O'Neill joined the meeting to present a Bill of Sale by Richard Haase (Seller) to Pipestone County (Purchaser) in the amount of \$5,000.00 which conveys all personal property located in Pipestone Central School. Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Remund to approve a Bill of Sale by Richard Haase (Seller) to Pipestone County (Purchaser) in the amount of \$5,000.00 which conveys all personal property located in Pipestone Central School. Motion carried unanimously.

TRANSIT FUNDING RESOLUTION 59-36-14

Transit Director Marc Hall joined the meeting to present Resolution 59-36-14 that approves the 2015 agreement with the State of Minnesota for Public Transportation Services.

Motion by L. Johnson, seconded by Miller to adopt Resolution 59-36-14 that resolves to enter in an agreement with the State of Minnesota to provide transportation service in Pipestone County for 2015, that Pipestone County provide the local share of 15 percent of operating costs and 20 percent of capital costs, and authorize the signature of the Chairman of the Board and the Transit Director to execute the 2015 agreement between Pipestone County and the State of Minnesota. Motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASE AGREEMENT 321 10TH AVE SOUTHEAST, PIPESTONE

Building and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor Marc Hall presented a purchase agreement for 321 10th Ave SE Pipestone in the amount of \$59,900.00 Motion by Remund, seconded by Kooiman to approve the purchase agreement for 321 10th Ave SE Pipestone in the amount of \$59,900.00 contingent on County Attorney title opinion. Motion carried unanimously.

TAX ABATEMENT POLICIES

Assessor Joyce Schmidt and Auditor Tyler Reisch joined the meeting to present a Tax Abatement Policy as per Minnesota Statutes 375.192 and an Economic Development Tax Abatement Policy as per Minnesota Statutes 469.1812 – 469.1815. Motion by Miller, seconded by Kooiman to approve the Tax Abatement Policy as per Minnesota Statutes 375.192 and the Economic Development Tax Abatement Policy as per Minnesota Statutes 469.1812 – 469.1815. Motion carried unanimously.

2015 IT BUDGET

Information Technology Coordinator Bill Folger reviewed the 2015 proposed Information Technology budget and answered questions.

KYLE KRIER – LANDFILL BUDGET, TIPPING FEE

Environmental Administrator Kyle Krier gave an update on the Lyon County Landfill Budget and presented a request from the Lyon County Landfill requesting the County's recommendation to approve a \$1.00 increase in tipping fees in 2015 which brings the fee to \$48.00 per ton. Motion by Miller, seconded by Kooiman to approve a recommendation to the Lyon County Board of Commissioner to increase the tipping fees \$1.00 to \$48.00 per ton. Motion carried unanimously.

LPRW BOARD APPOINTMENTS –RESOLUTION 59-37-2014

Motion by W. Johnson, seconded by Remund to adopt Resolution 59-37-2014 which recommends appointment of Ken Buysse, Earl De Wilde, and Randy Kraus to the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System Board of Commissioners for a 4 year term from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste requested the Board set a date for the Employee Recognition Program. Consensus of the Board to have the program at the October 7, 2014 board meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Commissioners reported on the following committee meetings:

Commissioner Kooiman: Hospital Plant Operations, State Auditor Office mtg.

Commissioner Miller: Hospital QAPI, Soil and Water Conservation District, Canvassing Board, Southwest Health and Human Services, Landfill Open House.

Commissioner L. Johnson: R&B Committee, Area II/Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area, Southwest West Central Service Cooperative Annual Health Insurance Premium, Primewest Health Insurance Committee, Landfill Annual Meeting, First Farmers and Merchant's Open House, Regional Solid Waste Committee mtg.

Commissioner Remund: Hospital Plant Operations, Safety Committee, R&B Committee, Primewest, Law Enforcement Liaison, Southwest Mental Health, Canvassing Board.

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Commissioner W. Johnson: Law Enforcement Liaison, Southwest Mental Health, Rural Energy Board.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

William (Bill) Johnson
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Sharon Hanson
County Administrator