

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Minutes of December 1, 2014 TNT Meeting
2. Minutes of December 2, 2014 R&B Meeting
3. Commissioner Warrants/Meal Reimbursements in the amount of \$405,882.13
4. Treasurer's Report November 2014
5. Accept \$2,500 donation from Cenex Harvest States for County Fairgrounds Food Stand Project

Hospital Warrant approval pending clarification on the totals from Dave Keeler, Pipestone County Medical Center Chief Financial Officer.

Motion carried unanimously.

2015 BUDGET REVIEW

County Administrator Sharon Hanson reviewed the preliminary 2015 budget. The Board discussed and advised line item budget reductions.

DAVE KEELER – HOSPITAL WARRANTS

Dave Keeler, Pipestone County Medical Center Chief Financial Officer (CFO) responded to questions from the Pipestone County Board on the Hospital Warrants totals. He will need to seek clarification on why the subtotals do not add up to the total dollar amount on the report.

STEVE EWING – CODE RED EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Emergency Management Director Steve Ewing presented information on CodeRED which serves as a Countywide emergency alert system that can notify subscribers of weather emergencies via phone, internet, email, text, cell phone, RSS feeds, digital signage, sirens, IPAWS, CodeRed Mobile Alert app and social media. Cost of the CodeRED system is \$5,000 annually. EM Director Ewing recommended the cost be split 50/50 between the Emergency Management budget and the 911 budget. Motion by Kooiman, seconded by L. Johnson to approve the purchase of CodeRED for one year at a cost of \$5,000 with 50% of the funds taken

from the Emergency Management fund and 50% taken from the 911 fund. Motion carried unanimously.

TYLER REISCH – DITCH FUND TRANSFER, CENTRAL SCHOOL SURPLUS

PROPERTY

Auditor Tyler Reisch requested board approval of a \$25,000 Ditch Fund transfer back to the General Fund. On 09/13/2013 the County Board approved a \$25,000 General Fund transfer to Ditch Fund #1 per MN Statute 103E.655 subd 2. The County has now received enough funds from special assessments to pay back the original transfer amount. Motion by L. Johnson, seconded by Remund to approve the transfer of \$25,000 from the Ditch Fund back to the General Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

County Attorney Jim O’Neill joined the meeting. Auditor Reisch sought Board direction with how to manage the former Pipestone Central School surplus property. He has contacted several salvage companies and they would like to walk through the building prior to confirming any interest in the purchase of the property. Much discussion took place on community members’ interest in some of the property located in the school prior to a salvage company claiming the remainder of the property. Consensus of the Board to solicit public comment and requests on personal property located in the Central School building and direct County Attorney Jim O’Neill to draft a notice for public comment with the comment period likely being the spring of 2015.

CAFETERIA PLAN RESOLUTION – 59-51-14

Cafeteria Plan Resolution 59-51-14 was updated to include the \$3,250 Consumer Directed Health Plan (CDHP) plan and outlines contribution rates for the Voluntary Employee Beneficiary Association (VEBA) and Health Savings Account (HAS), and cash-out rules on Pipestone County’s plan offerings. Motion by L. Johnson, seconded by Remund to adopt Resolution 59-51-14 Pipestone County Cafeteria Plan Arrangement. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Remund, seconded by Miller to accept Larry Miller’s resignation effective December 31, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

HR Coordinator Feste reported that Cathy Solma will be starting as a full-time Jailer/Dispatcher in the Sheriff’s Office on December 22, 2014.

HR Coordinator Feste reviewed the health insurance enrollment numbers and wellness screening participation with the Board.

DAVE KEELER – HOSPITAL WARRANTS

Dave Keeler, PCMC CFO returned to explain the Hospital Warrant reports and indicated that an attempt to make the warrant reports more clear with regard to sub-totals and totals. Motion by Remund, seconded by Miller to approve the Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$255,861.93. Motion carried unanimously.

LETTER OF AGREEMENT – HIGHWAY UNION INTERMITTENT MAINTENANCE FOREMAN

County Administrator Sharon Hanson reported that after Highway Union discussion on the approved Letter of Agreement for the Highway Union Intermittent Maintenance Foreman that was approved at the December 2, 2014 R&B meeting, the Highway Union revised the agreement to clarify split weekend coverage for the Maintenance Supervisor. Administrator Hanson deemed the clarification language acceptable and recommended approve. Motion by Remund, seconded by L. Johnson approving the letter of agreement between AFSCME Local 2424 Pipestone County Highway Employees for the terms and conditions of duties performed as the Intermittent Maintenance Foreman effective December 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015 and rescind the Letter of Agreement approved at the December 2, 2014 R&B meeting. . Motion carried unanimously.

PRIMEWEST AWARDS

Commissioner Remund announced that Pipestone County had received Home and Community Based Delegation Audit and Complex Case Management Audit awards from PrimeWest Health at their annual meeting.

LEGISLATOR MEETING

County Administrator Sharon Hanson announced that there is a tentative meeting with legislators from our district on December 30, 2014 in Windom, MN. Commissioners are invited to attend.

Motion by L. Johnson, seconded by Kooiman to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

December 10, 2014

William Johnson
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Sharon Hanson
County Administrator

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