

The Pipestone County Board of Commissioners met with Commissioners Luke Johnson, Les Nath, and Dan Wildermuth for the Annual Organizational Meeting. Commissioners Chris Hollingsworth and Bruce Kooiman absent. Interim County Administrator / Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste also present. Feste called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR

Interim Administrator Feste called for nominations for Chair. Motion by Johnson to nominate Commissioner Nath for Chair. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion by Nath, seconded by Wildermuth to nominate Commissioner Wildermuth for Chair. Yeas: Wildermuth. Nays: Johnson, Nath. Absent: Hollingsworth, Kooiman. Motion failed.

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Johnson to temporarily extend the Chairmanship of Commissioner Nath and revisit the nominations at the January 9, 2018 Commissioner Meeting. Ayes: Johnson, Nath, Wildermuth. Nays: None. Absent: Hollingsworth, Kooiman. Motion carried.

Commissioner Nath assumed duties as Chair and presided over the meeting.

AGENDA

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the agenda. Ayes: Johnson, Nath, Wildermuth. Nays: None. Absent: Hollingsworth, Kooiman. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Approve Minutes of December 26, 2017
2. Approve Sheriff's Office Drone and Camera Purchase in the amount of \$13,647.00 as an Auditor Warrant.

Ayes: Johnson, Nath, Wildermuth. Nays: None. Absent: Hollingsworth, Kooiman.

Motion carried.

RULES OF PROCEDURE - RESOLUTION 59-01-18

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nath to adopt Resolution 59-01-18 that establishes the 2018 Rules of Procedure for meetings of the Pipestone County Board of Commissioners. Yeas: Johnson, Nath, Wildermuth. Nays: None. Absent: Hollingsworth, Kooiman. Motion carried.

DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER 2018 – RESOLUTION 59-02-18

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Johnson to adopt Resolution 59-02-18 establishing the Edgerton Enterprise as the official legal newspaper for 2018 and the Pipestone County Star as the second newspaper. Yeas: Johnson, Nath, Wildermuth. Nays: None. Absent: Hollingsworth, Kooiman. Motion carried.

COUNTY BOARD PER DIEMS – RESOLUTION 59-03-18

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to adopt Resolution 59-03-18 which establishes the rules and regulations for uniformity in the payment of per diems in the performance of their official duties as members of the Board. Yeas: Johnson, Nath, Wildermuth. Nays: None. Absent: Hollingsworth, Kooiman. Motion carried.

DESIGNATED PUBLIC DEPOSITORIES – RESOLUTION 59-04-18

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to adopt Resolution 59-04-18 that approves the 2018 designated depositories of the public funds of Pipestone County. Yeas: Johnson, Nath, Wildermuth. Nays: None. Absent: Hollingsworth, Kooiman. Motion carried.

AUDITOR WARRANT AUTHORIZATION – RESOLUTION 59-05-18

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Johnson to adopt Resolution 59-05-18 authorizing the County Auditor to issue checks for payment of county expenses as listed in the Resolution in 2018. Yeas: Johnson, Nath, Wildermuth. Nays: None. Absent: Hollingsworth, Kooiman. Motion carried.

ELECTED OFFICIAL MINIMUM SALARY RESOLUTION 59-06-18

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Johnson to set the following annual minimum salary to be paid the elected official for the term next following:

MN Statutes 384.151/385.373	County Auditor-Treasurer	\$24,000
MN Statutes 388.18	County Attorney	\$16,000
MN Statutes 386.015	County Recorder	\$24,000
MN Statues 387.20	County Sheriff	\$24,000

Yeas: Johnson, Nath, Wildermuth. Nays: None. Absent: Hollingsworth, Kooiman.

Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER MEETING DATE/TIME/LOCATION

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Johnson to set the 2018 Board meeting dates and times as follows:

January 2, 2018

1st Tuesday 9:00 AM – County Board at Courthouse Commissioners Room
2nd Tuesday 9:00 AM – County Board at Courthouse Commissioners Room
3rd Tuesday 1:00 PM – Hospital Board at Education Room (Lower Level Medical Center Building)
4th Tuesday 9:00 AM – County Board at Courthouse Commissioners Room

Yeas: Johnson, Nath, Wildermuth. Nays: None. Absent: Hollingsworth, Kooiman.

Motion carried.

2018 BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nath to set the 2018 Board of Equalization meeting date for Monday June 11, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the Pipestone County Commissioners Room. Yeas: Johnson, Nath, Wildermuth. Nays: None. Absent: Hollingsworth, Kooiman. Motion carried.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION ELECTED OFFICIAL RECOGNITION – RESOLUTION 59-07-18

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Johnson to adopt Resolution 59-05-17 recognizing that all officers of Pipestone County elected or appointed to a regular term of office shall be included in the definition of “employee” as defined in Minn. Stat. 176.011, subd. 9 for purposes of coverage under the Workers’ Compensation Laws of Minnesota. Yeas: Johnson, Nath, Wildermuth. Nays: None. Absent: Hollingsworth, Kooiman. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Consensus of the Board to table the discussion on 2018 Committee Assignments to the January 9, 2018 Commissioners Meeting when the full board is present.

TAX ABATEMENT PUBLIC HEARING – 10:00AM RESOLUTION 59-08-18

A Tax Abatement Public Hearing was held for proposed property tax abatement requests from PBM land management. No public comment was received. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Johnson to adopt Resolution 59-08-18 whereas PBM Land Management – Jeremy Whipple, for Parcel ID 18.763.0600 located at 805-807 10th Ave SW, Pipestone, MN, Pipestone County has applied for a Home Tax Abatement pursuant to the County’s Home Tax Abatement Initiative. The County Board of Commissioners grants abatement of property taxes levied for property by the County for three (3) years, commencing with taxes payable for the assessed value related to the capital improvements outlined. The Abatement may be modified or terminated at any time by the Board of Commissioners. Yeas: Johnson, Nath, Wildermuth. Nays: None. Absent: Hollingsworth, Kooiman. Motion carried.

STEVE EWING – AMBULANCE FEE INCREASE REQUEST

EMS Director Steve Ewing requested that the board consider increasing ambulance fees for service in 2018 and to increase mileage due to increased costs and reductions in reimbursement levels from the federal government. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nath to approve a 20% increase in ambulance fees as follows.

	Current	20% Increase
Base Rate BLS Emerg.	\$693.00	\$832.00
Base Rate BLS Non Emerg.	\$693.00	\$832.00
Base Rate RN Required	\$869.00	\$1043.00
Base Rate ALS 1	\$869.00	\$1043.00
Base Rate ALS 2	\$944.00	\$1133.00
Multiple Pickup	\$347.00	\$416.00
Mileage	\$ 12.10	\$ 14.60

Yeas: Johnson, Nath, Wildermuth. Nays: None. Absent: Hollingsworth, Kooiman.

Motion carried.

PLANNING/ZONING BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Johnson to appoint Rodney Altena to another 3-year term on the Planning and Zoning Commission effective 1/1/18 through 12/31/2020. Yeas: Johnson, Nath, Wildermuth. Nays: None. Absent: Hollingsworth, Kooiman. Motion carried.

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Johnson to appoint Bruce Novak to another 3-year term on the Planning and Zoning Commission effective 1/1/18 through 12/31/2020. Yeas: Johnson, Nath, Wildermuth. Nays: None. Absent: Hollingsworth, Kooiman. Motion carried.

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Johnson to appoint Dave Hulstein to another 3-year term on the Planning and Zoning Commission effective 1/1/18 through 12/31/2020. Yeas: Johnson, Nath, Wildermuth. Nays: None. Absent: Hollingsworth, Kooiman. Motion carried.

CORRIDORS OF COMMERCE RESOLUTION 59-09-18

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to approve Resolution 59-09-18 which submits the following project for consideration to MNDOT: Mill and Concrete surfacing of TH 23 from the intersection of TH 75 near Pipestone to the connection of the existing concrete surfacing on TH 23 near Russell. Yeas: Johnson, Nath, Wildermuth. Nays: None. Absent: Hollingsworth, Kooiman. Motion carried.

2018 FUEL BID OPENING

January 2, 2018

Senior Staff Engineer Nick Bergman and Maintenance Supervisor Doug Nagel opened bids for the 2018 Fuel Bid for Highway Shop, Outlying Shops and other County offices. The following bids were submitted:

Bidder	Gasoline		Diesel					
	10% Ethanol	"margin"	Pipestone Shop			Outlying Shops		
			B5	B10	margin	B5	B10	margin
Petroleum Traders Corp Fort Wayne, IN	\$2.2329	\$.0337/gallon	No Bid					
Chandler Co/op	No Bid		\$2.255	\$2.255	\$.105	\$2.414	\$2.414	\$.264

Consensus of the board to take no action on fuel bids and consider another bid opening at a later date.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to adjourn. Yeas: Johnson, Nath, Wildermuth. Nays: None. Absent: Hollingsworth, Kooiman. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Les Nath
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Cathy Feste
Human Resources Coordinator