

The Pipestone County Commissioners met with Chairman Les Nath, Commissioners Chris Hollingsworth, Luke Johnson, Bruce Kooiman, and Dan Wildermuth. Human Resources Coordinator/ Interim Administrator Cathy Feste was also present. Chairman Nath 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, seconded by Kooiman to nominate Commissioner Nath for Chair. Yeas: Johnson, Kooiman. Nays: Hollingsworth, Nath, Wildermuth. Motion failed.

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

Interim Administrator Feste called for nominations for Vice-Chair. Motion by Nath, seconded by Wildermuth to nominate Commissioner Hollingsworth for Vice-Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

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

AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approve Minutes of January 2, 2018
2. Commissioner Warrants/Meal Reimbursements in the amount of \$692,105.86 and Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$335,106.10.
3. Treasurer’s Report December 2017
4. Approve Auditor Warrant for Sheriff’s Office Truck Purchase in the amount of \$24,758.75.

Motion carried unanimously.

As per Minnesota Statutes 375.12, the following Commissioner Warrant information is presented:

Vendor Name	Amount Paid
Northland Trust Services Inc	\$ 201,576.25
MN Counties Intergovernmental Trust	\$ 181,157.00
Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water	\$ 30,423.34

Southwest Health & Human Services	\$ 29,387.78
Regents Of The University Of Minnesota	\$ 28,921.26
CHS	\$ 22,762.03
Old Hickory Buildings	\$ 16,639.05
Commissioner Of Transportation	\$ 12,341.90
Bolton & Menk Inc	\$ 11,417.21
Van Dyke Sanitation Inc	\$ 9,034.92
SHI International Corp	\$ 7,570.00
ASSN OF MN COUNTIES	\$ 7,558.00
Pipestone County Medical Center	\$ 7,489.09
Surplus Warehouse of Willmar Inc	\$ 6,640.00
OnSolve LLC	\$ 6,200.00
Pipestone County Highway Department	\$ 5,891.08
Jer's Electric Inc.	\$ 5,493.06
Computer Professionals Unlimited Inc	\$ 4,424.00
H&L Mesabi	\$ 4,174.80
Royal Tire Inc	\$ 3,850.76
Swenny's Towing	\$ 3,179.75
Pipestone Publishing Co Inc	\$ 2,838.68
Redstone Technologies Inc	\$ 2,800.00
M-R Sign Co Inc	\$ 2,784.50
Law Enforcement Technology Group LLC	\$ 2,500.00
Runchey Louwagie & Wellman	\$ 2,454.99
American Solutions For Business	\$ 2,295.42
Smith & Johnson	\$ 2,240.00
MN County Attorneys Assn	\$ 2,125.00
Amdahl Motors Inc	\$ 2,114.64
Tri-County Recycling Center	\$ 2,034.55

AL OLSEN, CARING HANDS DENTAL CLINIC

Al Olsen, CEO of Caring Hands Dental Clinic, PCMC CEO Brad Burriss, and PCMC CFO Dave Keeler joined the meeting. Olsen presented information on the Caring Hands Dental Clinic that he started to provide dental care to individuals without dental insurance in Minnesota. He currently has an outreach program that has performed services at Pipestone Public Health for the last two years. In the past year 400 patients were seen, which is only a fraction of the population that are in need of dental care. He is currently working with Pipestone County Medical Center to determine if a dental clinic could be placed in the hospital or build a dental clinic near the hospital and will be seeking bonding monies from the state legislature.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Commissioners reviewed the 2018 Committee Assignments.

RESCHEDULE ROAD AND BRIDE HEARING

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Hollingsworth to reschedule the Road and Bridge Public Hearing to March 7, 2018 at 9:00a.m. in the Commissioners Room due to a conflict with the AMC Legislative Conference. Motion carried unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS WEBSITE PUBLICATION

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nath to approve as per Minn. Statute § 311A.12 Subd. 2, that allows a county to use its web-site or recognized industry trade journals as an alternative to disseminate solicitations of bids, requests for information and requests for proposals and that the County of Pipestone may use the Pipestone County website, www.pipestone-county.com , as an alternative means to disseminate solicitations of bids, requests for information, and requests for proposals for transportation related construction and maintenance projects and that after designating publication on the Web site for transportation projects, the political subdivision must publish, in a qualified newspaper in the jurisdiction and on the Web site, notice that the political subdivision will publish any advertisements for bids on its Web site. Motion carried unanimously.

UTILITY SETBACK ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING – 10:00AM

County Engineer Dave Halbersma presented background information on the utility setback ordinance.

Chairman Wildermuth opened the Pipestone County Utility Setback Ordinance Public Hearing at 10:01a.m. to consider the following amendment to the Essential Service Ordinance. Any essential service line, essential service structure, or utility facility proposed to be installed within 100 feet of the road centerline of a County maintained roadway in Pipestone County, shall first have the written approval of the County Engineer or written approval of the Pipestone County Board prior to installation.

Hearing no public comment, Chairman Wildermuth closed the public hearing at 10:03 a.m.

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve the amendment to the Essential Service Ordinance to add the following language:

Any essential service line, essential service structure, or utility facility proposed to be installed within 100 feet of the road centerline of a County maintained roadway in Pipestone County, shall first have the written approval of the County Engineer or written approval of the Pipestone County Board prior to installation. Motion carried unanimously.

The complete Essential Services Ordinance can be found on the Pipestone County web site at www.pipestone-county.com.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS-RESOLUTION 59-10-18

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Nath to adopt Resolution 59-10-18 approving the listing of the 2018 committee assignments. Motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING/ZONING COMMISSION PER DIEM DATE

Consensus of the Board to set the Planning and Zoning Commissioner Per Diem Rate at \$100 per day to match the County Board's per diem rate.

NEXTERA ENERGY RESOURCES – LAKE BENTON II REPOWER PROJECT

Kimberley Dickey of NextEra Energy Resources and three of her team members presented information and went over the map of the Lake Benton II project. There are currently 137 turbines generating 102.8 megawatts that have been in operation since 1999. Beginning in 2019 there will be 44 modern turbines generating 100.2 megawatts. A request was presented to clarify with Project Director Denell Herzig if Pipestone County intended to be more restrictive on prevailing wind language than the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") who issues the site permit due to the size of the project.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve sending a letter to Denell Herzig of Lake Benton Power Partners, II in which Pipestone County would like to clarify that it was not our intent to be more restrictive than the Commission's requirements pertaining to the 3 RD and 5RD prevailing wind language. Furthermore, Pipestone County did not intend to regulate all type III, IV, and V wetlands but rather only those Public Water Wetland types III, IV, and V which are 10 acres or greater. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste requested the Board approve the offer of the County Administrator position to Steve Ewing at Step B of the 2018 pay plan. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nath to offer Steve Ewing the position of County Administrator at Step B of the current pay plan and keep his Emergency Management duties. Yeas: Hollingsworth, Kooiman, Nath, Wildermuth. Nay: Johnson. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioners reported on the following committee meetings:

Commissioner Johnson: Prime Health, Union Negotiations, AREA II, RCRCA.

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Commissioner Hollingsworth: AMC Annual Conference.

Commissioner Nath: Annual Townships Meeting, Active Shooting at PAS, AMC Annual Conference, Personnel, PrimeWest, Plant Operations, Southwest Mental Health, Personnel Interviews, PIC, Hospital Board, SWHHS, Union Negotiations, Executive Meeting at PCMC.

Commissioner Kooiman: Annual Townships Meeting, PCMC Christmas Party, AMC Annual Conference, Personnel Interviews, Plant Operations.

Commissioner Wildermuth: Southwest Mental 18 Consortium, Pipestone Area Coalition, Hospital Executive Board, SMOC, SWHHS, Hospital Executive Meeting.

Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Johnson to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Dan Wildermuth
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Cathy Feste
Human Resources Coordinator