

The Pipestone County Commissioners met with Chairman Dan Wildermuth, Commissioners Chris Hollingsworth, Luke Johnson, Bruce Kooiman and Les Nath. County Administrator Steve Ewing was also present. Chairman Wildermuth called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approve Minutes of May 8, 2018
2. Approve May 11, 2018 and May 18, 2018 Auditor Warrants
3. Approve Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$665,551.49.

Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Wildermuth reported that the bonding bill with the Caring Hands Dental Clinic is moving forward, and has made it through the House and Senate and is awaiting Governor signature.

2018 STRIPING QUOTES

Engineer Nick Bergman presented the following quotes for 2018 striping.

<i>Contractor</i>	<i>Total</i>
Traffic Marking Service Inc	\$27,055.80
AAA Striping Service Co.	\$30,025.95
Twin City Striping	\$30,302.50

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nath to approve the quote from Traffic Marking Service Inc. in the amount of \$27,055.80. Motion carried unanimously.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE TEMPORARY STAFF

County Assessor Joyce Schmidt requested approval to hire two part-time temporary positions to assist office Appraisal Staff in viewing properties. These positions would be approximately three days per week for 8-10 weeks. Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Nath to authorize the

advertisement and hiring of two part-time positions in the Assessor's Office. Motion carried unanimously.

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL REQUEST

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste requested board approval to allow Renae Schuch to travel to Reno, Nevada for the National County Veterans Service Officer training and certification from June 2 – June 8, 2018. Training costs are typically reimbursed through the VSO grant. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Johnson to approve the out-of-state travel request. Motion carried unanimously.

FAMILY HERITAGE INSURANCE

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste requested board approval to offer Family Heritage insurance to employees. This would be set up similarly to Aflac insurance. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Nath to approve the offering of this insurance to employees as an optional benefit. Motion carried unanimously.

SMALL CITIES GRANT LOAN ADMINISTRATION / DEED

County Administrator Steve Ewing presented for approval an Agreement for Professional Services between Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership and Pipestone County in which Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership agrees to provide the administration of loans provided under the Grant and report them to DEED. These services will be provided to the County free-of-charge as Pipestone County was merely the fiscal agent for the program. The agreement shall be effective May 22, 2018 for a period of two years. Motion by Nath, seconded by Johnson to approve the two-year agreement effective May 22, 2018 for professional services between Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership and Pipestone County in which Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership agrees to provide the administration of loans provided under the Grant and report them to DEED. Motion carried unanimously.

HOSPITAL BOARD MEETING TIME CHANGE

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Hollingsworth to change the time of the board meetings at the Pipestone County Medical Center from 1:00p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month to 9:00am on the third Tuesday of the month. Motion carried unanimously.

TAX ABATEMENT PUBLIC HEARING – 9:35AM RESOLUTION 59-18-18

A Tax Abatement Public Hearing was held for a proposed property tax abatement request from Shane Lingen. No public comment was received. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to adopt Resolution 59-18-18 whereas Shane Lingen, for Parcel ID 14.030.0400

and 14.030.0450 located near the City of Hatfield, 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. Motion carried unanimously.

TAX ABATEMENT PUBLIC HEARING – 9:45AM RESOLUTION 59-19-18

A Tax Abatement Public Hearing was held for a proposed property tax abatement request from Dale and Janice Wussow. No public comment was received. Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Hollingsworth to adopt Resolution 59-19-18 whereas Dale and Janice Wussow, for Parcel ID 12.006.0500, in Troy Township, Pipestone County have 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. Motion carried unanimously.

FEEDLOT PUBLIC MEETING – RYAN BOOTSMA – 10:00 AM

Motion by Nath, seconded by Kooiman to open the Feedlot Public Meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Public Hearing opened at 10:00am. Environmental Administrator Kyle Krier joined the meeting. A feedlot public meeting was held for the following feedlot application: Ryan Bootsma, located in the SE Quarter of Section 10 in Osborne Township. The new feedlot will consist of a total confinement barn with an under barn concrete manure storage pit. The barn will house 2400 swine finishers for a total of 720 animal units. Rod Spronk of Osborne Township presented some concerns on the water runoff onto the township roads. Consensus of the Board to have the Township notified of the time and date of the preconstruction meeting so they can receive input. Hearing no other public comment, motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to close the Feedlot Public Meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting closed at 10:10a.m.

PICTOMETRY PRESENTATION

Environmental Administrator Kyle Krier gave a demonstration on Pipestone County's Pictometry mapping program.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – CENTRAL SCHOOL DEMOLITION

County Attorney Damain Sandy, Auditor Tyler Reisch, and Treasurer Steve Weets joined the meeting to discuss funding options for demolition of the tax-forfeited property located at 400 2nd Ave SW in Pipestone, MN, formerly known as Central School. There have been two proposals submitted by firms for the demolition engineering. Administrator Ewing reported that there is \$743,471.65 in the Family Services Fund. Treasurer Weets and Auditor Reisch reported that the Family Services Fund is an undesignated fund for anything that the board deems necessary. Treasurer Weets and Auditor Reisch recommended using this fund to pay for this project as this would not impact the general fund or levy.

Commissioner Wildermuth stated that he would like to see these funds paid back by additional wind production tax that the County will be in receipt of in coming years.

Administrator Ewing requested the board discuss options on how to pay for the actual demolition of Central School, such as bonding or using the general fund. Commissioner Johnson said he would not be in favor of bonding for this project. If the demolition moved forward, and depending on the proposed cost of the project, he would be in favor of borrowing money from the County and paying the County back with interest with the wind production money. Treasurer Weets stated that the only way to pay ourselves back with interest, is to borrow between the Highway fund and general fund.

Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the proposal of \$73,500.00 from Bolton and Menk for Professional Engineering and Environmental Services for the demolition of Old Central School located at 400 2nd Ave SW in Pipestone to be paid for with money from the Family Services fund. Ayes: Hollingsworth, Johnson, Nath, Wildermuth. Nay: Kooiman. Motion carried.

2018 1st QUARTER BUDGET REVIEW

County Administrator Steve Ewing presented a 1st quarter budget review.

Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Nath to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:06a.m.

Dan Wildermuth
Pipestone County Board Chair

May 22, 2018

ATTEST:

Steven Ewing
County Administrator

May 22, 2018