

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 Dan Wildermuth called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**AGENDA**

Motion by Nath, seconded by Kooiman 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 November 6, 2018
2. Commissioners Warrants/Meal Reimbursements in the amount of \$322,729.15
3. Treasurers Report, October 2018
4. Auditor Warrants 11/9/18
5. Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$492,393.35.
6. Auditor Warrant – Seachange - \$1,591.78
7. Auditor Warrant – DOT Financial Operations - \$300.00

Motion carried unanimously.

As per Minnesota Statute 375.12 the following Commissioner Warrants information is presented:

<b>Vendor Name</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>
I STATE TRUCK CENTER	\$ 83,611.22
HEPPNER CONSULTING INC	\$ 34,624.00
SOUTHWEST HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	\$ 29,387.75
DRC INC	\$ 21,432.00
BOLTON & MENK INC	\$ 14,021.77
PIPESTONE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	\$ 9,434.83
VAN DYKE SANITATION INC	\$ 9,084.31
MN POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY SL	\$ 8,560.26
TRUENORTH STEEL	\$ 6,411.30
GRAHAM TIRE SF NORTH	\$ 5,673.93
EVANS FARM DRAINAGE & CONSTRUCTION INC	\$ 5,642.75
CHANDLER CO-OP	\$ 4,883.84
O'NEILL O'NEILL & BARDUSON	\$ 4,693.00
TRI-COUNTY RECYCLING CENTER	\$ 4,436.73
SURPLUS WAREHOUSE OF WILLMAR INC	\$ 3,825.00
PIPESTONE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER	\$ 3,667.85
LYON COUNTY GIS	\$ 3,125.00
REDSTONE TECHNOLOGIES INC	\$ 2,650.68
RUNCHEY LOUWAGIE & WELLMAN	\$ 2,500.00
PIPESTONE PUBLISHING CO INC	\$ 2,305.20

ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	\$	2,263.13
SANDO WEED & BRUSH CONTROL	\$	2,240.00
MIDLAND TIRE LLC	\$	2,078.62
TRANSMEDIC BILLING	\$	2,013.85
Warrants over \$2,000	\$	268,567.02
Number of Claims under \$2,000		163
Warrants under \$2,000	\$	54,162.13
Total	\$	<u>322,729.15</u>

**SUSAN HOSKINS – PIPESTONE COUNTY MUSEUM ANNUAL REPORT**

Pipestone County Museum Director Susan Hoskins joined the meeting and presented an annual update and report of activities at the County Museum. Director Hoskins also requested an increase of \$2,000 in County funding for the 2019 budget, bringing the total to \$38,000. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve funding the Pipestone County Museum at a level of \$38,000 in 2019. Yeas: Hollingsworth, Johnson, Nath, Wildermuth. Nay: Kooiman. Motion carried.

**BUFFALO RIDGE TASK FORCE FISCAL AGENT, K-9 REPLACEMENT**

Sheriff Keith Vreeman and Lieutenant Edison Dengler joined the meeting. Sheriff Vreeman requested authorization to approve Pipestone County as fiscal agent for the Buffalo Ridge Task Force in 2019. Auditor Reisch stated that his office could take on this duty. This would only be needed if the City of Worthington withdraws from being the fiscal agent. Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Nath to approve Pipestone County as fiscal agent of the Buffalo Ridge Task Force in 2019 if needed. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Vreeman and Lieutenant Dengler presented information on the current K-9 in the Sheriff’s Office, who is nearing retirement. They would like to replace the K-9 next year at a cost of approximately \$13,500 plus \$1,200 in hotel fees for the Deputy who is training with the K-9. Motion by Nath, seconded by Kooiman to approve the purchase of a new K-9 in 2019 from North Iowa K-9 at a cost of approximately \$13,500 plus any hotel fees associated with training. Motion carried unanimously.

**CENTRAL SCHOOL DEMOLOTION FINANCING**

Auditor Tyler Reisch joined the meeting. Commissioner Johnson stated that he would like to see the Stoneray wind turbine money used not only to tear down the Central School in Pipestone but also in other areas of the County that have a need for funding of projects. The money would be available via applications or requests with the primary focus being blight and

other community infrastructure projects. Discussion followed on what percentage of the Stoneray wind turbine money would be used on the Central School demolition repayment. The demolition of Central School will take two to three years of the Stoneray wind production tax to pay back. Commissioner Johnson's proposal would have 43% of the new wind production tax money used to pay for Central School and the remaining 57% could be set up into a designated account for other communities and townships in Pipestone County for blight cleanup or other projects. It would not be divided up by the per capita amount. Commissioner Hollingsworth stated he is open to the idea of building an account for other communities in the County, but would like to see the Central School demolition paid off first.

Auditor Reisch summarized the discussion that a potential solution is to payback the Central School demolition and then establish a fund to be available that cities or townships outside of the City of Pipestone can request funds for blight and other community infrastructure projects. Reisch said he would like to look into various options to meet the wishes of the board.

At this time this is an option and concept and will take several more discussions to implement. Consensus of the board to continue these discussions periodically.

#### **CAFETERIA PLAN RESOLUTION 59-34-18**

Cafeteria Plan Resolution 59-34-18 was updated to include the 2019 cafeteria amounts of \$735.00 for employees electing single coverage and \$1,055.00 for employees electing family coverage, which includes contribution rates for the Voluntary Employee Beneficiary Association (VEBA) and Health Savings Account (HSA). Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to adopt Resolution 59-34-18 Pipestone County Cafeteria Plan Arrangement. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **HEADSTART LETTER OF SUPPORT**

Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Nath to approve a County letter of support for the Headstart program and authorize board chair signature. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **RESCHEDULE BOARD MEETING**

Motion by Nath, seconded by Kooiman to reschedule the January 1, 2019 board meeting to January 2, 2019 at 9:00a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nath, seconded by Johnson to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:22a.m.

November 13, 2018

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Dan Wildermuth  
Pipestone County Board Chairman

ATTEST:

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Steven Ewing  
County Administrator

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