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

AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approve Minutes
 - a. Regular Meeting 9/10/19
 - b. Special Meeting 9/16/19
2. Auditors Warrants 9/13/19, 9/20/19
3. Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$598,161.10

Motion carried unanimously.

PIPESTONE MONUMENT / PIPE SALES UPDATE

Pipestone National Monument Superintendent Lauren Blacik and Pipestone Indian Shrine Association board members Mike Morgan and Jerry Brockberg joined the meeting.

Superintendent Blacik reported that the Monument is ceasing pipe sales. This was a decision made through cooperation with the Shrine Association and Tribal leaders. Indian Shrine Association board members Mike Morgan and Jerry Brockberg announced that they will be moving pipe sales to a storefront on Main Street.

Superintendent Blacik presented updates on initiatives and future events coming up at the Pipestone National Monument.

LPRW BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Motion by Nath, seconded by Johnson to approve Resolution 59-33-19 appointing Bill Ufkin and Mitch Kling to the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water (LPRW) Board for another four-year term from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste requested approval to hire the top candidate for the full-time Mechanic position at Step K of the current pay plan. Motion by Kooiman,

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seconded by Wildermuth to hire the full-time Mechanic at Step K of the current pay plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

SAFE ROADS COALITION APPOINTMENT

County Administrator Steve Ewing reported that SWHHS received a Lincoln/Pipestone County Safe Roads Grant and they will be having regular meetings until the end of the grant year, which is September 30, 2020. The Safe Roads Coalition Coordinator is requesting a representative to attend these meetings. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nath to appoint Chris Hollingsworth to the Lincoln/Pipestone County Safe Roads Grant Committee. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Nath, seconded by Johnson to appoint Dan Wildermuth as the alternate. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nath to add the Safe Roads Coalition Committee to the Committee Assignments List. Motion carried unanimously.

PRIMEWEST HEALTH MEDIATION UPDATE

County Administrator Steve Ewing provided an update on the mediation between PrimeWest Health and the Minnesota Department of Human Services.

PIPESTONE CREEK FLOODING CITIZEN CONCERNS

Approximately twenty residents and businesspeople located near North Hiawatha and the County Ditch joined the meeting to voice concerns about recent flooding events in their area. Several concerns and ideas were brought forward to minimize the flooding in the area. Consensus of the Board to have Administrator Ewing contact City of Pipestone representatives, members of the Ditch Committee, and other state and federal agencies to assist with solutions to the flooding in the area. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to set October, 29, 2019 at 7:00p.m. for a Public Meeting in the Community Room to discuss findings and future plans. Motion carried unanimously.

CENTRAL SCHOOL DEMOLITION UPDATE

Travis Winter of Bolton and Menk requested board approval for Change Order No. 4 in which Dave Rettman of DRC, Inc is requesting an additional 90 days to allow adequate time to properly dispose of the additional asbestos and debris/rubble from the original 1900 school. This would extend the contract to December 19, 2019. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Kooiman to approve the 90-day contract extension. Yeas: Hollingsworth, Kooiman, Nath, Wildermuth. Nay: Johnson. Motion carried.

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Engineer Travis Winter stated that Bolton and Menk has put in additional work on the Central School project and requested approval of payment not to exceed \$5,000 for the additional work. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the payment of up to \$5,000 for additional work performed by Bolton and Menk. Motion carried unanimously.

2020 HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS

Administrator Steve Ewing requested board approval of a 5.4% increase to County Health Insurance Contributions bringing the 2020 employer contributions to \$775.00 per month for single coverage and \$1,112.00 per month for family coverage. These numbers were reviewed and recommended by the Insurance Committee. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nath to approve the 5.4% increase to County contributions in 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

2020 BUDGET UPDATE / PRELIMINARY LEVY RESOLUTION 59-34-19

Administrator Steve Ewing presented the preliminary levy and budget for review.

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Nath to adopt Resolution 59-34-19 setting the 2020 preliminary levy at \$7,286,945.00. Motion carried unanimously.

TRUTH IN TAXATION MEETING

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nath to hold the annual Truth in Taxation Meeting on Monday, December 2, 2019 at 7:00p.m. in the Courthouse Commissioners Room. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Kooiman to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 11:25a.m.

Chris Hollingsworth
Pipestone County Board Chairman

ATTEST:

Steven Ewing
County Administrator

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