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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approve Minutes of November 26, 2019
2. Auditors Warrants 12/2/19
3. Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$128,159.10

Motion carried unanimously.

PROJECT UPDATES, PROJECTS UNDER CONTRACT, PROJECTS IN THE PLANNING STAGE

County Engineer Nick Bergman provided information on project updates, projects under contract and projects in the planning stage.

Engineer Bergman requested approval to sell the Highway Department's 1998 Chevrolet pickup at the Livermont auction. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Kooiman to authorize the sale of the Highway department 1998 Chevrolet pickup at Livermont Auction. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Bergman stated that due to the flooding on County Road 86, they would like to contract with the Rock Township Maintenance person to plow the section that's impacted by the flooded roadway. Consensus of the Board to allow Engineer Bergman to move forward with contracting the work at his discretion.

Engineer Bergman stated that L&O Power would like to remove trees on the right-of-way on CSAH 25 and would like the County to participate in a cost-share since the County recently purchased right-of-way for a surfacing and widening project. Engineer Bergman suggested paying 50% of the cost. Consensus of the Board to allow for a 50% cost split with L&O Power for tree removal on CSAH 25.

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Engineer Bergman gave an update on Maintenance activities including plowing snow and stripping dirt at the gravel pit.

RESOLUTION 59-42-19

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste presented for approval Resolution 59-42-19 defining the Pipestone County Benefit Contributions and Cafeteria Plan Arrangement for 2020. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nath to approve Resolution 59-42-19 Pipestone County Benefit Contributions and Cafeteria Plan Arrangement for 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

3rd QUARTER BUDGET REPORT

County Administrator Steve Ewing reviewed the 2019 3rd quarter budget. Motion by Nath, seconded by Johnson to approve the 2019 3rd quarter budget report. Motion carried unanimously.

DAKOTA 38 + 2 RIDERS FAIRGROUNDS USE

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Kooiman to authorize the Dakota 38 + 2 riders to use the Fairgrounds on December 18, 2019 at no charge. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioners reported on the following committee meetings:

Commissioner Johnson: Holland City Council, Highway 23 Coalition Legislative & Projects Committees, SWCD, Highway 23 Coalition, Prime Health, Regional Solid Waste Board, PCMC Board, AMC Environmental Natural Resources Committee Teleconference, Truth in Taxation.

Commissioner Wildermuth: Rural MN Energy Board, Sustainable Development Partnership, PrimeWest, Southwest 18 Mental Health Consortium, Pipestone Area Coalition, SWHHS, Solid Waste Meeting, Minnesota Rural Energy Board

Commissioner Nath: PCMC Plant Operations, Southwest Mental Health, Soil and Water, SWHHS, Personnel, Extension, Radio Board – cancelled.

Commissioner Kooiman: PCMC Plant Operations, Murray County Medical Center Board Meeting, SRDC

Commissioner Hollingsworth: Nurse Family Partnership, Explore Southwest, CPT, Pipestone/Lincoln Safe Roads Coalition, Truth in Taxation.

AUDITOR/TREASURER APPOINTMENT PUBLIC HEARING

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Motion by Nath, seconded by Kooiman to open the Public Hearing for consideration of the appointment of Auditor/Treasurer Tyler Reisch. Public Hearing opened at 10:00 a.m.

Present at the Public Hearing were Commissioners Hollingsworth, Johnson, Kooiman, Nath, and Wildermuth, County Administrator Steve Ewing, County Attorney Damain Sandy, Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste, Auditor/Treasurer Tyler Reisch, Recorder Mary Ann DeGroot, and five members of the public.

Public comments were made by Roger Elgersma and Joan Stout in opposition of making the Auditor/Treasurer position appointed.

Public comments were made by Robert Petersen in support of making the Auditor/Treasurer position appointed.

Motion by Nath, seconded by Kooiman to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Public Hearing closed at 10:23a.m.

County Attorney Damain Sandy stated that if the Board moves forward with approving the appointment, Auditor/Treasurer Reisch would become appointed at the end of his current elected term, in January of 2023.

Commissioners considered Resolution 59-43-19 Establishing the Appointed Office of County Auditor/Treasurer per the laws of Minnesota 2019, chapter 10, article 2, Sections 17-22 amended Minnesota Statutes 2018. Section 375.08; Section 375.10 and Section 375A.12 and adopted Minnesota Statute 375.1205 to allow under certain circumstances each County Board of the State of Minnesota to fill the office of the elected office of County Auditor-Treasurer by appointment. Commissioner Wildermuth stated that he would like to table the decision of the Auditor/Treasurer appointment to a later date due to the length of time before his appointment would go into effect and to give the public more time to understand the procedure. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Johnson to table the decision of appointment of Auditor/Treasurer Tyler Reisch to a later date. Yeas: Hollingsworth, Johnson, Wildermuth. Nays: Kooiman, Nath. Motion carried.

ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE UPDATES

Environmental Administrator Kyle Krier introduced Lance Wheeler as the new SWCD Conservationist.

Environmental Administrator Kyle Krier presented for approval the 2020 – 2021 County Feedlot Program Grant Agreement with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) in

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which the MPCA will reimburse up to \$106,356.00 to assist with feedlot registrations, inspections, non-inspection minimum program requirements, and performance credits. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nath to approve the 2020-2021 County Feedlot Program Grant Agreement with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Motion carried unanimously.

Environmental Administrator Kyle Krier presented the MPCA County Feedlot Program Delegation Agreement Work Plan for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021, in which the County agrees with the terms and conditions established in the Delegation Agreement Work Plan and will use feedlot grant funds in conjunction with the required local match dollars and in-kind contributions to carry out the goals, plans, and minimum program requirements described in the Work Plan, which is reviewed annually by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Motion by Nath, seconded by Kooiman to approve the 2020 – 2021 MPCA County Feedlot Program Delegation Agreement Work Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

TAX ABATEMENT PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Johnson to schedule a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on December 17, 2019 at the Commissioners Room, to be held on proposed property tax abatement request from Adam LaBrune, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 469.1813 and 116J.993 through 116J.995 consisting of new home construction located in the Township of Aetna. It has been proposed that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Pipestone grant a property tax abatement on this property in an amount not to exceed 100 percent (%) of the County's portion of the real estate taxes related to new residential home construction on the subject properties for a period not to exceed three (3) years. The estimated value of the abatement is approximately \$935.00 annually. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Chris Hollingsworth
Pipestone County Board Chairman

ATTEST:

Steven Ewing
County Administrator

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