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Pipestone County Commissioner Meeting
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The Pipestone County Commissioners met with Chairman Marvin Tinklenberg, Commissioners Jerry L. Remund and Bill Johnson. Absent: Commissioners Marge DeRuyter and Harold (Butch) Miller. County Administrator Sharon Hanson was also present. Chairman Tinklenberg called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion by Remund, seconded by Johnson to approve the agenda. Ayes: Tinklenberg, Remund, Johnson. Nays: None. Absent: DeRuyter, Miller. Motion carried. Motion by Remund, seconded by Johnson to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Minutes of February 8, 2011
2. Minutes of February 9, 2011 Goal Work Session
3. Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$521,489.40
4. Request for Auditor Warrants Payable to Visa in the amount of \$87.83 and Wright Express in the amount of \$102.65
5. Approve Transfer of Funds to Murray County Ditch #21 in the amount of \$49.16

Ayes: Tinklenberg, Remund, Johnson. Nays: None. Absent: DeRuyter, Miller. Motion carried.

MIKE BOERSMA – AG CHAMBER DONATION ACCEPTANCE

Mike Boersma from the Pipestone County Extension Office appeared to request approval of a \$3,400 donation from the Pipestone Chamber of Commerce Ag Committee to the County General Fund for the purpose of supporting a Seasonal Program Assistant position in the Pipestone County Extension Office for the summer of 2011. Action on the request was postponed until the March 1 Board meeting to comply with donation acceptance per MN Statute. Boersma also requested that the hourly wage for the assistant position be set at \$9.00 per hour. Motion by Remund, seconded by Johnson to set the hourly wage for the assistant position at \$9.00 per hour. Ayes: Tinklenberg, Remund, Johnson. Nays: None. Absent: DeRuyter, Miller. Motion carried.

DAVID HALBERSMA – MOTOR GRADER PURCHASE, ROAD MAINTENANCE UPDATE

County Engineer David Halbersma presented the following bids for the purchase of a motor grader to replace an existing grader:

John Deere 772GP (used) Sioux Falls, SD	\$144,566.73
Guarantee repurchase price	\$138,100.00
Cat 140M (new) Marshall, MN	\$141,288.06
Guarantee repurchase price	\$145,000.00

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Motion by Remund, seconded by Johnson to purchase the Cat 140M for \$141,288.06. Ayes: Tinklenberg, Remund, Johnson. Nays: None. Absent: DeRuyter, Miller. Motion carried.

Halbersma presented a road maintenance update and answered questions.

**STEVE EWING – RADIO GRANT REQUEST. ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT
AMBULANCE LICENSE STATUS**

Emergency Medical Services Director Steve Ewing requested approval of the purchase of three EF Johnson SL51 Model II portable radios from RACOM of Worthington, MN under the state bid, including three spare batteries, for a total of \$7,194.99. Two grants are available for funding the purchase:

Grant 1	2010 IGC 00560	\$2,110.33
	Local match	\$ 527.59
Grant 2	2009 HSPG 00476	\$4,720.54
	No local match	

The total county cost would be \$891.71 to be paid from the ambulance equipment budget.

Motion by Remund, seconded by Johnson to purchase three EF Johnson SL51 Model II portable radios with three spare batteries from RACOM, using the two grants totaling \$6,303.28, resulting in a county cost of \$891.71. Ayes: Tinklenberg, Remund, Johnson. Nays: None. Absent: DeRuyter, Miller. Motion carried.

Ewing also presented an update on the status of the part-time Advanced Life Support Ambulance license application.

**SHARON HANSON – HR COORDINATOR POSITION, 2011-2012 FAMILY SERVICES
CONTRACT, 4TH QUARTER BUDGET REVIEW**

Motion by Remund, seconded by Johnson to approve the updated Human Resources Coordinator job description and to authorize the Administrator to advertise to fill the position. Ayes: Tinklenberg, Remund, Johnson. Nays: None. Absent: DeRuyter, Miller. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Remund to approve the hiring of Nicola Backer as Deputy Auditor III effective February 15, 2011 on Step 1 of the Courthouse Union contract pay schedule. Ayes: Tinklenberg, Remund, Johnson. Nays: None. Absent: DeRuyter, Miller. Motion carried.

Motion by Remund, seconded by Johnson to approve the Family Services union contract between Pipestone County and the Minnesota Teamsters Public and Law Enforcement

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Employee's Union, Local 320 effective January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2012. Ayes: Tinklenberg, Remund, Johnson. Nays: None. Absent: DeRuyter, Miller. Motion carried.

Hanson presented an unaudited 4th Quarter Budget Review. Commissioner Remund expressed appreciation for the manner in which the department heads managed their budgets.

SERGEANT STEPHEN WHITEHEAD – YELLOW RIBOON RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Sergeant Stephen Whitehead, the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Coordinator from New Ulm, and Captain Brian Douty from the Pipestone and Luverne National Guard unit gave a presentation on the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Program which has as a goal to establish and sustain a comprehensive support network that connects and coordinates agencies, organizations and resources for the purpose of meeting the needs of service members, military families and employers across Minnesota.

HARLAN NEPP – RESOLUTIONS 59-12-2011 AND 59-13-2011 MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ENHANCEMENT GRANT ACCEPTANCE

County Veterans Service Officer Harlan Nepp presented the following for approval: Resolution 59-12-2011 to accept Grant Contract B53005 with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs in the amount of \$750.00 for one year and Resolution 59-13-2011 to accept Grant Contract B53006 with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs in the amount of \$6,240.00 for two years. Both grant amounts are to be used to enhance the operations of the County Veterans Service Office under Minn. Stat. §197.608 Subd. 4(a). Motion by Johnson, seconded by Remund to approve Resolutions 59-12-2011 and 59-13-2011 accepting Grant Contracts B53005 for \$750.00 for one year and Grant Contract B53006 for \$6,240.00 for two years from the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs. Ayes: Tinklenberg, Remund, Johnson. Nays: None. Absent: DeRuyter, Miller. Motion carried.

SHARON HANSON – LETTER FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE RUNBECK

Administrator Hanson discussed the letter from State Representative Linda Runbeck of Anoka and Ramsey Counties requesting input regarding reform for the Local Government Aid system and fiscal formula. Hanson was directed to draft a response and present it at a later date for full Board review.

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Motion by Remund, seconded by Tinklenberg to adjourn. Ayes: Tinklenberg, Remund, Johnson. Nays: None. Absent: DeRuyter, Miller. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:16 AM.

Marvin Tinklenberg
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Sharon Hanson
County Administrator

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