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Pipestone County Commissioner Meeting
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The Pipestone County Commissioners met with Chairman Marvin Tinklenberg, Commissioners Marge DeRuyter, Jerry L. Remund, Harold (Butch) Miller and Bill Johnson. 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 Miller to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Remund, seconded by Johnson to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Minutes of August 2, 2011 R&B
2. Commissioner's Warrants/Meal Reimbursements in the amount of \$350,680.94 and Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$ 316,059.06
3. Treasurer's Report July 2011

Motion carried unanimously.

STEVE EWING, AMBULANCE VOLUNTEER TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT

Ambulance Director Steve Ewing joined the meeting to explain the current process for reimbursing ambulance volunteers for training expenses. The Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board (EMSRB) provides for training reimbursement to be paid to each volunteer for attending required EMT training. The County has paid for the tuition the training as part of the responsibilities of having a County Ambulance service. The training reimbursement money from the EMSRB is paid to the volunteers through the County for their time in attending. Consensus of the Board to keep the process the same at this time.

WENDY KRUEGER – PHEASANT'S FOREVER DONATION

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Area Wildlife Supervisor Wendy Krueger joined the meeting along with Pheasants Forever Pipestone County Chapter President Marty Wallin in an effort to build good relations with county governments, the DNR will be notifying county governments on all pending donations of land or easements for wildlife management areas purposes. Pheasants Forever intends to donate 160 acres of land in the NW ¼ of Section 22 Altona Township (formerly owned by David Geis) to the Minnesota DNR, Division of Fish and Wildlife to become a State Wildlife Management Area (WMA). Supervisor Krueger also discussed with the Board payment in lieu of taxes, land acquisitions and sales of land by the DNR in Pipestone County and in the State of Minnesota.

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JAN JOHNSON – SOUTHWEST CRISIS CENTER

Southwest Crisis Center Director Jan Johnson presented an annual update of the Southwest Crisis Center with information regarding their processes, number of individuals helped, and number of employees.

MARC HALL – TRANSIT RATE INCREASE

Transit Director Marc Hall presented an overview of Transit’s services and their current rates. He stated that his department is currently funded with 85% state and federal funds and 15% county funds. His department is looking at a 10% reduction of funding for 2012 which equates to approximately \$34,000. Marc recommended a rate increase for transit rides beginning September 1 and a change to the zoning structure of the county.

Current Rates:

Adult Fares
Zone 1: \$1.75
Zone 2: \$2.25
Zone 3: \$2.75
Zone 4: \$3.25
Zone 5: \$3.75
Zone 6: \$4.25

Proposed Rates Effective Sept 1:

Adult Fares
Zone 1: \$2.00 (Pipestone)
Zone 2: \$3.00 (Hatfield, Holland, Trosky, Ihlen)
Zone 3: \$4.00 (Jasper, Woodstock, Edgerton)
Zone 4: \$5.00 (Ruthton)

Child Fares

Under 18 years of age
All zones \$1.50
Children under 3 ride free
with an adult

Child Fares

Under 18 years of age
Zone 1: \$1.75
Zone 2: \$2.50
Zone 3: \$3.00
Zone 4: \$3.50
Children 2 and under will be free
accompanied by an adult

Motion by Remund, seconded by Miller to adopt Marc Hall’s new rate plan beginning September 1, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

SHARON HANSON – STATE AUDITOR LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

Motion by DeRuyter, seconded by Johnson to approve the 2010 Financial Audit Letter of Understanding and authorize the appropriate signatures. Motion carried unanimously.

CATHY FESTE – JOB DESCRIPTION UPDATES

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste presented revised job descriptions as part of the comparable worth study job description review process. Consensus of the Board to review changes and discuss at next regular board meeting.

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POSTAGE METER PURCHASE-STEVE WEETS, TREASURER

Treasurer Steve Weets presented a quote to lease a Hasler postage meter from Claritus at the cost of \$315.00 for 12 months and \$375.00 for the next 51 months. The maintenance agreement currently has a monthly cost of \$339.01 per month. Motion by Remund, seconded by DeRuyter to approve the lease of a Hasler Postage Machine from Claritus in the amount of \$315.00 for 12 months and \$375.00 for the next 51 months. Motion carried unanimously.

RAATZ FEEDLOT PUBLIC MEETING-11:00AM

Planning/Zoning and Conservation Administrator Kyle Krier joined the meeting. A public meeting was held for the following feedlot application: Raatz Cattle, located in the NW Quarter of Section 22 in Sweet Township.

Administrator Krier gave general updates to the Board from the Environmental Office including an update that the Planning and Zoning Commission did not change the approved Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Recommendations for Duininck Bros. Inc gravel pit located near the City of Edgerton after meeting with Duininck and the City of Edgerton.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Remund to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Marvin Tinklenberg
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Sharon Hanson
County Administrator

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