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Pipestone County R&B Meeting
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The Pipestone County Commissioners met with Chairman Marvin Tinklenberg and Commissioners Marge DeRuyter, Bill Johnson, Harold (Butch) Miller, Jerry L. Remund, Highway Engineer David Halbersma and County Administrator Sharon Hanson 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 DeRuyter to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

PROJECT UPDATES

Engineer Halbersma presented updates on projects under contract and projects in the planning stage.

Engineer Halbersma provided an update on five (5) out of eight (8) bridge/culvert projects that have been delayed as a result of the US Fish and Wildlife and Army Corps of Engineers requiring that the project be delayed until a biological opinion is completed.

Engineer Halbersma reported that bridge bonding funds have been increased to sixty percent (60%) from fifty percent (50%) for bridges on the State Aid system.

Engineer Halbersma updated the Board on Bridge Projects 3615 and 59505 and that a Request for Proposal will be obtained for both projects for bridge design work.

Engineer Halbersma informed the Board that Minnesota State Highway 23 will be overlaid in 2012 from Jasper to Interstate 90.

OVERWEIGHT/OVER DIMENSION PERMIT FEE DISCUSSION

Engineer Halbersma presented information on an overweight/over dimension permit fee program that has been discussed among other counties and presented a comparison of permit fees collected. Prairie Rose Wind Tower project located near the Pipestone/Rock County line and a possible road restoration agreement could be implemented for this project. Consensus of the Board to come back with additional information on the overweight/over dimension permit fee program.

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MAINTENEANCE ISSUES/UPDATES

Engineer Halbersma provided an update on maintenance items/issues. Engineer Halbersma informed the Board that federal sign retro-reflectivity compliance dates may be delayed and as a result Pipestone County may be able to replace signs as needed versus under the proposed federal guidelines.

Engineer Halbersma informed the Board that twenty (20) applications for the open Road Grader position were received.

ADMINIDSTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACT WITH SWMHP FOR SCDP

Administrator Hanson informed the Board that Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership (SWMHP) has requested a contract for Administrative Services as a matter of customary procedure when administrating the recently awarded Small Cities Development Program (SCDP) grant that was awarded to Pipestone County. County Attorney Jim O'Neill, who joined the meeting, indicated that he had reviewed the contract to his satisfaction. Motion by Remund, seconded by Johnson to approve the Administrative Services Contract between SWMHP and Pipestone County for services rendered to administer the SCDP grant with the effective dates of October 4, 2011 through December 31, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Motion by Remund, seconded by DeRuyter to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

1. Minutes of September 27, 2011 Commissioners Meeting

Motion carried unanimously.

ELECTED OFFICIAL SALARY DISCUSSION

County Attorney O'Neill, County Auditor Joyce Steinhoff, County Recorder Mary Ann DeGroot and County Treasurer Steve Weets joined the meeting to present salary information on elected officials and department heads and requested the Board consider this information when setting the 2012 elected official salaries.

SOUTHWEST HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES JPA AMENDMENTS,

RESOLUTION 59-41-11, 59-42-11.

Southwest Health and Human Services (SWHHS) Business Manager Nancy Walker joined the meeting to present amendments to the SWHHS Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) to

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allow for Rock County to join SWHHS by waiving the July 1, 2011 deadline to join in the following year, to amend the JPA language to waive the deadline for future years and to amend the JPA to recognize a new funding formula.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Johnson to adopt Resolution 59-41-11 that waives the July 1 deadline for joining SWHHS and agrees that Rock County may become a member of SWHHS effective January 1, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Johnson, seconded DeRuyter to adopt Resolution 59-42-11 that amends the SWHHS JPA that waives the deadlines for counties entering the JPA and that recognizes a change to factors to be considered in the funding formula for Human Services effective January 1, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Remund to amend Articles 3.3, 5.6 and 5.7 of the Southwest Health and Human Services Joint Powers Agreement to recognize that funding for Human Services will be based upon consideration of: 1) population based on the most recent national census; 2) tax capacity; and 3) the most recent three (3) year average Social Services Expenditure and Grant Reconciliation Report (SEAGR). Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Miller, seconded by DeRuyter to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Marvin Tinklenberg
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Sharon Hanson
County Administrator