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

Motion by L. Johnson, seconded by W. Johnson to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Minutes of March 5, 2013 Road & Bridge Meeting
2. Commissioner Warrants/Meal Reimbursements in the amount of \$280,744.30 and Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$253,110.64
3. Treasurer's Report – February 2013

Motion carried unanimously.

MISSING HEIRS

Deputy Auditor II Sandy Erickson requested approval for the transfer of \$3,468.90 from General Revenue Missing Heirs Account to the non-departmental General Revenue Account. As per MN Statute that states after twenty-one years unclaimed funds from estates shall be transferred to the County General Fund. Motion by L. Johnson, seconded by W. Johnson to approve the transfer of \$3,468.90 from Missing Heirs Account 01-000-2750 to to the non-departmental General Revenue Account 01-003-5825 for funds unclaimed from the Clara A. Long Estate. Motion carried unanimously.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT –SRDC & PIPESTONE COUNTY

Emergency Management Director Harlan Nepp presented for approval a Contract for professional services from the Southwest Regional Development Commission (SRDC) in which the SRDC would provide services to assist Pipestone County in preparing an all-hazard mitigation plan update that is compliant with the latest Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requirements and the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. Pipestone County's All Hazard Mitigation plan was created in 2008 and it is recommended that this be updated every five (5) years. The estimated cost of the project is \$30,960, with 75% of the cost paid for by federal funds, or \$23,220. The County would be responsible for \$7,740.00, 25% of the cost share.

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Board consensus to not approve the professional services contract between the SRDC and Pipestone County due to redundancy and cost of the service.

KYLE KRIER – ROCK RIVER LOAN RESOLUTION 59-11-13

Environmental Administrator Kyle Krier requested adoption of Resolution 59-11-13 which approves the loan agreement between Rock County, Pipestone County, and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to conduct the implementation of the Rock River Replacement Sub-Surface Treatment System (SSTS) Loan Program Clean Water Partnership Project. The purpose of the loan agreement is to provide loans to property owners for the site evaluation, design, installation, repair or replacement of individual sewage treatment systems as provided by Minnesota statute 115.57, Subd.3. Motion by Remund, seconded by W. Johnson to approve resolution 59-11-13 Minnesota Clean Water Partnership Project Continuation Loan Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by L. Johnson, seconded by Kooiman to approve the placing of special assessment on property taxes of property tax payers that participate in the Rock River Replacement Sub-Surface Treatment (SSTS) loan program. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by W. Johnson, seconded by Kooiman to set the term of the loan at 3% interest over a ten year period for the Rock River Replacement Sub-Surface Treatment (SSTS) loan program. Motion carried unanimously.

HIAWATHA PAGEANT GROUNDS

Commissioner Remund stated that the members of the Hiawatha Club are considering the possibility of donating the former Song of Hiawatha pageant grounds to a local entity, such as the City of Pipestone or the County of Pipestone. Commissioner Remund asked Board members if the County would be interested in receiving this land from the Hiawatha Club. Discussion followed as to the boundaries of the property and the City's interest in the project. Consensus of the Board to have Commissioner Remund schedule a time for the Commissioners to tour the land with Hiawatha Club members and to obtain clear property line documentation before making a decision.

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FEEDLOT PUBLIC MEETING

Environmental Administrator Kyle Krier and Chris Veldhuizen joined the meeting. A feedlot public meeting was held for the following feedlot application: Veldhuizen Farms LLC, located in the southeast quarter of Section 22 in Gray Township.

SHERIFF DELANEY – RUTHTON LOA/SQUAD CAR PURCHASE/LIGHT BAR GIFT

County Attorney Jim O’Neill joined the meeting.

Sheriff Dan Delaney requested approval of a language change to the City of Ruthton law enforcement contract. The City of Ruthton’s insurance underwriter recommends additional liability language be added to the contract. County Attorney Jim O’Neill and MCIT have reviewed the new language and approved. Motion by L. Johnson, seconded by W. Johnson to approve a Letter of Agreement between the City of Ruthton and the County of Pipestone that the County agrees to defend and indemnify the City of Ruthton with regard to all claims, damages, losses and expenses arising out of or resulting from the performance of work as put forth in the Law Enforcement contract between the two entities, the County shall add the City of Ruthton as an additional insured to the County’s general liability coverage, effective January 1, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Delaney requested approval of purchase of two squad cars from the Minnesota Department of Administration, Fleet Services. The cars, whose leases are up in March and April of 2013, are currently expected to last for another three to four years. The asking price for the 2008 Chevy Tahoe with 45,000 miles is \$15,000. The asking price for the 2010 covert vehicle with 65,000 miles is \$9,000 and is eligible for full reimbursement from the Buffalo Ridge Task Force. Total cost to the county for both vehicles is \$24,000, and was a budgeted cost for 2013. Motion by Remund, seconded by Kooiman to approve purchase of the two leased vehicles for a total cost of \$24,000, with \$9,000 reimbursed to the County from the Buffalo Ridge Task Force. Motion carried unanimously.

Scott McConkey, from the Office of Traffic Safety announced that the Pipestone County Sheriff’s Office was awarded two new light bars for traffic enforcement use by the Department of Public Safety. Pipestone County was awarded this gift for Patrol Deputies’ participation in the “Toward Zero Deaths” campaign. Approximate value of the two light bars is \$3,000.00.

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2013 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The County Board reviewed and by consensus approved the Pipestone County 2013 legislative priorities as presented.

ACCOUNT DESIGNATION

Motion by L. Johnson, seconded by W. Johnson to approve the Assigned Account: Radio Communications Systems 01-000-2827 to a balance of \$0.00. Motion carried unanimously.

STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION FACILITATOR

County Administrator Sharon Hanson requested approval to hire an individual from Springsted to serve as a facilitator for an upcoming Strategic Planning Session to be coordinated with the County Board and department heads. Cost for this is approximately \$2,000.00. Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Remund to approve the hiring of a facilitator from Springsted for the Strategic Planning Session with an approximate cost of \$2,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPERTY TAX SOFTWARE/IDOC DEMONSTRATION

Assessor Joyce Schmidt and Environmental Administrator Kyle Krier demonstrated the new property tax software on the Pipestone County website.

Recorder Mary Ann De Groot demonstrated the new I-Doc system on the County website which public members can access for a daily or monthly fee.

4-H SEASONAL PROGRAM ASSISTANT PAY

Motion by Remund, seconded by L. Johnson to set the 4-H Seasonal Program Assistant pay at \$9.00 per hour as recommended by the Extension committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by W. Johnson, seconded by Remund to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 11:50a.m.

Harold (Butch) Miller
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Sharon Hanson
County Administrator