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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, Auditor Tyler Reisch, County Sheriff Dan Delaney and County Attorney Jim O'Neill were also in attendance.

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.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. July 9, 2013 Minutes
2. Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$568,554.54
3. Auditor Warrant Payable to Pro-Vision in the amount of \$15,322.55
4. Auditor Warrant Payable to Freese Construction in the amount of \$2,222.56
5. Resolution 59-25-13 Bridge Prioritization Addition for Bridge LT10 CSAH 6

Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR RENTAL SPACE-CENTRAL SCHOOL

Resident Mark Calamia requested use of space to store personal items in the former Central School. Mr. Calamia explained that he had a previous arrangement with the former owner Dick Haase and would like to continue the storage with the County. County Attorney O'Neill explained that if leasing to the public, the Board may want to consider opening up to the public. County Attorney O'Neill explained that liability coverage would need to be obtained by anyone leasing the space. County Attorney O'Neill also explained what happens with personal property in a tax forfeiture status with regard to notice, supervision and eventual ownership of the personal property. Motion by Miller, seconded by L. Johnson to give Mr. Mark Calamia ninety (90) days (until October 23, 2013) to remove his articles, under supervision of maintenance and the County Sheriff. Motion carried unanimously.

SOUTHWEST INITIATIVE FOUNDATION

Southwest Initiative Foundation Jackie Tuner-Lovsness joined the meeting and presented an annual update on activities of SWIF and statistics of funding for activities in Pipestone County.

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SENIOR DINING-LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES

Lutheran Social Services Pipestone Site Manager Lou Lanie and LSS Representative Linda Lorang joined the meeting to present information on Senior Dining in Pipestone County.

COMMUNICATIONS TOWER SHELTER, LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTRACTS

Sheriff Delany presented information on an equipment shelter building for the North Hiawatha Radio Communications Tower. Sheriff Delaney presented a proposal from Thermo Bond Buildings, LLC that would construct a ten (10) by twenty (20) foot shelter that would house equipment for radio communications at the site. Sheriff Delaney stated that he plans on contracting with Schuur Concrete for unloading the structure and disassembling the current tower located on the Law Enforcement Center. The fencing and the concrete work would be contracted separately. Thermo Bond submitted the following quote for structure: \$39,141.00. Motion by Kooiman, seconded by L. Johnson to approve the quote in the amount of \$39,141.00 from Thermo Bond Buildings, LLC for a ten (10) by twenty (20) foot shelter that would house equipment for radio communications at the North Hiawatha Radio Communications Tower.

Sheriff Delaney also presented a proposal from Alpha Wireless for paging base station equipment at the North Hiawatha Radio Communications Tower and includes installation of the equipment as well as the set-up of the back-up paging system at the Courthouse site. The proposal includes \$18,715.00 for the equipment and \$15,700.00 for labor and services. Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Remund to approve the Alpha Wireless quote in the amount of \$36,301.66 (\$18,715.00 for paging equipment, \$15,790.00 for labor and services, plus tax). Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Delaney presented Law Enforcement Contract Amendments for the cities of Edgerton, Hatfield, Holland, Ihlen, Jasper, Trosky, Pipestone and Woodstock that clarifies insurance liability and indemnification language requirements on the part of the County. The City of Ruthton previously had a Contract Amendment approved. Motion by W. Johnson, seconded by L. Johnson to approve the Law Enforcement Contract Amendment for the cities of Edgerton, Hatfield, Holland, Ihlen, Jasper, Trosky, Pipestone and Woodstock. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Delaney also updated the Board on the School Resource Officer contract between the County and the Pipestone School District. Sheriff Delaney reported that he did not get

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indication from the School District on whether the program would be continued. Sheriff Delaney will update the Board when he receives further information.

SWHHS LEVY, TAX FORFEITURE RESOLUTION 59-26-13

Auditor Reisch presented a request to make payment to Southwest Health and Human Services (SWHHS) for their annual tax levy, with the first half of the payment due. Motion by L. Johnson, seconded by W. Johnson to approve as Auditor Warrant the first half of levy to SWHHS in the amount of \$584,027.19 (first half of taxes received) and approve the automatic payment of SWHHS as part of the levy distribution process. Motion carried unanimously.

Auditor Reisch presented a list of tax forfeited property to be classified as non-conservation property as part of the tax forfeiture process following forfeiture. Motion by Remund, seconded by W. Johnson to adopt Resolution 59-26-13 that said parcels as listed and presented by the County Auditor, have been viewed by the County Board and have been classified as non-conservation land lands as provided for in Minnesota Statutes 282.01 and request from the MN Department of Natural Resources sale of said lands. Motion carried unanimously.

BUFFALO RIDGE TRANSIT ROUTE AGREEMENT WITH MURRAY COUNTY

Motion by Miller, seconded by Remund approving a Buffalo Ridge Regional Transit (BRT) Route Agreement between Murray County and Pipestone County that would contract a driver and a bus for the Buffalo Ridge Transit Route operation in Murray County with fees for services not covered by the BRT grant billed to Murray County. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Kooiman reported attending the following meetings: Hospital Plant Operations, Personnel Meeting, Edgerton City Council, Nurse Family Partnership,

Commissioner W. Johnson reported attending the following meetings: Audit Committee, Southern Minnesota Opportunity Council.

Commissioner L. Johnson reported attending the following meetings: 911 Meeting Ruthton City Council Meeting, AREA II, RCRCA, District 8 Land Use meeting, Southwest Regional Development Commission Annual Meeting, Insurance Committee, Medi-Sota Hospital Conference, District 8 Land Use Tour.

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Commissioner Remund reported attending the following meetings: Hospital Plant Operations, Building Committee, Insurance Committee, Southwest Travel, Medi-Sota Hospital Conference.

Commissioner Miller reported attending the following meetings: Regional Radio Board, Personnel Committee, Audit Committee, Building Committee, SWCD, met with MNDOT and County Engineer Halbersma regarding deer crossing Highway 23, SWHHS, Plum Creek Library Meeting with Lyon and Marshall Library representatives.

OTHER

Motion by W. Johnson, seconded by Kooiman to accept the resignation of Jailer/Dispatcher Audrey Kortz effective July, 10, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Hanson reported that Crystle Dougherty started as Jailer/Dispatcher on July 16, 2013 at Step 1 of the Jailer/Dispatcher Union Pay Plan.

Motion by Remund, seconded by W. Johnson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Harold (Butch) Miller
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Sharon Hanson
County Administrator