

The Pipestone County Commissioners met with Chairman Bruce Kooiman, Commissioners Luke Johnson, Les Nath, Jerry L. Remund and Daniel Wildermuth. County Administrator Sharon Hanson and County Engineer David Halbersma also present. Chairman Kooiman called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Remund to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nath, seconded by Johnson to approve the consent agenda as follows:

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approve Minutes of September 22, 2015

Motion carried unanimously.

PROJECT UPDATES, PROJECTS UNDER CONTRACT, PROJECTS IN THE PLANNING STAGE

Engineer Dave Halbersma provided an update on project updates, projects under contract and projects in the planning stage.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Remund to approve final payment to Thorstad Construction in the amount of \$25,553.78 for County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 19 SAP 59-619-003 Concrete Surfacing Projects. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nath, seconded by Remund to approve final payment to Morris Seal Coat and Trucking Inc. in the amount of \$2,480.41 for 2015 seal coat projects in the City of Pipestone SAP 59-030-010. Motion carried unanimously.

LETTER OF SUPPORT INDIAN LAKE TRAILROAD EXTENSION

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Johnson to approve a letter of support for a grant application through the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources State Park Road Account that would provide funding for an extension of the trail and roadway from Cemetery road in the City of Pipestone to Minnesota West Community and Technical College. Motion carried unanimously.

MNDOT 10 YEAR INVESTMENT PLAN

Engineer Halbersma provided information on the Minnesota Department of Transportation's ten (10) year investment plan in the District 8 region.

TRUNK HIGHWAY 23 2016 DETOUR AGREEMENT

Engineer Halbersma informed the Board that the Trunk Highway 2016 Detour Agreement that was approved between Pipestone County and MNDOT at the September 1, 2015 Commissioner meeting was correct, however the map that detailed the detour was not displayed correctly by Engineer Halbersma, thus Engineer Halbersma requested ratification of the Detour Agreement with the correct detour map. Motion by Nath, seconded by Wildermuth to acknowledge the correct detour map and ratify Resolution 59-19-15 that approves the agreement between Pipestone County and MNDOT regarding detoured traffic on to County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 16 and CSAH 6. Motion carried unanimously.

MAINTENANCE UPDATES

Engineer Halbersma provided an update on maintenance activities.

TRANSPORTATION REVENUE OPTIONS

The County Board and Engineer Halbersma discussed the wheelage tax and the aggregate production tax with consensus of the Board to place the wheelage tax and aggregate tax on the Road and Bridge Public Hearing agenda that will be held Spring 2016.

BAT PROOFING SERVICES

Administrator Hanson explained to the Board that the issue of bats in the Courthouse was brought up by the 5th District Court Administration and that they would like to see the bats removed since court records are stored in the area where bats have been known to fly and drop defecant. Administrator Hanson presented two quotes that would bat proof the Courthouse:

Rollie King The Batman Inc.: \$50,000 plus rental of equipment, includes guarantee

Prestige Services: \$30,000, includes 10 year guarantee

Consensus of the Board to seek out when services could be completed and seek advice from Rock County who recently hired Prestige Services.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioners reported on the following committee meetings:

Commissioner Johnson: Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area/Area II, Ditch Committee, MCIT Land Use Training, AMC Ag and Rural Development Committee, AMC Environment and Natural Resources Committee, Area II One Watershed, One Plan, Hospital Executive Committee, Minnesota Hospital Trustee Council, Ferris Grand Block Re-use Study Meeting, Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area/Area II.

Commissioner Remund: Regional Extension Committee, Hospital Plant Operations, Primewest Health, Cargill Open House, AMC Broadband Committee, AMC Public Safety Committee, Union Negotiations, Building Committee.

Commissioner Wildermuth: Southwest Travel, Casey Jones Trail, Cargill Open House, Southwest Mental Health Consortium, Southwest Health and Human Services, AMC Health and Human Services Committee, Rural Energy Board, Southern Minnesota Opportunity Council.

Commissioner Nath: Primewest Health, Cargill Open House, Southwest Mental Health, Southwest Health and Human Services, AMC General Government, SWHHS Union Negotiations, Regional Radio Board. Union Negotiations.

Commissioner Kooiman: Personnel, Hospital Plant Operations, Southwest Regional Development Commission, Area Transportation Board, Southwest Private Industry Council.

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Administrator Hanson informed the Board that Rock County had no formal recommendation but that the services were completed with complete results not known until later when the bats fly out of courthouse via one way traps. Administrator Hanson also informed the Board that Prestige Services would want to complete the work by the end of this fall. Motion by Nath, seconded by Wildermuth to accept the quote from Prestige Services in the amount of \$30,000 that includes a ten (10) year guarantee. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Remund, seconded by Nath to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Bruce Kooiman
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Sharon Hanson
Pipestone County Administrator