

The Pipestone County Commissioners met with Chairman Bruce Kooiman, Commissioners Luke Johnson, Les Nath, Jerry L. Remund and Daniel Wildermuth. County Administrator Sharon Hanson was 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 October 6, 2015
- Commissioner Warrants/Meal Reimbursements in the amount of \$280,638.42 and Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$439,964.08
- Treasurer’s Report September 2015
- Set Bid Letting Date November 3, 2015, 10:00 a.m. Gravel Crushing

Motion carried unanimously.

**TYLER REISCH & STEVE WEETS – 2014 AUDIT PRESENTATION**

Auditor Tyler Reisch and Treasurer Steve Weets presented the Pipestone County 2014 Financial Audit. Motion by Remund, seconded by Nath to accept the Pipestone County 2014 Financial Audit as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**KYLE KRIER – NATURAL RESOURCES BLOCK GRANT, SOLAR ORDINANCE, GEOLOGICAL SURVEY LETTER**

Environmental Administrator Kyle Krier presented for approval the 2016 Board of Water and Soil Resources Natural Resources Block Grant Agreement awarding \$79,071.00 to Pipestone County for the oversight and implementation of Comprehensive Local Water Plans, the Wetland Conservation Act, Shoreland, and Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems. County Feedlot Programs are no longer included in this grant as in previous year, these will now be submitted to the County directly from Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. (MPCA) Grants received are as follows:

<b><i>This grant is for the following Grant Programs :</i></b>		
<b>P16-8351</b>	2016 - Local Water Management - NRBG (Pipestone County)	\$15,247
<b>P16-8439</b>	2016 - Wetland Conservation Act - NRBG (Pipestone County)	\$8,778
<b>P16-4794</b>	2016 - Shoreland-NRBG (Pipestone County)	\$2,668
<b>P16-4375</b>	2016 - Septic Treatment Systems - NRBG (Pipestone County)	\$18,600
<b>P16-5467</b>	2016 - Septic Treatment Systems Upgrade - NRBG (Pipestone County)	\$28,778
<b>P16-5286</b>	2016 - Septic Treatment Systems Incentive - NRBG (Pipestone County)	\$5,000

**Total Grant Awarded: \$79,071**

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nath to approve the 2016 Board of Water and Soil Resources Natural Resources Block Grant for \$79,071.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Environmental Administrator Krier presented an example County Zoning Ordinance for Solar Power Management. Krier requested that the Pipestone County Board authorize the development of a County Zoning Ordinance with regulations, setbacks, and standards for Solar Power Management in conjunction with the Planning and Zoning Board and bring back to the

County Board for public hearing and consideration. Motion by Remund, seconded by Nath to authorize Administrator Krier in conjunction with the Planning and Zoning Board to develop a County Zoning Ordinance for Solar Power Management and bring back to the County Board for public hearing and consideration. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Krier presented for approval a letter from the University of Minnesota describing the expectations for creating a geological atlas of Pipestone County. The arrangement does not involve any transfer of funds between Pipestone County and the Minnesota Geological Survey (MGS) but it will require both parties to expend resources and effort. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nath to approve the letter from the University of Minnesota authorizing County participation in creation of a geological atlas of Pipestone County in cooperation with the Minnesota Geological Survey and authorizing board chair signature. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE / EMPLOYEE RESIGNATIONS**

Administrator Hanson reported that Troy Przybys terminated employment October 2, 2015 and Cathy Solma terminated employment October 6, 2015. Motion by Remund, seconded by Nath to approve the resignations of Troy Przybys on October 2 and termination of Cathy Solma on October 6. Motion carried unanimously.

County Administrator Hanson provided an update on activities and projects that she has been working on including union negotiations and insurance as well as future budget discussion timelines.

#### **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

A program was held recognizing the following county employees and their years of service to Pipestone County.

Paul Mathews	5 years
Rhonda Sievert	5 years
Brenda Vanden Berg	5 years
Sharon Hanson	10 years
Sandy Erickson	15 years
Judy Forde	15 years
Dan Moser	15 years
Dar Slinger	15 years
Janet Bouman	20 years
Jim Lustfield	25 years
Dave Halbersma	30 years

#### **JERRY BROCKBERG, SHARON HANSON - HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL**

Jerry Brockberg from Kozlowski Insurance Agency presented 2016 health insurance renewal information. The County's claims history over the past two years has been very high and therefore the County received a 17.5% increase in rates from 2015 to 2016. Sharon Hanson reviewed impact of claims on our renewals, history of renewal rates, and benefits to maintaining and increasing family participation on health insurance plans. Administrator Hanson presented proposals from the Insurance Committee on 2016 cafeteria contribution recommendations. Motion by Remund, seconded by Kooiman to renew with Blue Cross Blue Shield in 2016 through the SW/WC service cooperative with the following plans offered: \$500 Deductible, \$1,500 Deductible, \$3,250 Voluntary Employees' Beneficiary Association (VEBA)/Health Savings Account, \$6,360 High Deductible/Health Savings Account. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place on budget impact and whether or not to include a family contribution. Motion by Nath, seconded by Wildermuth to accept proposal # 3 from the insurance committee which increases the cafeteria contribution to \$550.00 for employees who select single health insurance and increases the cafeteria contribution to \$700.00 for employees who select family health insurance. Yeas: Johnson, Kooiman, Nath, Wildermuth. Nay: Remund. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Kooiman to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

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Bruce Kooiman

Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

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Sharon Hanson  
Pipestone County Administrator