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Pipestone County Commissioner Meeting

January 24, 2017

The Pipestone County Commissioners met with Chairman Les Nath, Commissioners Chris Hollingsworth, Luke Johnson, Bruce Kooiman and Dan Wildermuth. County Administrator Sharon Hanson was also present. Chairman Nath called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**AGENDA**

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. Minutes of January 10, 2017 Organizational Meeting
2. Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$399,986.48
3. Beef Barn Donations
  - a. Phyllis Drew - \$1,000.00
  - b. AgStar - \$15,000.00
  - c. Peoples Bank Jasper - \$200.00
  - d. Marks General Machine Inc. - \$1,000.00
  - e. Tinklenberg Lumber & Hardware of Edgerton - \$250.00
  - f. Simplot - \$1,000.00
  - g. Gorter's Clay and Dairy Equipment of MN Inc. - \$1,000.00
  - h. Buffalo Ridge Concrete Inc. - \$1,000.00
  - i. Titan Machinery - \$1,000.00
  - j. Cottonwood Angus Farms - \$1,000.00
  - k. Zeinstra Dairy LLC - \$1,000.00

Motion carried unanimously.

**PERSONNEL**

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste requested approval of the Pay Equity Report due to the State of Minnesota Management and Budget every three years. Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the Pipestone County Pay Equity Report as required by Minnesota Statutes 471.991-471.999, direct Coordinator Feste to submit the Report to Minnesota Management and Budget by January 31, 2017 and authorize Board Chair signature. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to renew the Pipestone County Voluntary Reduction in Hours Policy for two more years, extending it through 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Johnson to approve a separation agreement between Jeff Sanow and Pipestone County which sets forth the terms of the separation and includes a resignation from employment from Jeff Sanow effective January 13, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

HR Coordinator Feste announced that Kim Wolff was hired as a part-time Transit Driver effective January 5, 2017.

**MADE IN MINNESOTA SOLAR PROGRAM APPLICATION APPROVAL**

Rebecca Peichel from Novel Energy Solutions presented an update on an application for the Made In Minnesota program, administered by the Minnesota Department of Commerce which would provide discounts on electricity and incentive payments if solar is installed on-site. Of the six applications that were submitted on County buildings, one was approved, the Pipestone County Household Hazardous Waste Building. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to authorize Novel Energy Solutions to continue to move forward with project planning on the Household Hazardous Waste Building and submit sites that weren't selected in 2016 during the 2017 application period. Motion carried unanimously.

**BROADBAND SURVEY**

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to participate in a regional broadband survey for the underserved areas in Pipestone County and direct Administrator Hanson to bring back to the Board the costs of the survey specific to Pipestone County. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

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Les Nath  
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

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Sharon Hanson  
County Administrator