

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve Minutes of December 1, 2015

Commissioner Warrants/Meal Reimbursements in the amount of \$290,789.76 and Hospital Warrants in the amount \$267,115.30

Treasurer's Report November 2015

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 59-27-15 2016 TAXES PAYABLE LEVY

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Remund to adopt Resolution 59-27-15 which sets the 2016 Taxes Payable Levy at \$5,732,606.00. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 59-28-15 2016 COUNTY BUDGET ADOPTION

Motion by Nath, seconded by Johnson to adopt Resolution 59-28-15 which sets the 2016 budget as follows:

SECTION 218 AGREEMENT

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste presented for Board consideration a Social Security Resolution that would allow full Social Security coverage to certain and eligible elected officials covered by Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) Defined Contribution Plan (and excluded from membership in the Coordinated Plan) with procedures set by Minnesota Statutes Section 355 and Section 218 of the Social Security Act. If passed, the Resolution would allow governing Board members to participate in both Social Security and PERA Defined Contribution Plan. Currently, Board members are only able to participate in either Social Security or PERA, but not both. Consensus of the Board to table consideration of approval of the Social Security Resolution until the December 22 board meeting.

PERSONNEL

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste reported on the final insurance enrollment for county employees in 2016.

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste announced that the Personnel Committee selected Brian Douty as the top candidate for the Veteran's Service Officer (VSO) position and asked for Board approval to appoint Brian Douty to the VSO position for a period of four years with a one year probationary period. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nath to appoint Brian Douty as the Pipestone County Veteran's Service Officer effective December 28, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

FEEDLOT DELEGATION AGREEMENT AND WORK PLAN

Environmental Administrator Krier presented for approval the 2016-2017 County Feedlot Program Delegation Agreement and Work Plan between Pipestone County and Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) that details the County's plans and strategies for the administration of the Feedlot Program as per Minnesota Rules Chapter 7020. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nath to approve the 2016-2017 County Feedlot Program Delegation Agreement and Work Plan between Pipestone County and MPCA effective 2016 through 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

SOLAR ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING – 10:00AM

Chairman Kooiman opened the Pipestone County Solar Ordinance Public Hearing at 10:00a.m.

Environmental Administrator Kyle Krier gave a brief review of the proposed Solar Ordinance that was approved by the Pipestone County Planning and Zoning Commission and if approved by the County Board, will be incorporated into the Pipestone County Zoning Ordinance.

Jordan Burmeister from Geronimo Wind provided comments in support of the Solar Ordinance and gave the Board an update on two projects being proposed potentially in the future by Geronimo Wind in Pipestone County.

After hearing no further public comment, Chairman Kooiman closed the public hearing at 10:14 a.m.

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Johnson to adopt the Solar Ordinance as presented, effective December 9, 2015 and authorize the following summary notice to be published in the legal newspaper:

On December 9, 2015, after notice and hearing the Pipestone County Board of Commissioners adopted amendments to the Pipestone County Zoning Ordinance with an effective date of December 9, 2015.

The original Pipestone County Zoning Ordinance was adopted on December 27, 1978. In 2005 the ordinance was restructured and adopted on December 13, 2005. Amendments were made on June 8, 2010, February 12, 2013. The potential for solar development created the need for a solar ordinance.

A summary of the adopted amendments to the ordinance is hereby published as authorized by Minn. Stat. §375.51, Subd. 3.

Changes within the Zoning Ordinance include the addition of:

Section 5-11: Solar Energy Systems:

Purpose, jurisdiction and interpretation.

Definitions.

District regulations.

Setback and standard

Permit application.

A printed copy of the ordinance as amended is available for inspection by any person during regular office hours at the office of the Pipestone County Auditor, 416 South Hiawatha Avenue, Pipestone, MN 56164, (507) 825-6740.

Motion by Remund, seconded by Nath to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Bruce Kooiman

County Board Chair

ATTEST: Sharon Hanson

County Administrator