

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approve Minutes of August 22, 2017

Motion carried unanimously.

STEVE EWING-EMS HOUSE, PERSONNEL

Emergency Services Director Steve Ewing joined the meeting and presented information on lack of drainage that is causing water infiltration in the basement of the Ambulance house. Director Ewing stated that he obtained only one contractor quote due to interest at this time by contractors. The contractor would tile around the foundation of the Ambulance house and replace the concrete damaged due to the work with an approximate cost of \$8,500.00.

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Hollingsworth to pursue the work in 2018 and place the expenditure in the 2018 budget.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to amend the main motion directing Director Ewing to obtain a second quote and come back to the Board in 2018 after seeking an additional quote for the work. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Nath called for a vote on the amended main motion that would pursue the work in 2018, place the expenditure in the 2018 budget, direct Director Ewing to obtain a second quote and come back to the Board in 2018 after seeking an additional quote for the work. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Ewing presented information on the status of hiring two full-time paramedics and that they have recently been able to interview applicants. As a result of the interviews, Director Ewing stated that two paramedic positions can be filled. One paramedic applicant has years of experience that would warrant a higher step placement on the pay plan and Director Ewing requested step placement of Step G, B21 on the County's pay plan for this applicant. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve placement of Step G, B21 on the County's pay plan for Paramedic applicant. Yeas: Kooiman, Hollingsworth, Nath, Wildermuth. Nay: Johnson. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AUDITOR/TREASURER COMBINATION RESOLUTION 59-32-17

Auditor Tyler Reisch and Treasurer Steve Weets answered questions from Board members regarding the Auditor and Treasurer being combined as per Minnesota Statutes 375A.

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Wildermuth to adopt Resolution 59-32-17 that the Board wishes to see these two offices combined, effective January 8, 2019, with the election for this new office taking place in the fall of 2018; and has further concluded that such a combined office should remain elected; and that by adopting this Resolution, effective with the term beginning January 8, 2019, the current Office of the Pipestone County Treasurer and the Pipestone County Auditor will be abolished and in its place a new elective office named Office of the Pipestone County Auditor-Treasurer will be created. Motion carried unanimously.

TAX ABATEMENT PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Nath opened the Home Tax Abatement Public Hearing at 9:30 a.m. County Auditor Tyler Reisch explained the following tax abatement application for board consideration pursuant to Minnesota Statute 469-1812 to 469-1815: PBM Land Management, for Parcel ID 18.763.0500 located in the City of Pipestone.

It has been proposed that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Pipestone grant a Property Tax Abatement on the two properties in an amount not to exceed 100 percent (%) of the County's portion of the real estate taxes related to new residential home construction on the subject properties for a period not to exceed three (3) years. The estimated value of abatement for PBM Land Management is approximately \$689.00 over three years for each dwelling. Hearing no comments, Chairman Nath closed the public hearing at 9:32 a.m.

RESOLUTIONS 59-33-17 TAX ABATEMENT RESOLUTION

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to adopt Resolution 59-33-17 whereas PBM Land Management, for Parcel ID 18.763.0500 located in the City of Pipestone, has applied for a Home Tax Abatement pursuant to the County's Home Tax Abatement Initiative. The County Board of Commissioners grants abatement of property taxes levied for property by the County for three (3) years, commencing with taxes payable for the assessed value related to the capital improvements outlined. The Abatement may be modified or terminated at any time by the Board of Commissioners. Motion carried unanimously.

2018 BUDGET REVIEW

Building and Grounds Supervisor Wayne Drew reviewed the 2018 Building and Grounds and Fairgrounds budgets.

County Assessor Joyce Schmidt reviewed the 2018 County Assessor budget.

Information Technology (IT) Director Bill Folger reviewed the 2018 IT budget.

UNITED COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP CONTRACT FOR SERVICES

United Community Action Partnership (UCAP) Transit Director Cathleen Amick joined the meeting and presented for Board approval a Transportation agreement that would designate administration and operation of Pipestone County's transit services to UCAP.

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the UCAP Transportation Agreement effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 that will designate UCAP responsible for Pipestone County's transit services. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Amick presented for approval a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Pipestone County and AFSCME Council 65, Local 2424 that detailed County Transit employee's transition to UCAP in terms of offers of employment and pay and benefits as it related to sick and vacation accruals. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve the MOA between Pipestone County and AFSCME Council 65, Local 2424 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SWWC INSURANCE POOL NOTICE OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW/PERSONNEL

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Kooiman approving Pipestone County's letter of intent to withdraw from the Southwest West Central Service Cooperative's County and Other Governmental Units Employee Health Insurance Pool effective 1/1/18 as applicable under the Joint Powers

Agreement Section 5.5.3. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Johnson approving placement of Step C, B24 of the County's pay plan for Part-time Deputy Sheriff Andrew Larson. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioners reported on the following committee meetings:

Commissioner Johnson: R&B Committee, One Watershed One Plan, SWCD, Ditch Committee, One Watershed One Plan Public Meetings.

Commissioner Hollingsworth: Nurse Family Partnership, Road and Bridge Committee, Southwest Mental Health Center, Regional Extension Committee.

Commissioner Wildermuth: Land Records meeting, Central School Committee, Southwest Mental Health Consortium, Transit Advisory, Alcohol Coalition meeting, Southern MN Opportunity Council.

Commissioner Kooiman: PCMC Plant Operations, Planning and Zoning Commission.

Commissioner Nath: Southwest Health and Human Services Budget meeting, Primewest Health, Land Records meeting, PCMC Plant Operations, PCMC Executive Committee, Central School Committee, SW Mental Health, SWHHS Board, Alcohol Coalition meeting.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Les Nath

Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST: Sharon Hanson

County Administrator