

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Minutes of January 5, 2016 Organizational Meeting
2. Commissioner Warrants/Meal Reimbursements in the amount of \$880,251.04 and Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$639,693.42
3. Treasurer's Report December 2015

Motion carried unanimously.

KIA HARRIES, REGIONAL EXTENSION DIRECTOR

Kia Harries introduced herself as the new University of Minnesota Extension Regional Director for the Southwest Region of Minnesota and provided an update on activities for the upcoming year for Extension in the region.

Regional Director Harries presented for approval a five-year Office Lease Agreement between Pipestone County and the City of Pipestone for lease of Extension Office space. The duration of the agreement is from 2016 through 2020 with costs per year starting at \$7,900.00 in 2016 and ending at \$9,590.00 in 2020. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Remund to approve the five-year lease agreement between the City of Pipestone and Pipestone County effective January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

STEVE EWING – AMBULANCE REMOUNT PRICE ADJUSTMENTS, DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Emergency Services and Emergency Management (EMS/EM) Director Steve Ewing requested approval of Auditor Warrants payable to Avera McKennan School of EMS in the amount of \$225.00 and Van Dyke Sanitation in the amount of \$130.88. Motion by Remund, seconded by Nath to approve Auditor Warrants payable to Avera McKennan School of EMS in the amount of \$225.00 and Van Dyke Sanitation in the amount of \$130.88.

Motion carried unanimously.

EMS/EM Director Ewing provided an update on the ambulance re-mount that was approved by the Board at the November 3, 2015 meeting.

Director Ewing updated the Board in both the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Emergency Management (EM) Departments.

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE – TOBACCO ORDINANCE UPDATE

Southwest Health and Human Services (SWHHS) Public Health Director Carol Biren joined the meeting with SWHHS staff members Amy Jelen and Ann Orren who presented information on new tobacco products and trends and suggested that Pipestone County consider updating the County Tobacco Ordinance to include some of the new tobacco products such as e-cigarettes. Consensus of the Board to have the Southwest Health and Human Services committee review the Tobacco Ordinance for potential updates and bring a recommendation to the Board on proposed changes to the Ordinance.

Director Biren also provided an update on SWHHS Public Health initiatives and activities.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS-CAPELLA AND ANTILIA SOLAR GARDENS

County Attorney Damain Sandy joined the meeting. Environmental Administrator Kyle Krier was joined by Jordan Burmeister from Geronimo Wind to present two Conditional Use Permit Requests as follows:

Capella Community Solar Gardens, LLC,
To construct a Large Solar Energy System on
property owned by Roger & Joyce Lunstra and
located in the NE Quarter of Section 8 in Gray
Township (T-106-N, R-45-W)

and

Daryl & Donna Hanenburg
To allow Antlia Community Solar Gardens, LLC,
To construct a Large Solar Energy System on
property owned by Daryl & Donna Hanenburg and
located in the NW Quarter of Section 16 in Osborne
Township (T-105-N, R-44-W)

Administrator Krier reviewed the Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Recommendations for the Capella Community Solar Garden and informed the Board that because of County tile being present underneath the proposed Solar Garden, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended that Mr. and Mrs. Lunstra must relocate the County tile prior to construction of the proposed solar garden. County Attorney Sandy reviewed the CUP request and suggested that

prior to the Board approving the CUP, that he be allowed time to possibly draft an agreement that would ensure the drainage law is followed, that Geronimo bear all costs with the tile relocation and that Geronimo and the landowners indemnify the County hold harmless in the event of a liability situation. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nath to delay a decision on the CUP request by Mr. and Mrs. Lunstra in order to allow County Attorney Sandy time to draft a possible agreement and bring back to the Board a draft agreement and the CUP for consideration. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Krier reviewed the Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Recommendations for the Antlia Community Solar Garden. Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Nath to accept the Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Recommendations as presented and approve the CUP for Antlia Community Solar Garden as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 59-09-16 WATER PLAN AMENDMENT ADOPTION

Environmental Administrator Krier presented for approval a Water Plan Amendment that will update the current Plan until December 31, 2020 in an effort to synchronize water management efforts between partners in order to develop and complete watershed based plans through the One Watershed, One Plan concept. Pipestone County submitted the 2015 Addendum and the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) approved the Amendment. The County now must adopt and implement this plan within 120 days in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 103B.315, Subd. 6. Motion by Nath, seconded by Johnson to adopt Resolution 59-09-16 that the Pipestone County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the Water Plan Amendment and will begin implementation of its approved 2015 Amendment and shall be in effect until December 31, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS COMMITTEE MEMBER

Environmental Administrator Krier explained that he has not received any applications for serving on the Board of Adjustments and Appeals Committee and recommends that he seek out volunteers and once a member is found, he will bring back to the Board.

MPCA ANNUAL FEEDLOT OFFICER REPORT

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Remund to approve the 2015 Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Annual Feedlot Officer Report and authorize Board Chair signature. Motion carried unanimously.

COURTHOUSE AND HIGHWAY UNIT COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS

Human Resources Director Cathy Feste presented collective bargaining agreements for the Courthouse and Highway Units as a result of the County and the Union reaching a tentative agreement. Director Feste reviewed the two agreements.

Motion by Remund, seconded by Kooiman to approve the collective bargaining agreement between American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Council No. 65, Local No. 2424 Courthouse Unit and Pipestone County effective January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kooiman and Wildermuth to approve an agreement between AFSCME Council No. 65, Local No. 2424 Highway Unit and Pipestone County effective January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017, contingent on Article VII Vacations being revised to reflect the accurate figure Holidays referenced in Article VI. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 59-10-16 SOUTHWEST MENTAL HEALTH CENTER CORPORATE ADDRESS

Motion by Remund, seconded by Nath to adopt Resolution 59-10-16 that the Pipestone County Board of Commissioners, all being voting members of Southwestern Mental Health Center, Inc., pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 317A.133 Subd. 3, do hereby authorize the Board of Directors to amend the Articles of Incorporation by changing the location of the registered office of the corporation to 117 South Spring Street, Luverne, MN as a result of the corporation office being relocated to this address. Motion carried unanimously.

WORKFORCE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Joint Powers Agreement for the southwest counties of the Workforce Service Area #6 in order to be in compliance with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 59-11-16 TRANSIT FARE COLLECTION

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nath to adopt Resolution 59-11-16 that stipulates the Memorandum of Understanding between Pipestone County and Western Community Action (WCA) that was approved at the October 27, 2015 Commissioner meeting be further defined by allowing WCA to be a bank account holder for transit fares collected from County operated public transit operations with the fares to be used towards the MNDOT local match requirements

with any in excess of local match requirements to be maintained for future MNDOT local match requirements. Motion carried unanimously.

PASSPORT PROCESSING IN PIPESTONE COUNTY

Motion by Nath, seconded by Remund to have the County explore passport processing options within the County and direct the Personnel Committee to meet with affected offices and departments. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD/STAFF STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

Consensus of the Board to have the Board and staff meet for the annual Board/Staff strategic planning session on March 22, 2016.

Motion by Nath, seconded by Wildermuth to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Luke Johnson
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Sharon Hanson
County Administrator