

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Minutes of January 12, 2016 Commissioner Meeting

Hospital Warrants \$469,374.95

Auditor Warrant Payable to Visa in the amount of \$179.02

Motion carried unanimously.

AUDITOR WARRANT, LANDFILL BOND DECLARATION, ELECTRONIC RECORDS AND RETENTION

Motion by Nath, seconded by Kooiman to approve the Auditor Warrants to Doom and Cuypers Construction in the amount of \$32,361.30 and Falls Architecture in the amount of \$218.75 and \$300.00 as Auditor Warrants. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Hanson presented for approval a Termination of Declaration which states that Pipestone County previously filed a "state of Minnesota, General Obligation Bond Financed Property Declaration" in the Office of the Pipestone County Recorder, recorded on August 12, 2011. However, it was discovered by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), that the Bond Declaration was filed in error against land described in the Declaration as the "Restricted Property," and legally described as the east half of the east half of the Northeast Quarter (E1/2, E1/2, NE1/4) of Section 31, Township 107 North, Range 44 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Pipestone County, Minnesota. Therefore, the Bond Declaration needs to be terminated. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the Termination of Declaration, authorize County Board Chair and County Administrator signature and record with Pipestone County Recorder following all signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Hanson reviewed the County's Records and Retention Schedule as adopted via Resolution 59-17-87 and how the Schedule relates to electronic documents versus hard copy. The originals of permanent records must be maintained unless the Minnesota Historical Society gives permission to allow the County to maintain the record as a scanned file and destroy the originals.

WAYNE DREW – NEW LAWN MOWER

Building and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor Wayne Drew presented two quotes for replacement of the John Deere lawn mower with hard cab, 60-inch deck, snow blower, and broom. Quotes received were as follows:

<u>Bidder and Location</u>	<u>Cost before Trade</u>	<u>Trade Value</u>	<u>Equipment Total</u>
Schuneman Equipment Garretson,SD	\$21,638.00	\$4,780.00	\$16,858.00
C&B Operations Pipestone, MN	\$25,770.00	\$4,400.00	\$21,370.00

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Nath to approve purchase of John Deere lawn mower with hard cab, 60-inch deck, snow blower, and broom from Schuneman Equipment in Garretson, SD for a cost of \$21,638.00 and to trade in the current 2005 lawnmower with a value of \$4,780.00 for a total cost of \$16,858.00 to be expended from the Building and Grounds Budget in equipment over \$10,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

CREDIT CARD REQUEST

Motion by Remund, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the issuance of a County credit card to Veteran's Service Officer Brian Douty. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Wildermuth to approve sponsorship of a Southwest Initiative Foundation Pipestone Area Community Foundation Grant Application with funds to be administered by the Sons of American Legion for the Sherman Tank Paint Restoration project. Motion carried unanimously.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT – CAPELLA SOLAR GARDEN

Environmental Administrator Kyle Krier presented the Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Recommendations of the Pipestone County Planning and Zoning Commission in the matter of conditional use permit for Capella Community Solar Gardens, LLC to construct and operate a Large Solar Energy System on land owned by Roger and Joyce Lunstra in the NE ¼ of Section 8 in Gray Township. County Attorney Damain Sandy was also present. Discussion took place on the impact to the County tile located on the property. County Ditch Committee member Gary Griebel commented and would like to see a solution to the tile issue before a Conditional Use Permit is granted. The following conditions were placed on the conditional use permit.

The project be constructed as presented

County tile relocation proposed must be completed prior to construction or

County tile impacts must be avoided.

All other State and Federal requirements be met.

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Wildermuth to accept the Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Recommendations and approve the conditional use permit for Capella Community Solar Gardens, LLC to construct and operate a Large Solar Energy System on land owned by Roger and Joyce Lunstra in the NE ¼ of Section 8 in Gray Township. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Nath to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

Luke Johnson

Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST: Sharon Hanson

County Administrator