

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 Kooiman to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Minutes of February 2, 2016 Commissioner Meeting
2. Commissioner Warrants/Meal Reimbursements in the amount of \$247,709.63 and Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$760,688.77
3. Treasurer’s Report January 2016

Motion carried unanimously.

As per Minnesota Statutes 375.12, the following Commissioner Warrant information is presented:

Vendor Name	Amount Paid
Towmaster	\$ 90,961.00
Southwest Health & Human Services	20,391.50
Law Enforcement Technology Group LLC	17,239.63
Midstate Equipment And Supplies Inc	12,117.60
Pipestone/City Of	9,990.97
Pipestone County Highway Department	9,654.30
Century Business Products, Inc.	7,286.20
Cunningham Telephone	4,850.00
Holiday Inn - Duluth	4,468.68
O'Neill O'Neill & Barduson	4,466.00
SW MN Regional Public Safety Board	4,000.00
Forum Communications Printing	3,800.00
MN State Auditor	3,703.00
CHS	3,585.07
Dean's Construction	3,580.00
MN Counties Computer Cooperative	2,661.00
Pipestone County Medical Center	2,326.50
Jer's Electric, Inc.	2,266.60
Plum Creek Library System	2,160.00
Edgerton/City Of	2,145.00
Warrants over \$2,000	\$ 211,653.05
Number of Claims under \$2,000	110
Warrants under \$2,000	\$ 36,056.58
Total	\$ 247,709.63

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

By request of Administrator Hanson, motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nath to close the meeting as per Minnesota Statutes 13D.05 Subd 3, to discuss the annual performance evaluation of County Administrator Sharon Hanson. Motion carried unanimously. Present: Commissioners L. Johnson, Kooiman, Remund, Nath, Wildermuth, Administrator Hanson, Human Resources Coordinator Feste. Meeting closed at 9:02 a.m.

Motion by Nath, seconded by Kooiman to open the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting opened at 9:27a.m. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Kooiman to approve the satisfactory performance evaluation of County Administrator Sharon Hanson and grant a step increase to Range E81 Step L on the 2016 pay plan. Motion carried unanimously.

GERONIMO ENERGY – SOLAR GARDEN SUBSCRIPTION PROGRAM

Lee Bjerk of Geronimo Energy presented information on the Xcel Energy Solar Garden Subscription Program. This program would allow Pipestone County to subscribe to a solar garden and receive a production credit on each bill to offset energy costs. Estimated savings for the County is \$10,074.00 for the first year and \$237,302.65 over the course of the 25-year contract. For the Pipestone County Medical Center, the average savings is \$28,500.00 in the first year and \$672,300 over the life of the 25-year contract. The Board showed a strong interest in the program, but has one other company that would like to present on a solar garden subscription program located in Lincoln County. Consensus of the Board to take action on this request after they have listened to the presentation from the other company.

CREDIT CARD REQUEST

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Kooiman to approve the issuance of a County credit card to Building and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor Wayne Drew. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nath, seconded by Wildermuth to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:11a.m.

Luke Johnson
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Sharon Hanson
County Administrator