

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:

1. Minutes of May 3, 2016 Commissioner Meeting
2. Commissioner Warrants/Meal Reimbursements in the amount of \$248,320.42 and Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$343,882.00
3. Treasurer’s Report April 2016

Motion carried unanimously.

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

<b>Vendor Name</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>
Alpha Wireless	\$ 30,921.00
Nelson Auto Center	\$ 23,776.57
Chandler Co-Op	\$ 21,271.08
Vanguard Appraisals Inc	\$ 11,914.50
Van Dyke Sanitation Inc	\$ 9,034.92
MN Pollution Control Agency Sl	\$ 9,024.25
American Engineering Testing Inc	\$ 8,235.44
Pemberton, Sorlie, Ruff & Kershner PLLP	\$ 6,982.63
Pipestone County Highway Department	\$ 6,304.24
American Solutions For Business	\$ 6,140.66
H&L Mesabi	\$ 5,426.78
Election Systems & Software, Inc	\$ 4,935.00
Jer's Electric, Inc.	\$ 4,842.69
Tyler Technologies Inc	\$ 4,604.00
O'Neill O'Neill & Barduson	\$ 4,466.00
Tritech Software Systems	\$ 4,009.94
Computer Professionals Unlimited Inc	\$ 4,009.00
AMAZON MKTPLACE/PMTS	\$ 3,813.18
Emergency Automotive Technologies Inc	\$ 3,415.48
Pipestone County Medical Center	\$ 3,406.89
SOUTHEAST TECH INST	\$ 3,390.00
Cascade Engineering	\$ 3,271.00
Xerox Business Services LLC	\$ 3,007.71
Government Forms and Supplies	\$ 2,742.48
Amdahl Motors Inc	\$ 2,564.61
Simplexgrinnell	\$ 2,492.77
Plum Creek Library System	\$ 2,160.00
Sanford Health	\$ 2,100.00
Warrants over \$2,000	\$ 198,262.82
Number of Claims under \$2,000	169
Warrants under \$2,000	\$ 50,057.60
Total	\$ 248,320.42

**BRAD BURRIS – EASEMENT AND LICENSE REQUEST**

Pipestone County Medical Center CEO Brad Burris presented for approval an Easement and License between Nancy Hinricher and Pipestone County in which the County desires to

install a drain inlet on the Veldhuizen property to allow for the collection of water at said drain inlet and the drainage of water through an underground closed tile line running across the County property and Hinricher desires to permit the County to place a drain inlet on the Velhuizen property to prevent ponding on the Veldhuizen property that may result from improvements on the County property. The County shall bear all costs of installation, repair, maintenance or reconstruction of the drain and drainage tile installed pursuant to the agreement. Motion by Koioman, seconded by Remund to approve the Easement and License Agreement between Pipestone County and Nancy Hinricher and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried unanimously.

**PERSONNEL**

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Remund to accept Assessing Technician Kim Vanhoecke’s retirement effective May 27, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

**STEVE EWING – EMS VIDEO SYSTEM UPGRADE**

EMS/EM Director Steve Ewing requested approval to purchase an upgraded video system in the EMS training room to enable teleconferencing between the State and County. The system includes two wall mounted video monitors, a 4 channel controller, full motion camera system and table top microphones. Quotes received were as follows:

<b>Company</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Audio Video Connection	Brookings, SD	\$18,003.00
Mid States Audio Video	Sioux Falls, SD	\$38,415.00

Motion by Nath, seconded by Kooiman to approve the purchase of an upgraded video system from Audio Video Connection in Brookings, SD at a cost of \$18,003.00 with the funds to be expended equally between the EMS, EM, Veterans Service and Transit departments. Motion carried unanimously.

**BRIAN DOUTY – VSO DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

Veteran’s Service Officer Brian Douty gave an overview of what he has worked on in the Veteran’s Service Office from the time he began his duties December 28, 2015, including number of clients served and advertising initiatives.

**BILL FOLGER – NETWORK SWITCH REPLACEMENTS**

Information Technology Director Bill Folger requested approval to purchase new switch gear in the Courthouse and Radio Room as part of a three-year plan to upgrade the network equipment. This was a budgeted expense in 2016. Bids received were as follows:

Company	Cost	Installation Cost	Total
Questivity Inc.	\$8,888.00	\$1,500.00	\$10,388.00
Morris Electronics, Inc.	\$20,216.00	\$0.00	\$20,216.00

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nath to approve purchase of network switch gear in the amount of \$8,888.00 from Questivity Inc. and \$1,500.00 for professional services from American Communications, for a total of \$10,388.00. Motion carried unanimously.

**2016 1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER BUDGET REPORT**

Administrator Hanson and the Board reviewed the 2016 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Budget Report.

**TERRY GAALSWYK – MINNESOTA WEST PRESIDENT**

Minnesota West President Terry Gaalswyk introduced himself to the Board, reviewed course offerings, discussed Minnesota West’s strategic plan going forward and answered Commissioner and Administrator questions.

**GERONIMO SOLAR SUBSCRIPTION PROGRAM**

Geronimo Representative Lee Bjerk joined the meeting. County Administrator Sharon Hanson presented for approval a Solar Garden Subscription Agreement between Pipestone County and Berkshire Hathaway Renewable Energy. The Xcel Energy Solar Garden Subscription 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. Discussion took place and Geronimo Representative Bjerk answered questions on how the billing and reimbursement works and the potential cost savings to the County. Commissioner Kooiman stated that he has financial interest in Berkshire Hathaway and will abstain from any action. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nath to approve the Solar Garden Subscription Agreement between Pipestone County and Capella CSG1 contingent on County Attorney Damain Sandy’s review. Ayes: Johnson, Nath, Remund, Wildermuth. Abstain: Kooiman. Motion carried.

May 10, 2016

**JASON OVERBY – PHASE II LEWIS AND CLARK PROJECT**

Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water (LPRW) Operations Manager Jason Overby and LPRW Board member Rod Spronk joined the meeting to provide an overview of Phase 2 of the LPRW Capital Improvement Program. The funding package includes an USDA Rural Development loan in the amount of \$9,890,000 at 2.25% interest rate for forty (40) years with the need to issue General Obligation Bonds issued by a county, a Rural Development Grant in the amount of \$1,969,000, a PSIG estimate Grant in the amount of \$3,000,000 for a total project cost of \$14,859,000.00.

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Remund to move that Pipestone County issue \$9,890,000.00 of General Obligation bonds which will be paid back over a period of forty (40) years at an expected annual interest rate of 2.25% for the benefit of Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water System with the understanding that the Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water System revenue funds will pay the bonds and in the event of a default, each county would need to reimburse Pipestone County, pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statute 116A.24 subdivision 3. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Remund to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.  
Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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Luke Johnson  
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

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Sharon Hanson  
County Administrator