

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 Kooiman to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. Minutes of October 4, 2016
2. Commissioner Warrants/Meal Reimbursements in the amount of \$291,262.79
3. and Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$424,075.32
4. Treasurer’s Report September 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>
Pipestone County Treasurer	34,313.93
Regents Of The University Of Minnesota	28,284.75
MN Dept Of Corrections	22,433.96
Southwest Health & Human Services	20,391.50
Ziegler Inc	17,400.00
MN Counties Computer Cooperative	12,853.50
Primewest Health System	11,283.23
MN Dept of Agriculture	9,777.00
Van Dyke Sanitation Inc	9,084.31
Pipestone County Highway Department	8,650.35
MN State Auditor	8,368.50
Jer’s Electric, Inc.	6,617.70
SeaChange Printing & Marketing Svs LLC	6,303.58
Crop Production Services	6,113.25
O’Neill O’Neill & Barduson	4,466.00
Computer Professionals Unlimited Inc	4,084.00
SHI International Corp	4,017.00
SW Inc	3,510.00
Pipestone County Medical Center	2,566.50
Penguin Management Inc	2,508.00
Duininck Brothers, Inc.	2,301.36
AMAZON MKTPLACE/PMTS	2,242.72
Plum Creek Library System	2,160.00
Sando Weed & Brush Control	2,092.50
Christensen Broadcasting	2,080.00
Edgerton Enterprise	2,025.81
Warrants over \$2,000	\$ 235,929.45
Number of Claims under \$2,000	186
Warrants under \$2,000	\$ 55,333.34
Total	\$ 291,262.79

**COUNTY ATTORNEY STAFF UPDATE AND BUDGET REVIEW**

County Attorney Damain Sandy introduced Cassie Loeffler as the new Assistant County Attorney and requested Board consent of her appointment as Assistant County Attorney per Minnesota Statutes 388.10. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth, as per Minnesota Statutes 388.10, consenting to the appointment of Cassie Loeffler as Pipestone County Assistant County Attorney. Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Sandy reviewed the 2017 Attorney Budget and answered Commissioner questions.

**STEVE BEEKMAN AND ANN ORREN- ALCOHOL PREVENTION COORDINATOR**

Steve Beekman introduced himself to Commissioners as the new Alcohol Prevention Coordinator hired by Southwest Health and Human Services (SWHHS). Beekman and Ann Orren, SWHHS Community Public Health Supervisor, reviewed the program and discussed program initiatives. SWHHS received a grant of \$945,000 for administration of the program for a period of five (5) years.

**WAYNE DREW – FAIRGROUNDS BUILDING UPDATE**

Building and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor Wayne Drew reported to the Board that he has received one quote for the construction of a new Beef and Dairy barn at the County Fairgrounds. Discussion took place on the design of the building and expected cost. Supervisor Drew plans to receive two more quotes on the construction of the building and will bring back to the Board for final approval.

**ASSESSOR REAPPOINTMENT**

Assessor Joyce Schmidt joined the meeting. Minnesota Statutes 273.061 declares that the terms of office as County Assessor shall begin on January 1 of every fourth year after 1973. January 1, 2017 will begin a new term of office for Assessors statewide. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nath to approve the re-appointment of Joyce Schmidt as County Assessor for a period of four years beginning January 1, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

**2017 HEALTH INSURANCE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Kozlowski Insurance representative Jerry Brockberg and Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste joined the meeting to discuss 2017 health insurance for Pipestone County employees. Brockberg reviewed Pipestone County's claims history, calculated premium

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increase and the Insurance Committee's recommendation on which plans to offer. Motion by Remund, seconded by Nath to accept the Insurance Committee's plan recommendations and offer the 1500 CMM, 3250 HSA/VEBA, 4000 HSA/VEBA, and 6350 HSA/VEBA as health plan options in 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste reviewed contribution recommendations put forth by the Insurance Committee. Consensus of the Board to review the recommendations in more detail and consider options for approval at the October 25, 2016 Commissioner Meeting.

HR Coordinator Feste also presented for approval a Letter of Agreement for Wellness Institute Services between the SWWC Service Cooperative and Pipestone County in which Pipestone County agrees to participate in the Wellness Program offered by the Wellness Institute in 2017. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Remund to approve the Letter of Agreement for Wellness Institute Services between the SWWC Service Cooperative and Pipestone County in which Pipestone County agrees to participate in the Wellness Program offered by the Wellness Institute in 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

**PERSONNEL**

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste requested approval of two resignations. Transit Driver Julie Christ is retiring from Pipestone County on November 4, 2016 and Transit Driver LuAnn Gorter is resigning from Pipestone County on October 13, 2016. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Kooiman to approve Julie Christ and LuAnn Gorter's resignations. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Nath to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.  
Meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

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Luke Johnson  
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

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Sharon Hanson  
County Administrator