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

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Nath 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 25, 2016

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **CITIZEN CONCERN**

Pipestone County citizen Dennis Welu raised concerns to the Commissioners about quad racers who have been tearing up parking lots in Holland and also the safety and signage at the intersection of 90<sup>th</sup> Ave and 81<sup>st</sup> St.

#### **DAVE HALBERSMA – UTILITY SETBACK ORDINANCE-RESOLUTION 59-37-16**

Engineer Dave Halbersma requested Board approval of the proposed utility setback ordinance and to set a date for a public hearing before final adoption. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nath to adopt Resolution 59-37-16 that in an effort to address concerns heard from utility companies and still promote and protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the traveling public on our highways in Pipestone County, and to encourage utility companies to discuss placement of new utilities near highways with the appropriate road jurisdiction early on in the planning phase, Pipestone County proposes the following wording be considered for inclusion into the County's Ordinances:

All relocation costs for utilities placed outside the existing road right of way after the adoption of this ordinance along roadways in Pipestone County located within 125 feet of the centerline of said roadway, shall be the responsibility of the utility company if necessitated by roadway improvements. This shall include utilities which replace or upgrade an existing utility if said replacement/upgrade is more than 50% of the existing utility.

and furthermore set a public hearing date of November 29, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. in the Pipestone County Commissioners Room with proper notices published as required for the consideration of adoption of the above. Motion carried unanimously.

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**PROJECT UPDATES, PROJECTS UNDER CONTRACT, PROJECTS IN THE PLANNING STAGE**

Engineer Dave Halbersma provided an update on projects, projects under contract and projects in the planning stage.

Motion by Nath, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the following Right of Way payments for project SP 59-616-32 and approve as Auditor Warrants:

<i>Project</i>	<i>Land Owner</i>	<i>Payment</i>
SP 59-616-32	Gertrude & Maurice Bickford	\$2,005.00
SP 59-616-32	Arlyn & Lois Schmidt	\$2,005.00

Motion carried unanimously.

**FEDERAL LANDS ACCESS PROGRAM (FLAP GRANT) LETTER OF SUPPORT**

Motion by Remund, seconded by Wildermuth approving a letter of support for the Federal Land Access Program (FLAP) grant which will build upon and connect the recent improvements made on the west side of the Pipestone National Monument boundaries to Trunk Highway (TH) 75 with a paved surface roadway. The trail will connect existing pedestrian/bike trails in the area. Motion carried unanimously.

**TAP GRANT SPONSORSHIP**

Engineer Halbersma reported that the City of Pipestone plans to apply for a Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grant which would extend the walking and biking trail by Minnesota West south and rehabilitate the existing trail. The City of Pipestone would like Pipestone County to be the sponsor of the TAP grant. Halbersma reported that if we move forward with support of the grant, he may prefer that the County be the applicant rather than the sponsor. Consensus of the Board to defer to the Trails Committee for further direction on sponsorship or applicant status for the TAP grant.

**STONE ARCH BRIDGE LEGACY GRANT REHABILITATION**

Engineer Halbersma was informed that the County has received approval for a Legacy Grant that would provide funds for rehabilitation design and engineering work for the National Historic Registered Split Rock Bridge that was built in 1938 as a project of the Public Works Administration.

**CITY OF EDGERTON – DYNAMIC SPEED SIGNS**

Engineer Halbersma reported that the Edgerton City Council motioned unanimously to request the permission from the County to place four (4) dynamic speed signs on County Rd 9 and Mill St and also requested assistance with funding. Halbersma suggested a 50/50 cost share

on the initial purchase of the signs, with the County completing the installation and removal, and the City being responsible for maintenance. Halbersma reported that the signs cost approximately \$3,700.00 each plus shipping. Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Wildermuth to proceed with the 50/50 cost share with the City of Edgerton for the initial purchase of the signs, with the County completing the installation and removal, and the City being responsible for maintenance and direct Engineer Halbersma to draft a sign cost share policy for future sign purchase and placement requests and bring back to the Board for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

**STONEBROOKE REPORT ON COUNTY HIGHWAY SYSTEM**

Engineer Halbersma reviewed the Road and Bridge Committee discussion on the Stonebrooke Report which studied the County's road system and revenue streams.

**FUEL BID OPENING DATE**

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Nath to set the fuel bid opening for January 3, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Pipestone County Commissioners Room. Motion carried unanimously.

**MAINTENANCE UPDATES**

Engineer Halbersma reported that they received a check for the repair of the pup trailer that was recently damaged. Halbersma stated that insurance approved the cost to straighten out the existing frame rather than replacing the frame. Engineer Halbersma expressed concerns that repairing the existing frame wouldn't fix it as well as putting on a new frame, and Halbersma requested Board approval to have the Highway Department replace the frame if insurance will not cover it, with an expected additional cost of \$2,600.00. Motion by Nath, seconded by Kooiman authorizing the Highway Department to replace the entire frame on the pup trailer at a cost of approximately \$2,600.00 if insurance will not cover the replacement. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Halbersma reported that the Highway Department had their annual one-day safety training on October 25, they have been working on shouldering, moving dirt at the new gravel pit, hauled 1000 tons of sand and 100 tons of salt in preparation for the winter, and finishing up mowing shoulders.

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE – SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER, 911 CALL SYSTEM, BUDGET**

Sheriff Keith Vreeman presented for approval a contract between Pipestone County and Pipestone Area School District # 2689 to provide a Law Enforcement School Resource Officer

with the term of the contract being November 1, 2016 to October 31, 2020. Motion by Remund, seconded by Nath to approve the contract between Pipestone County and Pipestone Area School District # 2689 to provide a Law Enforcement School Resource Officer with the term of the contract being November 1, 2016 to October 31, 2020. Motion carried unanimously. The County was awarded a COPS Hiring Grant in the amount of \$125,000 over three years to cost-share the costs of the School Resource Officer.

Sheriff Vreeman recommended the appointment of Brian Danks to the School Resource Officer position and move him from part-time to full-time effective November 1, 2016. Motion by Nath, seconded by Kooiman to approve the appointment of Brian Danks as the full-time School Resource Officer effective November 1, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Vreeman requested approval to purchase a new 911 call system in the amount of \$118,822.14 for shared cost of 911 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Equipment. This system is being shared between seven counties in southwest Minnesota which reduced each County's cost significantly. Half of the cost of the system will be paid from the Sheriff's Office 2016 budget and the other half will be paid from the Sheriff's Office 2017 budget. The system is expected to be installed in January 2017 and fully operational on February 1, 2017. Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the purchase of a new 911 call system in the amount of \$118,822.14 payable to the Southwest Minnesota Regional Public Safety Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Vreeman answered Commissioner questions on the 2017 Sheriff's Office budget.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER LED LIGHT REPLACEMENT QUOTES**

Building and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor Wayne Drew joined the meeting. The following quotes were received for replacement and installation of LED lights in the Law Enforcement Center. Jer's Electric in the amount \$12, 915.00 and Kor Electric in the amount of \$18,085.81. Motion by Remund, seconded by Nath to approve the purchase and installation of LED lights in the Law Enforcement Center from Jer's Electric in the amount of \$12,915.00. Motion carried unanimously.

**STEVE EWING – 2017 BUDGET AMBULANCE POSITIONS**

Emergency Services (EMS) Director Steve Ewing addressed Commissioner questions and concerns about hiring new EMTs and Paramedics for County Ambulance operations in 2017.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nath to hire four (4) new employees for County

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Ambulance operations starting July 2017, with the staff positions broken down into two EMTs and two Paramedics. Motion carried unanimously.

**AUDITOR WARRANTS**

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Nath to approve Auditor Warrants in the amount of \$792.07 payable to Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs for the VSO Enhancement Grant and \$2,864.34 payable to SeaChange Print Innovations for primary election ballots. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Remund to approve the conditional offer to purchase property located at 422 9<sup>th</sup> Ave SE Pipestone, MN in the amount of \$35,000.00 plus \$1,000.00 in earnest money for a total purchase offer of \$36,000, approve the \$1,000 earnest money as an Auditor Warrant payable to Winter Realty, with the final purchase agreement approval to be considered at the November 8, 2016 Commissioner meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**PLUM CREEK LIBRARY SYSTEM AGENCY RENEWAL AGREEMENT**

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Nath to approve renewal of the Plum Creek Library System Agency Agreement by and among the counties of Cottonwood, Jackson, Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, and Rock pursuant to Minn. Stat. 471.59 and 134.20 and by those municipalities within these counties having a public library and those libraries as per the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Wildermuth reported that Jerry Priester filled the vacant Southern Minnesota Opportunity Council (SMOC) Board position.

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Kooiman to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.  
Meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

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Luke Johnson  
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

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Sharon Hanson  
County Administrator

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