

The Pipestone County Commissioners met with Chairman Les Nath, Commissioners Chris Hollingsworth, Luke Johnson, Bruce Kooiman and Dan Wildermuth. County Administrator Sharon Hanson was also present. Chairman Nath called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**AGENDA**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Minutes of January 24, 2017 Commissioner Meeting
2. Approve Beef Barn Donations
  - a. JC Angus - \$500.00
  - b. Midland Tire, LLC - \$1,000.00
  - c. Pipestone County 4-H - \$10,000.00
  - d. Uilk Custom Chopping, LLC - \$333.00
  - e. Uilk Farms, Inc. - \$333.00
  - f. Uilk Seeds, LLC - \$334.00
3. Approve Auditor Warrant Payable to Houg Service in the amount of \$298.00

Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Engineer Halbersma requested approval of a proposal from Bolton and Menk for development of the plans, drawings and specifications for the Rehabilitation of Historic Stone Arch Bridge 5744. This was the only proposal submitted with a total cost of \$87,487.00. Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the proposal from Bolton and Menk for development of the plans, drawings and specifications for the Rehabilitation of Historic Stone Arch Bridge 5744 with a total cost of \$87,487.00. Motion carried unanimously. This will be paid for with a grant provided by the State of Minnesota from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund through the Minnesota Historical Society.

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve the following Right of Way payments for project SP 616-32:

Davis Acres LLC	\$370.00
Glen N. Davis Living Trust and Janet M. Davis Living Trust	\$4,150.00
Delmar Spronk	\$6,800.00

Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Halbersma gave an update on new Topeka Shiner guidelines. The construction timeline updates include a change from restricted dates in Topeka Shiner areas stating no construction work from ice out to August 15. The new guidelines for restricted dates are May 15 through July 31.

**ANNUAL ROAD AND BRIDGE PUBLIC HEARING**

Consensus of the Board to schedule the annual Road and Bridge Hearing on February 27, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Room.

**MAINTENANCE UPDATE**

Engineer Halbersma requested approval to purchase a new truck chassis and truck box for the Highway Department off the State Contract. Total cost is as follows:

*New Freightliner 114SD from I-State Truck Center  
Inver Grove Heights, MN (State Contract)*

Base Price	\$ 109,234.00
Trade in Allowance	\$ -50,000.00
Trade Difference	\$ 59,234.00

Additional limited Engine warranty: 7 years/250,000 miles for	\$5,735.00
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*Towmaster Truck Equipment (State Contract)*

Truck Body and snow Equipment	\$101,449.00
Freightliner Truck and Equipment Total:	\$166,418.00

This was a budgeted purchase in 2017. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the purchase of new truck chassis and truck box with warranty off the State Contract in the amount of \$166,418.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Halbersma reported that he would like to wait on purchase of a new Motor Grader due to the low trade-in value of the current one. He will bring back options to the Board at a later date.

Engineer Halbersma reported that the Highway Department spent 11 days in January plowing and sanding County roads. Halbersma reported that the radar signs have been installed in Edgerton.

**KYLE KRIER – ANNUAL FEEDLOT REPORT, ONE WATERSHED ONE PLAN MOA, RECYCLING**

Kyle Krier, Environmental Administrator, presented the 2016 Annual County Feedlot Report required by MPCA. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Kooiman to approve the 2016 Annual County Feedlot Report and authorize Board Chair signature. Motion carried unanimously.

Environmental Administrator Krier presented for approval a Memorandum of Agreement between the Counties of Jackson, Lincoln, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, and Rock Soil and Water Conservation Districts to develop a plan pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 103B.801, Comprehensive Watershed Management Planning, also known as *One Watershed, One Plan*. This MOA was reviewed by the County Attorney and there were no concerns. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Johnson to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Counties of Jackson, Lincoln, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, and Rock Soil and Water Conservation Districts to develop a plan pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 103B.801, Comprehensive Watershed Management Planning, also known as One Watershed, One Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Environmental Administrator Krier presented a Solid Waste Committee update on Recycling and was joined by Jake Anderson, owner of Millennium Recycling in Sioux Falls, SD. Krier stated that the committee is split on the future of recycling on whether to move to single-stream or stay with the current contract with Murray County through 2018. Jake Anderson of Millennium Recycling stated that he has room to take on Pipestone County as a client currently but won't know the status of availability two years from now when the current contract is up. Discussion took place on recycling options and comments were received from Norm Van Dyke, the current contractor for the collection and disposal of recyclable materials in Pipestone County. Due to varying opinions on whether or not Pipestone County should change the current recycling method and contract, Board consensus to not take action at this time.

**2016 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER BUDGET REVIEW**

Administrator Hanson reviewed the 2016 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Budget report.

**PERSONNEL**

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste requested Board approval of the resignation of Scott Lopau, Building and Grounds Maintenance Worker, effective February 10, 2017.

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Kooiman to approve Scott Lopau's resignation effective February 10, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

**2017 LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS**

Administrator Sharon Hanson presented for discussion 2017 Pipestone County Legislative Positions. Commissioners gave input on what they would like to see included. Administrator Hanson will revise the document and bring back to the Board for further review and final approval.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioners reported on the following committee meetings:

Commissioner Johnson: Road and Bridge Committee, Area II/Redwood Rivers Control Area, MN Hospital Trustee Council and Minnesota Hospital Conference, Holland City Council, District 8 Land Use, Soil and Water Conservation District Board meeting, Solid Waste Committee, Southwest Regional Solid Waste.

Commissioner Hollingsworth: Road and Bridge Committee, Travel Southwest, Southwest Mental Health, AMC County Government 101.

Commissioner Wildermuth: PrimeWest, Transit Advisory, Travel Southwest, Southwest Mental Health Consortium, Solid Waste, Southwest Health and Human Services, Broadband meeting, Southern Minnesota Opportunity Council, AMC County Government 101.

Commissioner Kooiman: Transit Advisory, Plum Creek Library Board, Personnel Committee, Southwest Regional Development Commission.

Commissioner Nath: PrimeWest Health, Alcohol Coalition meeting, Soil and Water Conservation District Board meeting, Southwest Health and Human Services, Broadband meeting, Regional Radio Board, Collaborative meeting.

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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Les Nath  
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

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Sharon Hanson  
County Administrator