

The Pipestone County Commissioners met with Chairman Les Nath, Commissioners Chris Hollingsworth, Luke Johnson, Bruce Kooiman, and Dan Wildermuth. Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste was also present. County Administrator Sharon Hanson absent. 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. Approve Minutes of September 26, 2017
2. Approve Auditor Warrant in the amount of \$750.00 to KLOH

Motion carried unanimously.

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – TANK RESTORATION UPDATE**

Sons of the American Legion Members Scott Crawford and Scott Park joined the meeting to report that the funds have been raised to paint the Sherman Tank. The plan is to have the company that has been hired to perform the work haul the tank from the grounds, paint it, and return it to the Courthouse Grounds prior to the 2018 Watertower Festival. Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the restoration of the Sherman Tank and allow them to move the tank in order to complete the work. Motion carried unanimously.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS REQUEST**

Building and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor Wayne Drew presented two quotes for painting of the Quonset building at the Fairgrounds; Dan Van Stelten of Edgerton, MN in the amount of \$7,200.00 and Ed Townsley of Sioux Falls, SD in the amount of \$4,000.00. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to authorize hiring Ed Townsley to paint the Quonset building at the Fairgrounds for \$4,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

**STEVE EWING – 2017 EMPG GRANT**

Steve Ewing, Emergency Management Director reviewed the Emergency Management Performance Grant for 2017 and requested approval of the Grant agreement. Motion by

Kooiman, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the 2017 Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$17,254.00 and authorize Board Chair and County Administrator signatures. Motion carried unanimously.

**SCOTT VAN RULER REQUEST TO REPURCHASE FORFETED PROPERTY**

County Auditor Tyler Reisch presented a request from Scott Van Ruler to repurchase property 20.200.0430 that was recently forfeited to Pipestone County. As per Minnesota Statutes 272.241 the prior owner may request a repurchase of the property to the County Board. Auditor Reisch stated that the total outstanding due would be \$1,139.84 that includes taxes, penalties and processing fees associated with transferring the ownership back to Mr. Van Ruler. Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the repurchase of property 20.200.0430 as per MN Statutes 272.241 in the amount of \$1,139.84 contingent on payment being made to the County Treasurer in the form of cash or cashier's check within 14 days. Motion carried unanimously.

**BRIAN DOUTY – VETERANS SERVICE UPDATE, RESOLUTION 59-40-17**

Veterans Service Officer (VSO) Brian Douty gave a demonstration of software released by the State of Minnesota which allows him to request DD-214s from any participating County in the State.

VSO Douty also presented an overview of the 2018 VSO Budget.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to adopt Resolution 59-40-17 that would accept a County VSO Operational Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$7,500.00 in 2018 and authorize Board Chair and County Administrator signatures. Motion carried unanimously.

VSO Douty reported that a private donor has come forward to donate \$6.5 million for the new Armory to be built in Luverne. There are some contingencies on the donation, but it appears that the State plans to put the armory in Luverne in order to secure the funding.

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

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

Commissioner Hollingsworth excused himself from the meeting for a few minutes.

Engineer Halbersma requested board approval to terminate the Lincoln-Pipestone Engineer Sharing Agreement effective October 3, 2017. Halbersma stated that Lincoln is agreeable to terminating the agreement at this time. Motion by Kooiman, seconded by

Wildermuth to approve the termination of the Lincoln-Pipestone Engineer Sharing Agreement effective October 3, 2017. Ayes: Johnson, Kooiman, Nath, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hollingsworth returned to the meeting.

Discussion took place on future improvements to roads on the old City of Pipestone's State Aid System. City Administrator Jeff Jones provided comments on why the City of Pipestone has received funding on roads located in City limits over the years. Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Johnson to put a moratorium on any additional projects outside of the 5-year Road and Bridge Plan until more funding becomes available. Ayes: Johnson, Kooiman, Nath. Nays: Hollingsworth, Wildermuth. Motion carried.

Engineer Halbersma reported on maintenance updates including hot mix patching on County Roads 9, 4, and 15, storm sewer outlets, railroad crossings and stop ahead painting, spraying road ditches, mowing, graveling, and checking roads for flooding.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioner Wildermuth reported on the following Committee Meetings: Audit Meeting, Transit Committee, PrimeWest, Southwest 18 Mental Health, Broadband Meeting, SWHHS, Lyon County Landfill Annual Meeting, MN Rural Energy Board, Casey Jones Trail.

#### **LINDSEY BRUER-MNDOT 10 YEAR CAPITAL HIGHWAY INVESTMENT PLAN**

Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) District 8 Planning Director Lindsey Bruer joined the meeting and presented information on the MNDOT's Ten (10) Year Capital Highway Investment Plan (CHIP) and answered questions from the Board.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioners reported on the following committee meetings:

Commissioner Kooiman: Plant Operations, PCMC Personnel

Commissioner Johnson: AMC Research Committee, Ag and Rural Development, Environment and Natural Resources, Insurance Committee, Landfill Annual Meeting, Prime Health Board, MN Hospital Association Trustee Council.

Commissioner Hollingsworth: Insurance Committee, Casey Jones Trail, Explore Southwest, Southwestern Mental Health.

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Commissioner Nath: Audit Meeting, Hospital Executive Board, Plant Ops, Recycle Meeting, Elected Officials Board, SWHHS, Southwestern Mental Health, Fairgrounds Sign, SWHHS Negotiations, PCMC Meeting, Radio Board.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.  
Meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

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Les Nath  
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

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Cathy Feste  
Human Resources Coordinator