

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

AGENDA

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Kooiman 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 October 10, 2017
2. Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$444,667.21
3. Approve Auditor Warrant Payable to WEX Bank in the amount of \$733.21

Motion carried unanimously.

BETH WILMS-SWHHS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Beth Wilms, Executive Director for Southwest Health and Human Services (SWHHS) introduced herself to the Board and presented information on SWHHS finances as well as the SWHHS 2018 levy request.

KOWZLOSKI INSURANCE AGENCY FEE FOR SERVICES

John Kowzloski and Jerry Brockberg from Kowzloski Insurance Agency presented a draft agreement to provide consulting/claims assistance for calendar year 2018 employee health insurance. The fee for service agreement would charge \$9.00 per member per month. Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Wildermuth to approve of the draft fee for services agreement that details services provided by Kowzloski Insurance Agency related to employee health insurance claims assistance for calendar year 2018 at a cost of \$9.00 per member per month. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR RESIGNATION-POSITION POSTING

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Hollingsworth to accept the resignation of County Administrator Sharon Hanson effective November 15, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Human Resources (HR) Coordinator Feste presented the County Administrator job description and proposed process to fill the position. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Kooiman to approve the posting of the County Administrator position. Yeas: Hollingsworth, Kooiman, Nath, Wildermuth. Nay: Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to appoint HR Coordinator Feste as Interim Administrator until the position is filled. Motion carried unanimously.

2018 HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

HR Coordinator Feste presented information on an employee eye vision insurance that would be an additional optional insurance for employees. The insurance would cover lenses and glasses with employee contribution dollars to cover the insurance. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to allow the offering of employee eye vision insurance from EyeMed as an additional option with employees contributing the premium dollars. Motion carried unanimously.

BUFFER ORDINANCE AND SOLAR ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS PUBLIC HEARING-10:00 A.M.

Chairman Nath opened the Buffer Ordinance and Solar Ordinance Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m.

Environmental Administrator Kyle Krier presented information on both Ordinances. A representative from Geronimo Energy provided comments regarding the Solar Ordinance.

Hearing no further comments, Chairman Nath closed the Public Hearing at 10:05 a.m.

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the Solar Ordinance revisions as presented, effective October 24, 2017 and direct Administrator Krier to publish the following notice:

A summary of the adopted amendments to the ordinance is hereby published as authorized by Minn. Stat. §375.51, Subd. 3.

Changes within the Zoning Ordinance include:

Section 5-11 Solar Energy System

Subsection D: Setbacks

400' setback requirement for nonparticipating occupied dwellings

A printed copy of the ordinance as amended is available for inspection on the County web site at pipestone-county.com or during regular office hours at the office of the Pipestone County Auditor, 416 South Hiawatha Avenue, Pipestone, MN 56164, (507) 825-1140.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve the Buffer Ordinance as presented, effective October 24, 2017 and direct Administrator Krier to publish the following notice:

A summary of the adopted amendments to the ordinance is hereby published as authorized by Minn. Stat. §375.51, Subd. 3.

Changes within the Zoning Ordinance include:

Pipestone County Buffer Ordinance

This buffer ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authorization and policies contained in Minn. Stat. §103F.48, the Buffer Law

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Motion carried unanimously.

NATURAL RESOURCES BLOCK GRANT FUND GRANT AGREEMENT 2018-2019

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Johnson to approve the 2018-2019 Board of Water and Soil Resources Natural Resources Block Grant Agreement for the following programs and grant amounts:

<i>This grant is for the following Grant Programs :</i>		
P19-1749	2019 - Shoreland-NRBG (Pipestone County)	\$2,615
P18-6258	2018 - Septic Treatment Systems - NRBG (Pipestone County)	\$18,600
P18-5681	2018 - Septic Treatment Systems Upgrade - NRBG (Pipestone County)	\$25,931
P18-8677	2018 - Septic Treatment Systems Incentive - NRBG (Pipestone County)	\$3,000
P18-5390	2018 - Local Water Management - NRBG (Pipestone County)	\$15,247
P19-5689	2019 - Local Water Management - NRBG (Pipestone County)	\$15,247
P18-1679	2018 - Wetland Conservation Act - NRBG (Pipestone County)	\$8,778
P19-5286	2019 - Wetland Conservation Act - NRBG (Pipestone County)	\$8,778
P18-9497	2018 - Shoreland-NRBG (Pipestone County)	\$2,615

Total Grant Awarded: \$100,811

Motion carried unanimously.

2018 HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS AND CONTRIBUTIONS-CONTINUED

HR Coordinator Feste presented information on PrimeWest Health Employee Health Insurance plans for 2018 and the Insurance Committee recommendations on 2018 contributions.

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the PrimeWest Health Employee Health Insurance for 2018 and a contribution of \$690.00 per month per employee for single employee coverage and \$990.00 per month per employee for family insurance coverage.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion by Johnson, seconded by Kooiman to approve the funding of the PrimeWest Health individual health savings account dollars at \$1,350 for single coverage and \$2,700 for family coverage at the beginning of 2018 year. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Johnson to approve as an Auditor Warrant payable to Kent Mollberg for an Edgerton School District presentation on cyber-safety in the amount of \$740.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nath to approve the Assigned Account set-up for Transit Bus/Operations and transfer \$30,000 from General Fund to this Assigned Account. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Johnson reported on Southwest Regional Solid Waste Commission Joint Powers Agreement revisions with approval to take place at the November 27, 2017 Commission meeting.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve Berkshire Hathaway Energy being added to Auditor Warrant listing as per Resolution 59-06-17. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve Addendums to the Legal Services Contract between Pipestone County and Runchey, Louwagie & Wellman, PLLP and Smith and Johnson that revises termination language to extend the effective period of said contracts to December 31, 2018. All other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Hanson requested attendance wishes for the Association of MN Counties Annual Conference 2017.

Administrator Hanson presented revisions to the draft 2018 budget. Consensus of the Board to direct budget reductions to the Building and Grounds for future building and grounds budget needs in 2018.

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Johnson to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Les Nath
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Sharon Hanson
County Administrator

October 24, 2017