

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

1. Approve Minutes of November 14, 2017

Motion carried unanimously.

STEVE EWING – INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

EMS Director Steve Ewing introduced EMT Mark Egger and Paramedic Mikayla Ramos to the board. Mark Egger began as a full time EMT on August 1, 2017 and Mikayla Ramos began as a full-time Paramedic on November 1, 2017.

DAVE HALBERSMA – HIGHWAY UPDATES AND REQUESTS

Engineer Dave Halbersma requested approval of proposed utility ordinance wording as follows and to schedule a utility ordinance hearing:

Any essential service line, essential service structure, or utility proposed to be installed within 100 feet of the road right of way of a County maintained roadway in Pipestone County, shall first have the written approval of the County Highway Engineer or written approval of the Pipestone County Zoning Board prior to installation.

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Johnson to approve the proposed utility ordinance language and set a Utility Ordinance Hearing Date of January 9, 2018 at 10:00a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Halbersma requested changing the policy on selling culverts as follows:

- All culverts purchased from the County Highway Department must be purchased by the end user.

- If purchased by a private individual, culverts must be paid for before being picked up. (We will bill other governmental agencies).
- All culverts purchased must be used on a State, County, Township, or City roadway within Pipestone County or for a governmental purpose within the County.

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve the new highway department policy on selling culverts. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Halbersma reported that the Diamond Corner light will need some substantial work to remain operational. The highway department has been paying for the electricity to run the light and the underground power cable is bad and needs to be replaced. Consensus of the board to see if the State of Minnesota will provide funding for the repair of the Diamond Corner light before taking any action on providing County funds to repair it.

Engineer Halbersma gave an update on maintenance items that the highway department has been doing the last month.

REBECCA PEICHEL - NOVEL ENERGY POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Rebecca Peichel of Novel Energy Solutions presented for board consideration a Power Purchase Agreement which would place solar panels on the new cattle barn located at the Pipestone County Fairgrounds in exchange for credits to Pipestone County's energy bill. Peichel also presented a projected 30-year savings document to the Board and answered questions. Consensus of the board to have County Attorney Damain Sandy review the Power Purchase Agreement and bring back to the board for consideration at a later date.

COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTRACTS

Sheriff Keith Vreeman presented 2018 law enforcement contracts between the County of Pipestone and the municipalities within the County for law enforcement services effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve the Law Enforcement Contracts as follows:

City of Woodstock for the sum of \$37.82 per resident for 124 residents for a total cost not to exceed \$4,689.00.

City of Trosky for the sum of \$37.82 per resident for 86 residents for a total cost not to exceed \$3,252.00.

City of Ruthton for the sum of \$37.82 per resident for 241 residents for a total cost not to exceed \$9,114.00.

City of Ihlen for the sum of \$37.82 per resident for 63 residents for a total cost not to exceed \$2,382.00.

City of Holland for the sum of \$37.82 per resident for 187 residents for a total cost not to exceed \$7,072.00.

City of Hatfield for the sum of \$37.82 per resident for 54 residents for a total cost not to exceed \$2,042.00.

City of Edgerton for the sum of \$56.72 per resident for 1,189 residents for a total cost not to exceed \$67,440.00.

City of Jasper for the sum of \$56.72 per resident for 633 residents for a total cost not to exceed \$35,904.00.

City of Pipestone Law Enforcement Contract in which they pay fifty (50) percent (%) of the Dispatch budget in the amount of \$175,407.00 and forty-three (43) percent (%) of the Sheriff's budget in the amount of \$658,897.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

CHILD SUPPORT COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT WITH PIPESTONE COUNTY OFFICES OF HUMAN SERVICES, COUNTY SHERIFF, AND COUNTY ATTORNEY

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the Cooperative Arrangement effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019 with Pipestone County Offices of Human Services, County Sheriff and County Attorney which establishes paternity and secures financial support for minor children who are living apart from one or both parents as more fully set forth in Title IV-D of the Social Security Act. In order to meet this purpose, the Cooperative Arrangement establishes procedures for the provision of services to the child support program by the County Attorney and the County Sheriff. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Hollingsworth to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Les Nath
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST: _____

November 28, 2017

Cathy Feste
Human Resources Coordinator

November 28, 2017