

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

AGENDA

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Nath 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 January 9, 2018
2. Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$880,274.39.

Motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF’S OFFICE PURCHASES

Sheriff Keith Vreeman and IT Director Bill Folger requested approval to replace the Eventide Logger that records 911 calls. Sheriff Vreeman stated that there is money available for this purchase in the 911 Budget. Quotes received were as follows:

<i>Vendor</i>	<i>Logger cost</i>	<i>Maintenance</i>	<i>Total</i>
Alpha Wireless, Inc.	\$26,959.00	\$10,400.00	\$36,995.00
WahlTek, Inc.	\$27,020.00	\$10,400.00	\$37,420.00

Motion by Nath, seconded by Kooiman to approve the purchase from Alpha Wireless Inc. at a cost of \$26,959.00 for equipment, \$10,400.00 for maintenance for a total cost of \$36,995.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Keith Vreeman and Chief Deputy Mike Hamann requested purchase of new Tasers for the sheriff’s department as the current Tasers are past their life expectancy. Three options were presented for purchase of the equipment. Option one is a lease to own agreement with unlimited supply replacement for a total cost of \$33,575.00, option two is a purchase agreement with a 5-year replacement plan for a total equipment cost of \$21,658.00 and warranty

cost of 1,870.00 the first year and 3,570.00 for each of the next four years for a total of \$37,808.00. Option three was to purchase off the state bid for a total equipment cost of \$24,433.70 and \$3,570.00 each year for warranty. Sheriff Vreeman and Chief Deputy Hamann recommended authorizing the lease-to-own agreement with unlimited supply replacement at a total cost of \$33,575.00. Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Nath to approve the purchase of Tasers with whichever of the three options presented the Sheriff's Office deems appropriate. Motion carried unanimously.

TYLER REISCH – AUDITOR'S OFFICE REQUESTS

Auditor Tyler Reisch requested Commissioners add uniform allowance payments to the Auditor Warrant Listing in order to ensure timely payments each quarter. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve the addition of uniform allowances to the Auditor Warrant listing. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nath seconded by Hollingsworth to approve the 2017 Financial Audit Engagement Letter with Eide Bailly and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion carried unanimously.

EUGENE STRONG – AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

American Indian Movement member Eugene Strong joined the meeting to announce that this is the 50th anniversary of the Sundance Festival which is held in Pipestone and he encouraged public members to attend. In honor of that 50th anniversary, he inquired if there was County property on which he could plant fifty (50) trees. Strong also asked if the board would consider designating Columbus Day as Indigenous Peoples Day and promote any festival that was held on that day. Commissioners suggested Strong inquire with the City of Pipestone if they had property to plant trees on and if they would consider promoting a town festival. Consensus of the Board to have Strong come back to the February 27 board meeting after he has explored his options with the City of Pipestone.

PERSONNEL

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste presented for approval the negotiated bargaining agreement between Pipestone County and the Law Enforcement Labor Services, Inc. Local #167 Jailer Dispatchers effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nath to approve the bargaining agreement between Pipestone County and

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Law Enforcement Labor Services, Inc. Local #167 Jailer Dispatchers effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

HR Coordinator Feste requested board approval to replace Steve Ewing's current job as EMS/EM Director as is and have Steve begin as County Administrator on February 16, 2018. Ewing is willing to assist with Emergency Management duties when needed. Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Johnson to hire Steve Ewing as County Administrator without Emergency Management duties effective February 16, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

HR Coordinator Feste requested approval of the revised EMS/EM Director job descriptions. Motion by Nath, seconded by Kooiman to approve the revised EMS/EM Director job descriptions. Motion carried unanimously. Feste stated they would begin advertising to fill this position immediately.

Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Johnson to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:59a.m.

Dan Wildermuth
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Cathy Feste
Human Resources Coordinator