

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

AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approve Minutes of Commissioners Meeting 03/12/2019
- Approve Auditor Warrants 3/15/19, 3/22/19
- Approve Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$626,308.66

Motion carried unanimously.

RENAE SCHUCH, VSO, OUT OF STATE TRAVEL REQUEST

Veterans Service Officer requested approval to attend the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers (NACVSO) conference in Cleveland, Ohio for Annual Training with the NACVSO organization. Costs for the training are reimbursable from a State of Minnesota VSO program grant. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Kooiman to approve Veterans Service Officer Renae Schuch's travel request to Cleveland, Ohio on June 1, - June 7, 2019 for the NACVSO annual conference. Motion carried unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING RESOLUTION 59-12-19

Resolution 59-12-19 Transportation Funding Resolution was presented which encourages legislators to increase Transportation Funding statewide. Engineer Nick Bergman stated that he would like to look into the possibility of adding language that funding be added exclusively to the Highway Users Tax Distribution Fund to ensure that rural counties receive an increase in funding. Consensus of the board to table the approval of Transportation Funding Resolution 59-12-19 in order for Engineer Bergman to look into alternate or additional language in the Resolution.

PERSONNEL

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste announced that Robert Kooiker resigned as the Mechanic in the Highway department effective April 4, 2019. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nath to accept Robert Kooiker's resignation effective April 4, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

HR Coordinator Feste presented a job description for an Engineering Aide. Motion by Nath, seconded by Kooiman to approve the Engineering Aide job description and authorize sending to Fox Lawson for pay plan placement. Motion carried unanimously. They plan to fill the open Engineering Technician position with either an Engineering Aide or an Engineering Technician dependent on the top candidate's qualifications.

HR Coordinator Feste requested approval to hire Troy Manzey at Step F of the current Highway Union pay plan due to previous County Highway department experience. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to hire Troy Manzey at Step F of the 2019 Highway Union Pay Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION – BREACH OF CONTRACT PENDING LITIGATION

Motion by Nath, seconded by Wildermuth to close the meeting per MN Statute 13D.05, Subd. 3(b) to discuss breach of contract pending litigation. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting closed at 9:26 a.m.

The following were in attendance during the closed session: Chairman Chris Hollingsworth, Commissioners Luke Johnson, Bruce Kooiman, Les Nath, and Dan Wildermuth, Auditor/Treasurer Tyler Reisch, Attorney Damain Sandy, and Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste.

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Johnson to open the closed session. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting opened at 9:41a.m.

TAX ABATEMENT PUBLIC HEARING – 9:45AM RESOLUTION 59-13-19

A Tax Abatement Public Hearing was held for a proposed property tax abatement request from Betty Cramer. No public comment was received. Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Wildermuth to adopt Resolution 59-13-19 whereas Betty Cramer, for Parcel ID 11.001.0500 located in Sweet Township, Pipestone County has applied for a Home Tax Abatement pursuant to the County's Home Tax Abatement Initiative. The County Board of Commissioners grants abatement of property taxes levied for property by the County for three (3) years, commencing with taxes payable for the assessed value related to the capital improvements outlined. The Abatement may be modified or terminated at any time by the Board of Commissioners. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nath, seconded by Kooiman to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50a.m.

Chris Hollingsworth

Pipestone County Board Chairman

ATTEST: Cathy Feste

Human Resources Coordinator