

The Pipestone County Commissioners met with Chairman Chris Hollingsworth, Commissioners Luke Johnson, Bruce Kooiman, Les Nath, and Dan Wildermuth. County Administrator Steve Ewing was also present. 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 April 9, 2019 Commissioner Meeting
- Auditors Warrants 4/15/19, 4/19/19
- Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$418,317.72

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **CULVERT PURCHASES**

County Engineer Nick Bergman requested approval to purchase culverts to replace their inventory. There is \$30,000 in the budget for culvert purchases. Bids received were as follows:

True North Steel - \$18,859.91

Contech Engineered Solutions - \$19,620.27

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Nath to approve the purchase of culverts from True North Steel in the amount of \$18,859.91 and allow Engineer Bergman to purchase more at his discretion. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **ENGINEER APPOINTMENT AND EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT**

Motion by Nath, seconded by Kooiman to approve the appointment of Nicholas Bergman as Pipestone County Engineer for a four-year term effective May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to approve an Employment Agreement between Pipestone County Engineer Nicholas Bergman and the County of Pipestone effective May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **PERSONNEL**

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste requested approval to hire Tyler Rippentrop, who is a current full-time Jailer/Dispatcher, as a part-time Deputy Sheriff on Step C of the 2019 pay plan. Rippentrop will remain a full-time employee and will work as a Jailer/Dispatcher and part-time Deputy Sheriff. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nath to approve hiring Tyler Rippentrop as a part-time Deputy Sheriff on Step C of the pay plan effective April 30, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

HR Coordinator Feste requested approval to hire Anthony Sievert as a part-time Deputy Sheriff on Step B of the 2019 pay plan. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to approve hiring Anthony Sievert as a part-time Deputy Sheriff on Step B of the pay plan effective May 1, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **FUEL TANK LIMITED SITE INVESTIGATION**

County Administrator Steve Ewing clarified the reason for the fuel tank limited site investigation that was approved at the April 9, 2019 meeting was for a 1,000-gallon fuel tank that was removed on November 30, 2017. The bids and scope of work remain the same.

#### **CITY/COUNTY/SCHOOL DISTRICT JOINT COMMITTEE**

County Administrator Steve Ewing requested the appointment of two Commissioners to a joint City of Pipestone, Pipestone County and ISD 2689 School District Committee to meet several times per year to collaborate and communicate between the organizations. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Kooiman to appoint Commissioner Hollingsworth and Commissioner Wildermuth to the Joint Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **2019 1st QUARTER BUDGET REPORT**

Administrator Ewing and the Board reviewed the 2019 1st Quarter Budget Report.

#### **TAX ABATEMENT PUBLIC HEARING – 9:30AM RESOLUTION 59-15-19**

A Tax Abatement Public Hearing was held for a proposed property tax abatement request from Greg and Caitlin Arp. No public comment was received. Motion by Nath, seconded by Kooiman to adopt Resolution 59-15-19 whereas Greg and Caitlin Arp, for Parcel ID 05.013.0900 located in Elmer Township, Pipestone County, have 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.

#### **TYLER REISCH – HOME INITIATIVE ABATEMENT DATE**

Auditor/Treasurer Tyler Reisch requested to board set May 7, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. for a proposed property tax abatement request from Lloyd Zwart, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 469.1813 and 116J.993 through 116J.995 consisting of a new home construction located in the City of Edgerton. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Johnson to set May 7, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. for the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **TAX ABATEMENT PUBLIC HEARING – 9:40AM RESOLUTION 59-16-19**

A Tax Abatement Public Hearing was held for a proposed property tax abatement request from Gary and Joan DeVries. No public comment was received. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nath to adopt Resolution 59-16-19 whereas Gary and Joan DeVries, for Parcel ID 09.004.0200 located in Osborne Township, Pipestone County, have 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.

#### **COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Auditor/Treasurer Tyler Reisch and PCMC Finance Director Dave Keeler reviewed current investments and interest rates with Commissioners. Investments strategies were discussed. Consensus of the Board to have Auditor/Treasurer Tyler Reisch and PCMC Chief Financial Officer Dave Keeler meet with local banks to see if there are higher interest rate investment opportunities.

#### **RESTRICTED AND ASSIGNED FUND BALANCES**

Auditor/Treasurer Tyler Reisch reviewed the Restricted and Assigned accounts and corresponding 2018 ending balances.  
Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Kooiman to approve the following Restricted and Assigned accounts and corresponding 2018 balances:  
Motion carried unanimously.  
Motion by Nath, seconded by Kooiman to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:07a.m.  
Chris Hollingsworth                      ATTEST: Steven Ewing  
Pipestone County Board Chairman                      County Administrator