

Pipestone County Commissioners Special Meeting  
August 6, 2019

The Pipestone County Commissioners met in open session with Chairman Chris Hollingsworth, Commissioners, Luke Johnson, Dan Wildermuth, Bruce Kooiman and Les Nath. County Administrator Steve Ewing and County Attorney Damain Sandy were 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 Kooiman to approve the special meeting agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 59-25-19 TO REQUEST MEDIATION WITH DHS AND APPOINTING A LAW FIRM IN JOINT REPRESENTATION IN MEDIATION**

County Attorney Sandy reported that he had reviewed the proposed resolution and from a legal standpoint it is appropriate to consider its adoption.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nath to approve Resolution 59-25-19 authorizing Pipestone County to jointly retain the legal firm of Lockridge Grindal Naun PLLP for legal services and authorizing challenge to Department of Human Resources contracting decision for certain state public health care programs. Motion carried unanimously.

**STACY JORGENSEN, SOUTHWEST HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Stacy Jorgensen, Supervisor Southwest Health and Human Services reported on the current contracts in place with PrimeWest Health for providing state health care programs including a single plan for both families & children and seniors in Prime West's 13-member counties. She explained that the quality of the staff at PrimeWest and the ease of contacting them for questions on specific programs, billing, claim reviews and their professionalism is excellent.

Commissioners thanked Ms. Jorgensen for her comments and attending the meeting.

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Kooiman to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:18 AM.

Chris Hollingsworth                      ATTEST: Steven Ewing  
Pipestone County Board Chairman      County Administrator