

The Pipestone County Commissioners met with Chairman Dan Wildermuth, Commissioners Chris Hollingsworth, Luke Johnson, Bruce Kooiman and Les Nath. County Administrator Steve Ewing 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 Hollingsworth to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approve Minutes of April 10, 2018
2. Approve April 13, 2018 and April 20, 2018 Auditor Warrants
3. Approve Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$714,804.79
4. Museum 1st Quarter Report

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTION

Veterans Service Officer/Deputy Emergency Management Director Renae Schuch introduced herself to Commissioners. Renae began employment on April 17, 2018.

CRAIG BUCHER – FAIRGROUNDS USE FOR BARREL RACING

Craig Bucher of Pipestone Smokin Barrels joined the meeting to request usage of the horse arena at the Fairgrounds to hold Barrel Racing competitions on May 19, June 23, July 7, July 21, and August 18. Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Nath to approve their request and charge the group \$50.00 per time to use the Fairgrounds to help offset costs of cleaning and maintenance. Motion carried unanimously.

VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Veterans Memorial Committee Members Myron Koets and Robert Douty joined the meeting for an update on the Veterans Memorial. Koets stated that they are unable to put up a Memorial near the high school due to a number of reasons and they are looking at the potential of putting something up on the Courthouse lawn. Koets stated they are exploring the potential to obtain grant funding to place a replica cannon similar to the one that used to be on the Courthouse lawn. Commissioner Kooiman stated that the Pipestone County Building and

Grounds Committee is working on plans for a memorial on the lawn currently. Koets requested that their committee meet with the building and grounds committee to work on a common Memorial. Consensus of the Board to schedule a meeting between the Veterans Memorial Committee and the Pipestone County Building and Grounds Committee to look at options.

TAX ABATEMENT REQUEST

Auditor Tyler Reisch joined the meeting and requested the Board set a public hearing date for a proposed property tax abatement request from Shane Lingen, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 469.1813 and 116J.993 through 116J.995. Motion by Nath, seconded by Hollingsworth to set a public hearing date for May 22, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse. Motion carried unanimously.

EMPLOYEE GRILL OUT

Administrator Steve Ewing recommended the board hold their annual employee Grill Out on June 5, 2018 at the EMS building. Consensus of the board to hold it on that date.

PERSONNEL

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste requested approval to issue Renae Schuch, VSO/Deputy EM Director, a county credit card. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to authorize the issuance of a County credit card to Renae Schuch. Motion carried unanimously.

HR Coordinator Feste stated that the appointment of Nick Bergman as Engineer will take place at the May 1, 2018 meeting.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS – ROGER KAS FOR STONERAY WIND PROJECT

Environmental Administrator Kyle Krier presented the Findings of Fact and Recommendations from the Pipestone County Planning and Zoning Commission for the application of Roger Kas for two Conditional Use Permits (CUP) to construct an operations and maintenance building for the Stoneray Wind Project and to construct a temporary windfarm laydown yard. The land is adjacent to the City of Woodstock. Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Nath to accept the Findings of Fact and Recommendations of the Pipestone County Planning and Zoning Commission to issue both Conditional Use Permits to Roger Kas to construct an operations and maintenance building for the Stoneray Wind Project and to construct a temporary windfarm laydown yard. Motion carried unanimously.

Environmental Administrator Krier met with the Planning Commission and inquired if they felt the feedlot ordinance needed an update. This was a request from the Commissioners at

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the April 10 Commissioner Meeting. Administrator Krier stated that the Planning Commission recommended leaving the feedlot ordinance as is.

Krier stated that he has a letter drafted to send to the Murray County Board of Commissioners for early termination of the Tri-County Recycling contract effective October 1, 2018. Consensus of the board to approve the letter and authorize board chair signature.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:39a.m.

Dan Wildermuth
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Steven Ewing
County Administrator