

July 3, 2018

Pipestone County Commissioner Meeting
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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 Dan 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 as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approve Minutes of June 26, 2018
2. Auditor Warrants 6/29/18

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 59-23-18 DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

County Administrator Steve Ewing stated that as a result of discussions with Emergency Management Director Casey Sievert, Sheriff Keith Vreeman, and County Engineer Nick Bergman, they would like the board to consider declaring a state of emergency due to the significant road damage to County and Township roads in the northeast part of the County as a result of today's flooding. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve Resolution 59-23-18 declaring Pipestone County in a State of Emergency for conditions resulting from the heavy rains and flash flooding on July 3, 2018 and ongoing. Motion carried unanimously.

PROJECT UPDATES, PROJECTS UNDER CONTRACT, PROJECTS IN THE PLANNING STAGE

County Engineer Nick Bergman provided information on project updates, projects under contract and projects in the planning stage.

Engineer Bergman reported on maintenance updates. The calcium chloride on County Road 25 has been postponed, there have been three rain events in the past month excluding

today's rain which have resulted in 25 areas of damage to the roads. The maintenance crew has been repairing those spots in addition to cleaning out the ditches.

Engineer Bergman reported that the State will be putting reflector strips on the traffic signals by the McDonald's corner, 7th Street Southeast and 8th Avenue Southeast in the city of Pipestone.

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Nath to approve the final payment to Tri-Zack Concrete Inc. in the amount of \$21,220.91 for the Countywide ADA Curb Ramp project. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste reported that the current Intermittent Maintenance Foreman in the Highway department is going on a military leave of absence beginning July 5 through approximately November 26. The Highway department would like to assign these duties to a current employee during this person's leave of absence and will post internally for 7 days to see who is interested. The position makes \$1.00 more per hour to take on the intermittent foreman duties. Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve assigning the Intermittent Foreman duties to a current Highway Maintenance Worker for the duration of the military leave of absence. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioners reported on the following Committee Meetings:

Commissioner Johnson: Employee Grill Out, AMC District 8, Casey Jones Trail Annual Meeting, AREA II, RCRCA, Board of Equalization, One Watershed One Plan, Drainage Conference, Insurance Committee.

Commissioner Hollingsworth: Employee Grill Out, AMC District 8, Casey Jones Trail Annual Meeting, Extension, Veterans Memorial, Southwestern Mental Health, PCMC Board meeting, Social Host Ordinance.

Commissioner Kooiman: PCMC Plant Operations, Employee Grill Out, Zoning Meeting, AMC District 8, Board of Equalization, Plum Creek Library, PCMC board meeting.

Commissioner Nath: PCMC Plant Operations, Primewest, Extension, Board of Equalization, Veterans Memorial, Southwest Mental Health, Lincoln County Primewest presentation, SWHHS, Radio Board

TAX ABATEMENT PUBLIC HEARING – 9:30AM RESOLUTION 59-24-18

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to open the public hearing. Public Hearing opened at 9:30a.m. A Tax Abatement Public Hearing was held for a proposed property tax abatement request from Ryan and Krista Bos. No public comment was received. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to adopt Resolution 59-24-18 whereas Ryan and Krista Bos, for Parcel ID 03-020-0600 located in Burke 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.

TAX ABATEMENT REQUEST

Auditor Tyler Reisch requested the Board set a public hearing date for a proposed property tax abatement request from Greg and Amanda Kuehl, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 469.1813 and 116J.993 through 116J.995. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Kooiman to set a public hearing date for July 24, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nath to close the public hearing for Ryan and Krista Bos. Motion carried unanimously. Public hearing closed at 9:33a.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Wildermuth reported on the following Committee Meetings: AMC District 8, Southwest 18 Mental Health Consortium, Board of Equalization, SWHHS, Casey Jones Trail Annual Meeting, Social Host Ordinance.

OTHER BUSINESS

Steve Ewing reported that budgets are out to department heads and he expects to have them back by July 17. Budget Work Sessions will be scheduled shortly thereafter.

Travis Winter of Bolton and Menk inspected the underwater portion of Old Central School with AET. They determined that there was likely fuel oil in the lower level boiler room. The samples were sent in for testing. Administrator Ewing stated that Bolton and Menk plans to have bid documents complete by the end of July for a bid deadline of August 28, 2018.

A representative from DEED emailed Administrator Ewing to let him know they would assist with the grant for the Caring Hands Dental Clinic. On July 11 the City of Pipestone

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planning and zoning commission will meet to consider a Conditional Use Permit for the proposed location near the Pipestone County Family Services building.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:42a.m.

Dan Wildermuth
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Steven Ewing
County Administrator

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