Pipestone County Commissioner Meeting September 4, 2018

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 August 28, 2018
- 2. Auditors Warrants 8/31/18

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.

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Johnson to approve final payments for projects SAP 059-599-092, SAP 059-599-093, SAP 059-599-094, & SAP 059-599-095 to A&C Excavating, Marshall, MN in the amount of \$37,037.46. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nath, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve right-of-way payments to the following landowners for project SAP 59-613-15: Allison Meredith Faulhaber Trust in the amount of \$7,060.00 and Laurel Kristine Grogger Trust in the amount of \$7,060.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Bergman gave an overview of maintenance updates that staff have been working on in the past month, including Jasper flood cleanup, ditch cleaning, shoulder mowing, maintenance blading and graveling, and installing signs for the Stoneray wind project.

## **ROAD AND BRIDGE BUDGET REVIEW**

Engineer Bergman reviewed the proposed 2019 Road and Bridge Budget and answered Commissioners' questions.

#### NEW LIFE TREATMENT CENTER LETTER OF SUPPORT

County Administrator Steve Ewing stated that New Life Treatment Center is applying for funding to increase the number of beds in their facility from 21 inpatient beds and 7 detox beds to 25 inpatient beds and 7 detox beds, and they are seeking letters of support from local governments. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Kooiman to approve the letter of support from Pipestone County Commissioners and authorize board chair signature. Motion carried unanimously.

#### PERSONNEL

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste reported that Jacob Derby resigned as a parttime Jailer Dispatcher effective August 28, 2018. Emerson Winter was hired as a part-time Jailer/Dispatcher effective September 4, 2018.

# **BUDGET WORK SESSION**

The Board heard budget presentations from the following Department Heads: County Attorney Damain Sandy and Auditor Tyler Reisch.

County Administrator Steve Ewing reviewed the Southwest Health and Human Services budget and levy request.

Court Administrator Denise Brandl presented the 2019 Court budget. Administrator Brandl stated the most concerning areas in her budget are the legal defense funds and the law library funds.

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Johnson to increase the law library fee from \$7.00 to

\$10.00 effective October 1, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

County Administrator Steve Ewing reviewed the Travel Management budget.

County Assessor Joyce Schmidt reviewed the 2019 Assessor Budget.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioners reported on the following committee meetings:

Commissioner Johnson: Area II RCRCA Executive Meeting, DNR Flood Maps, Soil and Water, Ditch Committee, Farm Bureau Ag Social, Soil and Water Liaison, One Watershed One

Plan, Pipestone Forward Annual Meeting, Drainage Demonstration at Southwest Research

Station in Lamberton, Soil and Water Liaison, Avera Health Board of Consultors, Insurance Committee, Hazard Mitigation

Commissioner Hollingsworth: Nurse Family Partnership, Southwest Mental Health, Hazard Mitigation, PCMC Board Meeting, Counties Providing Technology, Insurance Committee

Commissioner Kooiman: PCMC Plant Operations, Election Canvassing Meeting, Fairgrounds, Hazard Mitigation, PCMC Plant Operations

Commissioner Nath: PrimeWest, PCMC Plant Operations, Personnel, Southwest Mental

Health, Soil and Water, Soil and Water Liaison, SWHHS, Soil and Water, Election Canvassing

Meeting, Hazard Mitigation, Soil and Water Liaison, PCMC Plant Operations.

Commissioner Wildermuth: SWHHS, SMOC, Pipestone Forward Annual Meeting Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Johnson to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:47a.m.

> Dan Wildermuth Pipestone County Board Chairman

ATTEST:

Steven Ewing County Administrator