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Pipestone County Commissioner Meeting
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The Pipestone County Commissioners met with Chairman Chris Hollingsworth, Commissioners Luke Johnson, Les Nath, and Dan Wildermuth. County Administrator Steve Ewing was also present. Commissioner Bruce Kooiman absent. 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. Yeas: Hollingsworth, Johnson, Nath, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Kooiman. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approve Minutes of Commissioners Meeting 2/12/19
2. Auditor Warrants 2/15/19, 2/22/19
3. Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$589,059.07

Yeas: Hollingsworth, Johnson, Nath, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Kooiman.

Motion carried.

BOLTEN & MENK – CHANGE ORDER FOR CENTRAL SCHOOL DEMOLITION

Teresa Burgess, Bolton and Menk Project Engineer, reported that additional asbestos was found during the demolition of Central School, including 26 – 4' x 8' pieces of Transite in welding booths, 48 fire doors, and 110 square feet of chalkboard adhesive. Cost to abate the additional asbestos is \$17,218.35 payable to DRC Inc. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nath to approve the change order in the amount of \$17,218.35 to DRC, Inc. Yeas: Hollingsworth, Johnson, Nath, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Kooiman. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste reported that the Highway Department would like to promote Eric Haak to Senior Engineering Technician effective March 1, 2019, and place him on step F of the current pay plan. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Johnson to approve the appointment of Eric Haak as Senior Engineering Technician effective March 1, 2019 and approve placement at step F of the current pay plan. Yeas: Hollingsworth, Johnson, Nath, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Kooiman. Motion carried.

JUDICIAL DITCH ASSESSMENT

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Administrator Ewing requested approval of the Judicial Ditch assessment in the amount of \$10,650.00 as recommended by the Ditch Committee. This was a budgeted item for 2019. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nath to approve the 2019 Judicial Ditch assessment in the amount of \$10,650.00. Yeas: Hollingsworth, Johnson, Nath, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Kooiman. Motion carried.

MARY ANN DE GROOT – MACO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Administrator Steve Ewing presented a press release that County Recorder Mary Ann De Groot was elected to the Minnesota Association of County Officers (MACO) Board of Directors for 2019. Commissioners expressed appreciation of De Groot's participation in the statewide organization.

AMC 2019 TRANSPORTATION WORK GROUP

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nath to appoint Commissioner Johnson as the primary representative, and Commissioner Hollingsworth as the secondary representative for the AMC 2019 Transportation Work Group. Yeas: Hollingsworth, Johnson, Nath, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Kooiman. Motion carried.

PLUM CREEK LIBRARY DIRECTOR RESIGNATION

Commissioner Les Nath reported that Jim Trojanowski resigned as the Plum Creek Library Director and has taken a position at a library in the Thief River Falls area.

RESOLUTION 59-11-19

County Attorney Damain Sandy joined the meeting. Resolution 59-11-19 was presented, which states that Travis Jasper removed property and fixtures from a tax-forfeited property based on an oral agreement with the County of Pipestone that Jasper would pay the County of Pipestone for the property and fixtures removed. Jasper's last day of property removal was September 30, 2017, and he has not paid the County of Pipestone for the property and fixtures removed or remitted payment to the County following the issuance of an invoice to Travis Jasper by the County Auditor/Treasurer. Therefore, County Auditor/Treasurer Tyler Reisch is authorized to act as the County's representative and take such action, including legal action to collect the amounts owed. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nath to approve Resolution 59-11-19 as presented. Yeas: Hollingsworth, Johnson, Nath, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Kooiman. Motion carried.

ROAD AND BRIDGE UPDATES

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Engineer Nick Bergman reported that the State had a load-rating consultant inspect nineteen bridges in Pipestone County. Three bridges had their tonnage ratings lowered, twelve bridges that were previously unrated, are now rated, and four of them remain unposted. Engineer Bergman reported that this would likely result in several changes to the five-year Road and Bridge plan. Bergman reported that he will present more information at a later date, once he has had the opportunity to review the information in more detail.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to reschedule the postponed Road and Bridge Hearing to March 4, 2019 at 1:30p.m. at the Pipestone County Highway Department Conference Room. Yeas: Hollingsworth, Johnson, Nath, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Kooiman. Motion carried.

Engineer Bergman reported that one of the Motor Graders had an engine failure. It was under warranty so won't cost anything to replace. They are currently using a loaner Motor Grader.

Commissioners expressed their appreciation to the Highway Maintenance Workers for the quality of snow plowing and the extra hours that have been worked the past two months.

FEEDLOT PUBLIC MEETING – TODD JASPER

SWCD Conservationist Adam Ossefoort and Todd Jasper joined the meeting. A feedlot public meeting was held for Todd Jasper, for the construction of a new feedlot located in the NE Quarter of Section 36 in Burke Township. The new feedlot will consist of a total confinement barn with an under barn concrete manure storage pit. The barn will house 2400 swine finishers for a total of 720 animal units. No public comment was received. The public meeting was closed at 10:02a.m.

ANN ORREN, SWHHS, ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES PRESENTATION

SWHHS Community Public Health Supervisor Ann Orren joined the meeting to present information on electronic cigarettes. Sheriff Keith Vreeman and Lieutenant Edison Dengler were also present. Supervisor Orren stated that in 2014, electronic cigarettes were added to the definition of "tobacco-related" devices and also prohibited by the Minnesota Clean Indoor Act in daycare centers/group homes, health care facilities, government buildings, and schools. Orren reviewed different types of devices, harmful effects, availability, teenage usage of the products, and measures the County could take to combat the use of these devices in underage individuals.

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A sample Tobacco Ordinance was presented that could address of the issues with e-cigarettes.

No action was taken at this time pending potential regulation updates from the State.

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nath to adjourn. Yeas: Hollingsworth, Johnson, Nath, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Kooiman. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:05a.m.

Chris Hollingsworth
Pipestone County Board Chairman

ATTEST:

Steven Ewing
County Administrator

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