

The Pipestone County Commissioners met with Chairman Bruce Kooiman, Commissioners Luke Johnson, and Les Nath. Commissioner Dan Wildermuth participated via phone. County Administrator Steve Ewing was also present. Commissioner Hollingsworth absent for the beginning of the meeting. Chairman Kooiman 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: Johnson, Kooiman, Nath, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approve Minutes of 9/8/20 Commissioners Meeting
- Auditors Warrants 9/11/20, 9/17/20
- Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$537,237.98

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

Commissioner Hollingsworth joined the meeting.

AMBULANCE PURCHASE

EMS Director Casey Sievert and EMT Mark Egger joined the meeting to request purchase of a new 2020 Superliner Type I LifeLine ambulance on a 2020 Ford F-450 4WD gasoline powered chassis including a PowerLoad cot system. Quotes received were as follows:

Company	Vehicle	Bid Price
LifeLine Ambulance	2020 Ford F-450 XLT 4WD 7.3L V8 Gas Engine	\$236,465.00
Osage Ambulance	2020 Ford F-550 XLT 4WD 7.3L V8 Gas Engine	\$267,512.00
Braun Northwest	2020 Ford F-450 XLT 4WD 7.3L V8 Gas Engine *Cot Price Not included in Braun Northwest Bid	\$231,357.00*

EMS Director Sievert and EMT Egger recommend purchasing the Ambulance from LifeLine due to an established relationship with that company, a better warranty, and their location in the Midwest for serviceability. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nath to approve the purchase of a 2020 Ford F-450 XLT 4WD 7.3L V8 Gas Engine from LifeLine Ambulance in the amount of \$236,465.00. Motion carried unanimously.

CARES ACT FUNDING UPDATE AND ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

Auditor/Treasurer Tyler Reisch presented information on the CARES Act Grants for businesses and nonprofits in Pipestone County. Total allocated for For-Profit Businesses was \$500,000 and Non-Profit businesses was \$200,000. Approved Grants for For-Profit Businesses total \$546,166.00 and Non-Profit Businesses total \$142,600, leaving \$46,166 short for For-Profit Businesses and \$57,400 leftover for Non-Profit Businesses. Auditor/Treasurer Reisch recommended transferring funds from the Non-Profit Funding to the For-Profit Funding. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to transfer \$46,166.00 in Non-Profit Grant to For-Profit Grants in order to approve all approved grant applications that were received by the deadline. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Nath to pay Southwest Health and Human Services \$18,715.39 in CARES Act Funding as an Auditor Warrant on Friday, September 25, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

JUDICIAL DITCH #1 QUOTE FOR TREE REMOVAL

Environmental Administrator Kyle Krier and Ditch Committee Chairman John Shaffer joined the meeting. County Administrator Steve Ewing presented a quote from Double "D" Gravel, Inc. in the amount of \$24,460.00 to clean up trees, remove any fence, and level off berm in the ditch. Shaffer asked the Commissioners to consider a cost-share for payment of this quote. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve the quote from Double "D" Gravel in the amount of \$24,460.00 and authorize the County pay for half, \$12,230.00, from reserve funds and have the Ditch Committee pay for the other half, \$12,230.00 and contact the City of Pipestone to see if they would be willing to assist with the County's portion of the payment. Motion carried unanimously.

HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL AND CONTRIBUTION RECOMMENDATION

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste presented information on the 2021 health insurance renewal from Prime Health. Pipestone County's rates increased between 5.5% and 6.9%. The recommendation of the Insurance Committee would be to contribute \$800.00 per month for single coverage and \$1,150.00 per month for family coverage. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nath to approve the recommendation of \$800.00 per month for single coverage and \$1,150 per month for family coverage. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste requested approval to hire back Derek Claar as a full-time Deputy Sheriff effective September 24, 2020 on Step D of the pay plan. Derek is currently a part-time Deputy Sheriff/full-time Paramedic. This move would switch him to a full-time Deputy Sheriff and volunteer Paramedic. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve hiring of Derek Claar as a full-time Deputy Sheriff effective September 24, 2020 on Step D of the pay plan. Motion carried unanimously.

LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACTS - CHIPS

County Administrator Steve Ewing requested approval of two legal services contracts: one between Pipestone County and Amie Ascheman, Attorney at the firm of Runchey, Louwagie and Wellman and one between Pipestone County and Kayla Johnson, Attorney at the firm of Smith and Johnson in which the County will pay each attorney \$1,250 per month for up to 20 hours per month of services rendered, and a rate of \$90.00 per hour for hours in excess of 20 hours per month. In exchange each attorney shall provide legal representation for any party in a Pipestone County Child in Need of Protection or Services (CHIPS) case. Motion by Nath, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the two contracts between Pipestone County and Attorney Ascheman and Attorney Johnson for them to provide legal representation for any party in a Pipestone County Child in Need of Protection or Services (CHIPS) case at the aforementioned rates, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

2021 BUDGET UPDATE / PRELIMINARY LEVY RESOLUTION 59-30-20

Administrator Steve Ewing presented the preliminary levy and budget for review.

Motion by Nath, seconded by Johnson to adopt Resolution 59-30-20 setting the 2021 preliminary levy at \$7,321,388.00. Motion carried unanimously.

TRUTH IN TAXATION MEETING

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Kooiman to hold the annual Truth in Taxation Meeting on Monday, December 7, 2020 at 7:00p.m. in the Courthouse Commissioners Room. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nath, seconded by Johnson to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:24a.m.

Bruce Kooiman

ATTEST: Steven Ewing

Pipestone County Board Chairman

County Administrator