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Pipestone County Organizational Meeting
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The Pipestone County Board of Commissioners met with Commissioners Chris Hollingsworth, Luke Johnson, Les Nath, Dallas Roskamp, and Dan Wildermuth for the Annual Organizational Meeting. County Administrator Steve Ewing was also present. Commissioner Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR

County Administrator Steve Ewing called for nominations for Chair. Commissioner Wildermuth nominated Commissioner Nath as the 2022 Board Chair. Commissioner Nath nominated Commissioner Johnson as Board Chair for 2022. Administrator Ewing called for further nominations. Hearing none, motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Roskamp to cease nominations for Board Chair. Motion carried unanimously. Administrator Ewing called the question, all those in favor of Nath for Chair. Ayes: Roskamp, Wildermuth, Hollingsworth, Nath. Nays Johnson. Commissioner Nath is elected Board Chair.

Commissioner Nath assumed duties as Chair and presided over the meeting.

Chairman Nath called for nominations for Vice Chair. Commissioner Roskamp nominated Commissioner Wildermuth as the 2022 Board Vice-Chair. Chairman Nath called for further nominations. Commissioner Johnson nominated Commissioner Hollingsworth as 2022 Vice-Chair. Chairman Nath called for further nominations. Hearing no further nominations Chairman Nath called the question all those in favor of Wildermuth for Vice-Chair. Ayes: Roskamp, Wildermuth, Hollingsworth, Nath. Nays: Johnson. Motion carried. Commissioner Wildermuth is elected Board Vice-Chair.

RULES OF PROCEDURE - RESOLUTION 59-01-22

Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Nath to adopt Resolution 59-01-22 that establishes the 2022 Rules of Procedure for meetings of the Pipestone County Board of Commissioners. Motion carried unanimously.

PER DIEM SETTING RESOLUTION 59-02-22

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve Resolution 59-02-22 which establishes a schedule of per diem payments for services by individual County

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Commissioners and establish rules and regulations for uniformity in the payment of per diem in the performance of their official duties as members of the County Board as allowed by Minnesota Statute M.S. 375. Motion carried unanimously.

AUDITOR WARRANT AUTHORIZATION – RESOLUTION 59-03-22

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Johnson to adopt Resolution 59-03-22 authorizing the County Auditor to issue checks for payment of county expenses as listed in the Resolution for 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

WORKERS’ COMPENSATION ELECTED OFFICIAL RECOGNITION – RESOLUTION 59-04-22

Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Roskamp to adopt Resolution 59-04-22 recognizing that all officers of Pipestone County elected or appointed to a regular term of office shall be included in the definition of “employee” as defined in Minn. Stat. 176.011, subd. 9 for purposes of coverage under the Workers’ Compensation Laws of Minnesota. Motion carried unanimously.

DESIGNATED PUBLIC DEPOSITORIES – RESOLUTION 59-05-22

Auditor Treasurer Amanda Sandy appeared to present information on the Public Depositories for Pipestone County. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to adopt Resolution 59-05-22 that approves the 2022 designated depositories of the public funds of Pipestone County. Motion carried unanimously.

ELECTED OFFICIAL MINIMUM SALARY RESOLUTION 59-06-22

Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Wildermuth to set the following annual minimum salary to be paid to the elected official for the term next following:

MN Statutes 388.18	County Attorney	\$16,000
MN Statutes 386.015	County Recorder	\$24,000
MN Statues 387.20	County Sheriff	\$24,000

Motion carried unanimously.

DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER 2022 – RESOLUTION 59-07-22

Pipestone County Star representative John Draper and Edgerton Enterprise representative Jill Fennema joined the meeting and explained the 2022 newspaper bid prices. Both the

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newspaper representatives and Commissioners thanked each other for the good working relationships between the newspapers and County staff.

Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Roskamp to adopt Resolution 59-07-22 establishing the Edgerton Enterprise as the official legal newspaper for 2022 and the Pipestone County Star as the second newspaper. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER MEETINGS DATE/TIME/LOCATION

Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Nath to set the 2022 Board meeting dates and times as follows:

2nd Tuesday 9:00 AM – County Board at Courthouse Commissioners Room

4th Tuesday 9:00 AM – County Board at Courthouse Commissioners Room

4th Tuesday 1:00 PM – Hospital Board at Pipestone County Medical Center, Ashton Meeting Room

Motion carried unanimously.

2022 BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to set the 2022 Board of Adjustment and Equalization meeting date for Monday June 13, 2022 at 7:00 PM in the Pipestone County Commissioners Room. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Commissioners reviewed the 2022 Committee Assignments.

Environmental Administrator Kyle Krier presented recommendations for 2022 appointees to the Planning and Zoning Commission. No changes were made to the current members as all members are within their terms. No action was taken.

Two new members for the Extension Committee will be selected by the Extension Committee in March of 2022 and will be added to the list. Member Audrey Fritz and Alan VanderLugt termed out December 31, 2021.

Board Action on the complete 2022 Committee list will be taken at a later date when all committee appointments have been selected. A complete list of committee assignments can be found on Pipestone County's website, www.pipestone-county.com

TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS WEBSITE PUBLICATION

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Motion by, Johnson seconded by Hollingsworth to approve as per Minn. Statutes § 331A.12, that allows a county to use its web-site or recognized industry trade journals as an alternative to disseminate solicitations of bids, requests for information and requests for proposals and that the County of Pipestone may use the Pipestone County website, www.pipestone-county.com , as an alternative means to disseminate solicitations of bids, requests for information, and requests for proposals for transportation related construction and maintenance projects and that after designating publication on the Web site for transportation projects, the political subdivision must publish, in a qualified newspaper in the jurisdiction and on the Web site, notice that the political subdivision will publish any advertisements for bids on its Web site. Motion carried unanimously.

2022 MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE

Motion by Roskamp, seconded by Wildermuth to set the County's 2022 mileage reimbursement rate \$0.585 cents per mile to match the 2022 IRS mileage reimbursement rate. Motion carried unanimously.

MEAL REIMBURSEMENT ALLOWANCE RATE

Administrator Ewing presented a request to increase the meal allowance from \$40.00 per day to \$50.00 per day effective January 1, 2022. It was noted that the change is due to inflationary and other factors beyond the control of the county. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nath to approve the requested change from \$40.00 per day to \$50.00 per day. Motion carried unanimously.

REQUESTED BOARD RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the 2022 Pipestone County Guidelines for requested Resolutions and Proclamations. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 59-08-22 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF COOPERATIVE

AGREEMENT

Sheriff Keith Vreeman appeared to present for board approval Resolution 59-08-22 Authorizing a cooperative agreement between Pipestone County and the State of Minnesota, Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Nath to approve the agreement as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Auditor Warrants 12/30/21.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nath to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:38a.m.

Les Nath
Pipestone County Board Chairman

ATTEST:

Steven Ewing
County Administrator

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