

The Pipestone County Commissioners met with Chairman Bruce Kooiman, Commissioners Chris Hollingsworth, Luke Johnson, and Les Nath. Commissioner Dan Wildermuth participated via phone. County Administrator Steve Ewing was also present. Chairman Kooiman called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

AGENDA

Motion by Nath, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approve Commissioner Minutes: 6/9/20
- Approve Minutes of County Board of Appeal & Equalization 6-15-20
- Approve Auditors Warrants 6/10/20, 6/19/20
- Approve Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$517,987.79

Motion carried unanimously.

DITCH COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Ditch Committee member John Shaffer joined the meeting. County Administrator Steve Ewing stated that the Ditch Committee would like to request the Board approve a recommendation from the Ditch Committee to clean out 3350 ft +/- of ditch from South of the 9th St NE Bridge to 200 feet East of the falls on Pipestone National Monument Property to be paid from the Judicial Ditch No. 1 Fund. The city has been contacted regarding the removal of 60 + trees in the project area 16.5 foot buffer zone on either side of the ditch. The Pipestone National Monument has been contacted and a meeting held to discuss the issue of cleaning the ditch in Monument property. Monument staff and the County Attorney are researching the issue to determine if the county as the ditch authority has the right to have work done on the ditch within the boundary of the National Monument. The bid received from Johnson Ditching of Lake Wilson, MN was in the amount of \$18,500.00. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve the estimate from Johnson Ditching of Lake Wilson, MN for cleanup of the ditch from South of the 9th St NE Bridge to 200 feet East of the falls on Pipestone National Monument Property to be paid from the Judicial Ditch No. 1 Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste requested board approval to hire Cullen Clipper as the full-time Highway Maintenance Superintendent on Step D of the current pay plan. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Nath to approve the hire of Cullen Clipper as the full-time Highway Maintenance Superintendent on Step D of the current pay plan effective June 29, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

HR Coordinator Feste requested board approval of the resignation/retirement of Jail Administrator Ed Scholten on October 5, 2020. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nath to approve the resignation/retirement of Jail Administrator Ed Scholten on October 5, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

HR Coordinator Feste requested approval of the revised Jail Administrator job description. Motion by Nath, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve the revised Jail Administrator job description. Motion carried unanimously.

NACO ADDED COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Commissioner Johnson stated that AMC has indicated this may be a good year to attend NACo meetings since they are virtual meetings and require no travel. Commissioners were asked if they would like to add NACO to the Committee list and make it per diem eligible. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Johnson to designate Commissioner Johnson as the Pipestone County representative and approve per diem for the meetings on July 13 and July 20 and reevaluate at the beginning of 2021. Yeas: Hollingsworth, Johnson, Nath, Wildermuth. Nay: Kooiman. Motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Administrator Steve Ewing provided a review of the 2020 legislative session.

HIGHWAY PROJECT FINAL PAYMENT

Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Nath to approve the final payment for 2019 Box Culverts (SAP 059-599-097 and SAP 059-603-066) to Henning Constructions Inc. of Adrian, MN in the amount of \$7,876.27. Motion carried unanimously.

FUEL BID OPENING – JULY THROUGH DECEMBER 2020 – 10:30AM

Engineer Nick Bergman opened fuel bids for July through December, 2020. Bids received were as follows:

