

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 Wildermuth to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approve Minutes of September 22, 2020
- Auditors Warrants 9/25/20, 10/2/20, 10/12/20
- Commissioners Warrants \$586,961.15
- Hospital Warrants \$569,422.92
- Treasurers Report September 2020
- Approve Insurance Committee per diem for Commissioner Hollingsworth

Motion carried unanimously.

As per Minnesota Statute 375.12 the following Commissioner Warrants information is presented:

Vendor Name	Amount Paid
I STATE TRUCK CENTER	\$110,442.82
CRYSTEEL MANUFACTURING INC	\$110,187.00
LEGACY SERVICES CORPORATION	\$44,500.00
SOUTHWEST HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	\$32,986.25
REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA	\$30,902.49
JOHNSON CONTROLS INC	\$16,907.50
TIM RUSTAD CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$13,950.00
VAN DYKE SANITATION INC	\$13,416.32
GRAYBAR	\$12,519.97
CENTRAL SPECIALTIES INC	\$10,556.80
ERICKSON ENGINEERING CO INC	\$9,760.00
AMAZON MKTPLACE/PMTS	\$8,334.31
SURPLUS WAREHOUSE OF WILLMAR INC	\$7,800.00
MN DEPT OF AGRICULTURE	\$7,689.17
PIPESTONE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	\$6,863.95
TRANSMEDIC BILLING	\$6,235.85
O'NEILL O'NEILL & BARDUSON	\$4,886.00
COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION	\$4,714.99
MORRIS ELECTRONICS INC	\$4,692.29
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	\$4,652.00
OPG 3 INC	\$4,625.00
PIPESTONE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER	\$4,281.34
ROYAL TIRE INC	\$3,991.80
CHRISTENSEN BROADCASTING	\$3,900.00
EDGERTON ENTERPRISE	\$3,813.79
NOBLES COUNTY AUDITOR TREASURER	\$3,746.25
NUTRIEN AG SOLUTIONS (IOWA)	\$3,480.88
EBAY	\$3,291.76
CUMMINS SALES AND SERVICE	\$3,098.96
SMITH & JOHNSON	\$3,017.50
SEACHANGE PRINT INNOVATIONS	\$2,990.00
JUSTICE FIRE & SAFETY LLC	\$2,905.00
MCKESSON MEDICAL SURGICAL	\$2,834.07
PENGUIN MANAGEMENT INC	\$2,508.00
RUNCHEY LOUWAGIE & WELLMAN	\$2,500.00
BX CIVIL & CONSTRUCTION INC	\$2,438.80
COAST TEC	\$2,242.46
DENNYS AUTO PARTS	\$2,035.61
BUFFALO RIDGE DRUG TASK FORCE	\$2,000.00
Warrants over \$2,000	\$521,698.93
Number of Claims under \$2,000	156
Warrants under \$2,000	\$65,262.22
Total	\$586,961.15

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.

Engineer Bergman reported that there was a survey and installation error on Box Culverts, Contract #3 by Midwest Contracting, which is resulting

in re-installation of culverts. It was confirmed that it was the contractor's error, but Engineer Bergman would like to assist them in this project where they can. Consensus of the board to waive any penalties for missed deadline, and haul dirt for them, but no monetary contributions to assist them in fixing the incorrectly installed culverts.

JUDICIAL DITCH ENGINEERING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PRELIMINARY SOLUTIONS FOR FLOOD CONTROL

Engineer Bergman reported that four proposals were received for the Engineering Work related to flood control on County Judicial Ditch No. 1. Bidders included Bolton and Menk, ISG, Houston Engineering, and Central Specialties Inc. Consensus of the Board to have Bergman take the bids to the Judicial Ditch Flooding Subcommittee to review and have them recommend how to move forward with the project.

Bergman stated that the top-survey for CR-86, the road east of Holland that is flooded, has been completed, and the information was sent to the DNR to see what is acceptable. The DNR is open to draining it but further surveying is needed to formulate a plan.

Engineer Bergman reported that the Monarch butterfly may become listed as a protected species. More information will be forthcoming.

Engineer Bergman reported that dues may increase for National Association of County Engineers (NACE) membership.

The City of Pipestone will add patch smoothness on 8th Ave NW to their punch list.

The City of Pipestone trail project will be started in the spring of 2021 for the Indian Lakes Trail project. The substantial completion date is estimated to be June 30, 2021.

Maintenance update report included culvert work, mowing, and spraying. The new snow plow truck arrived last week and the low boy trailer is almost done and will be picked up soon. Erickson Engineering is designing a bridge by Ihlen, and they are running into bedrock issues so there may be an increase in design work costs.

ASSESSOR APPOINTMENT

Minnesota Statutes 273.061 declares that the terms of office as County Assessor shall begin on January 1 of every fourth year after 1973. January 1, 2021 will begin a new term of office for Assessors statewide. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Nath to re-appoint Joyce Schmidt as Pipestone County Assessor as per Minnesota Statute 273.061 and authorize Chairman Kooiman to sign the appointment papers. Motion carried unanimously.

LPRW BOARD APPOINTMENTS – RESOLUTION 59-31-20

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nath to approve Resolution 59-31-20 appointing Francis Engels, Janice Moen, and J. Brent Feikema to the Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water System Board of Commissioners for a term commencing on January 1, 2021 and expiring on December 31, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

FAIRGROUNDS CAMPER STORAGE

County Administrator Steve Ewing requested approval to allow overflow camper parking in the North Fairgrounds Lot, and charge a storage fee of \$20.00 per month. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Nath to allow camper parking in the North Fairgrounds lot at a storage fee of \$20.00 per month. Motion carried unanimously.

COURTHOUSE ROOF PROJECT

County Administrator Steve Ewing requested approval of a revised quote for the replacement of the Courthouse roof. The Building Committee changed the type of shingle to a synthetic slate material in order to comply with Minnesota State Historical Preservation Office requirements. New quotes received were as follows.

Guarantee Roofing and Sheet Metal - \$160,631.00

MLC Construction - \$98,864.00

Motion by Nath, seconded by Wildermuth to authorize the quote from MLC Construction to prepare and install DaVinci Bella Forte synthetic slate on the existing courthouse structure at a cost of \$98,864.00. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste announced that Heather Sperl was hired as a full-time EMT on September 16, 2020.

EXTENSION OFFICE HOURS

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste requested approval to allow the Extension Office to close to the public on Fridays. There has been a reduction in public traffic and inquiries and most of the Extension staff is working remotely. Motion by Nath, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve the change to staff the Extension Office from Monday through Thursday and be closed to the public on Fridays effective November 1, 2020 until the demand for services increases. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioners reported on the following committee meetings.

Commissioner Hollingsworth: Insurance, Southwest Mental Health, PCMC COVID Updates, Friends of Casey Jones Trail, CPT

TAX ABATEMENT REQUEST

Auditor/Treasurer Tyler Reisch and Assessor Joyce Schmidt presented a Tax Abatement request from Spencer Mesman for parcel number 13.021.1500. The request consists of movement of a house from one parcel within the County to another parcel within the County, and Auditor/Treasurer Reisch requested that the board decide on whether or not this application should qualify for a tax abatement per policy. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to deny the tax abatement request from Spencer Mesman for parcel number 13.021.1500 due to not meeting policy requirements. Motion carried unanimously.

RETIREMENT RECOGNITION

A recognition ceremony was held for Jail Administrator Ed Scholten, who retired on October 5, 2020 after 32 years of service. Commissioners, Sheriff Vreeman, and Sheriff's Office staff thanked him for his service.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioners reported on the following committee meetings.

Commissioner Johnson: Insurance, Rock Township Board, One Watershed One Plan, AMC General Session, Ditch Committee, AMC Environmental and Natural Resources Policy Committee, Union Negotiations, AMC Board, AMC Environmental and Natural Resources Committee, AMC Bylaws Committee, Environment and Natural Resources Policy Committee, PCMC COVID Update, Hospital Board, Southwest Regional Solid Waste Commission, Highway 23 Coalition, AREA II, RCRC, MRC Annual Business Meeting, Prime Health, Soil and Water District, AMC Board, Prime Health.

Commissioner Nath: Budget Meeting, CARES Act Meeting, PrimeWest, Soil and Water, CARES Act, PCMC Plant Operations, Union

Negotiations, SWHHS, CARES Act, SW PIC, PCMC Board, Building and Grounds, Radio Board.

Commissioner Kooiman: Budget Meeting, SRDC, PCMC Plant Operations, County Board, PCMC Meeting.

Commissioner Wildermuth: Budget Meeting, CARES Act Meeting, Pipestone Area Coalition, Blue Ribbon Committee.

CLOSED SESSION – REAL ESTATE PURCHASE DISCUSSION

The meeting will be closed as permitted by section 13D.05, subdivision 3 (c), to consider offers relating to the County’s possible purchase of Jasper Sunrise Village.

Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Johnson to close the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting closed at 11:13a.m.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to come out of closed session. Meeting opened at 11:41a.m. No action was taken.

Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Johnson to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:42a.m.

Bruce Kooiman

ATTEST: Steven Ewing

Pipestone County Board Chairman

County Administrator