

The Pipestone County Commissioners met with Chairman Bruce Kooiman, Commissioners Luke Johnson, Chris Hollingsworth and Les Nath. Commissioners 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 Hollingsworth, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- Approve Minutes of 8/11/20 Commissioners Meeting
- Auditors Warrants 8/14/20, 8/21/20
- Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$744,551.04

Motion carried unanimously.

**NICK BERGMAN, HIGHWAY ENGINEER, JUDICIAL DITCH #1 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ENGINEERING STUDY**

Engineer Bergman appeared to present a draft Request for Proposals for Professional Engineering Services for preliminary alternate solutions for flood control between Highway 30 and outlet on Pipestone County Judicial Ditch #1 within the City of Pipestone. One addition was recommended by Pipestone Monument Staff to add “wetland restoration” as part of the analysis. Also added to the proposal as available information are the stormwater discharge gates installed by the City of Pipestone. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve the presented Request for Proposals for Judicial Ditch #1 Engineering Study with the requested additions. Motion carried unanimously.

**NICK BERGMAN, HIGHWAY ENGINEER, REQUEST TO SELL SURPLUS PROPERTY**

Engineer Bergman requested to advertise the surplus oil truck via MinnBid instead of sealed bids. If the sale is unsuccessful the truck will be advertised for sealed bids as previously discussed on August 11, 2020. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to advertise on MinnBid as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

**NICK BERGMAN, HIGHWAY ENGINEER, RIGHT OF WAY PAYMENTS**

Engineer Bergman presented the following for Right of Way payments on project SAP 59-599-109. Motion by Nath, seconded by Kooiman to approve Right of Way payments on project SAP 59-599-109. Motion carried unanimously.

<b>Project</b>	<b>Land Owner:</b>	<b>Payment:</b>
SAP 059-599-109	William R. and Virginia Riddering	\$267.50
SAP 059-599-109	Rebecca and Robert Grove	\$267.50
SAP 059-599-109	Elaine and David Scott Hoover	\$107.00
SAP 059-599-109	Barbara and Gregory A. Johnson	\$107.00
SAP 059-599-109	Kathy and Charles DeVries	\$107.00
SAP 059-599-109	Phyllis and Verlon Caskey	\$107.00
SAP 059-599-109	David and Jeri Ann Kooiman.....	\$107.00

**NICK BERGMAN, HIGHWAY ENGINEER COUNTY ROAD 86 FLOODING UPDATE**

Engineer Bergman reported on the flooded area of County Road 86 in the Northeastern part of the county. He met with representatives of DNR and they agreed that the water has receded and that drain tiling of the area be installed. Cost estimates for county installation of the tile is estimated to be up to \$85,000 with funds to be used from the wheelage tax account.

Engineer Bergman will meet with the adjoining landowners.

**NICK BERGMAN, HIGHWAY ENGINEER ROAD DUST COMPLAINT**

Engineer Bergman reported a complaint on County Road 55 gravel road West of the Pipestone Area School. Trucks are using the road as way to go around the Highway 75 bridge replacement detour and creating a large amount of road dust. He will add dust control at the houses on road on the one mile stretch and submit the bill to MnDOT for possible reimbursement. Consensus of the board is to provide the requested dust control.

**STEVE PIERSON, BURKE TOWNSHIP BOARD CHAIR, CASEY JONES TRAIL/DNR ROAD CROSSINGS**

Mr. Steve Pierson presented information on the installation of truncated domes and a paved 60-foot-wide asphalt strip on state trail crossings at 140th Avenue in Gray Township and 150th Avenue in Burke Township where the Casey Jones Trail crosses. The townships did not give permission to the State of Minnesota / Department of Natural Resources to pave over the township roads. The asphalt is now covered with gravel and is creating a potential liability issue for the townships. Mr. Pierson requested that the Townships of Burke, Gray and Pipestone County join together to hire the Law Firm Kennedy and Graven to send a letter to the State of Minnesota/Department of Natural Resources to address concerns in a proposed draft agreement that the state developed. County Attorney Damain Sandy has been

