

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**

After the removal of one Highway department bill that had a clarification question, Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nath to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- Approve Minutes of 8/25/20 Commissioners Meeting
- Auditors Warrants 8/28/20
- Commissioners Warrants in the amount of \$235,659.20
- Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$375,019.95
- Treasurers Report August 2020

Motion carried unanimously.

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

<b>Vendor Name</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>
TRAFFIC MARKING SERVICE INC	\$28,342.90
TRUENORTH STEEL	\$25,183.32
MEINDERS COMMUNITY LIBRARY	\$15,835.80
BIOAG ENERGY SERVICES	\$14,955.80
ERICKSON ENGINEERING CO INC	\$13,841.00
VAN DYKE SANITATION INC	\$13,361.44
CENTRAL SPECIALTIES INC	\$11,065.60
PIESTONE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	\$10,810.66
EDGERTON PUBLIC LIBRARY	\$10,557.20
G&S BODY SHOP INC	\$7,017.77
PIESTONE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER	\$5,616.23
PRO-WEST & ASSOCIATES INC	\$5,586.95
O'NEILL O'NEILL & BARDUSON	\$4,886.00
ROYAL TIRE INC	\$4,701.85
STRYKER SALES CORPORATION	\$4,443.00
AMAZON MKTPLACE/PMTS	\$4,339.25
CHRISTENSEN BROADCASTING	\$3,000.00
KIESLER'S POLICE SUPPLY INC	\$2,597.30
SURPLUS WAREHOUSE OF WILLMAR INC	\$2,075.00
PIESTONE SOIL & WATER CONS DIST	\$2,028.09
Warrants over \$2,000	\$190,245.16
Number of Claims under \$2,000	113
Warrants under \$2,000	\$45,414.04
Total	\$235,659.20

**LINDSEY BRUER - MNDOT 10 YEAR CAPITAL HIGHWAY INVESTMENT PLAN**

Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) District 8 Planning Director Lindsey Bruer joined the meeting and presented information on the MnDOT's Ten (10) Year Capital Highway Investment Plan (CHIP) and answered questions from the Board.

**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.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve setting a letting date of October 27th, 2020 at 10:30 AM for projects SAP 59-599-103, SAP 59-599-106, and SAP 59-599-116. Motion carried unanimously.

**DYNAMIC SPEED SIGN COST SHARE**

Engineer Nick Bergman requested approval to cost-share a dynamic speed sign in the City of Jasper per County policy. The quote received for the sign is \$3486.50. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve 50% County cost share on a dynamic speed sign in Jasper. Motion carried unanimously.

**MAINTENANCE UPDATES**

Engineer Bergman reported that they may be looking at upgrading the sign truck to a larger truck due to the box

company recommendation.

In the past month, the maintenance crew has been working on blacktop patches, culvert replacements, painting railroad crossings, painting stop ahead banners, maintenance graveling, soft spot repairs.

**HOME TAX ABATEMENT PUBLIC HEARING – RESOLUTION 59-29-20**

A Home Tax Abatement Public Hearing was held on a proposed property tax abatement request from Rich and Ila Muyskens, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 469.1813 and 116J.993 through 116J.995 consisting of new home construction located in the City of Edgerton. It has been proposed that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Pipestone grant a Property Tax Abatement on these properties in an amount not to exceed 100 percent (%) of the County’s portion of the real estate taxes related to new residential home construction on the subject properties for a period not to exceed three (3) years. The estimated value of abatement is approximately \$958.00 annually. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Nath to approve the property tax abatement request from Rich and Ila Muyskens for new home construction on parcel numbers 13.445.0040 and 13.445.0050 located in the City of Edgerton. Motion carried unanimously.

**JOYCE SCHMIDT – LOCAL ASSESSING CONTRACTS**

Assessor Joyce Schmidt requested approval of Assessment Agreements with Aetna, Altona, and Fountain Prairie Townships for the 2021, 2022, and 2023 Assessment years. Contract amounts are as follows:

<b>Township</b>	<b>Annual Amount</b>
Aetna	\$2,736.00
Altona	\$3,384.00
Fountain Prairie	\$2,784

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nath to approve the Assessment Agreements as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**BID OPENING – TREE REMOVAL JUDICIAL DITCH #1**

Environmental Administrator Kyle Krier reported that no bids were received for the removal of all trees and shrubs within the rod (16.5 feet) bordering Pipestone County Ditch 1 from 9th Street NE, Pipestone thence North 1,800 feet. Consensus of the Board to direct Environmental Administrator Krier to continue to try to find a contractor to do the work.

**COURTHOUSE GROUNDS USE APPROVAL**

County Administrator Steve Ewing requested approval for the Junior Make-Up Prom participants to use the Courthouse grounds for Prom pictures on October 3, 2020 from 4:00p.m. to 6:30p.m. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Nath to approve Courthouse grounds for Junior Prom pictures on October 3, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

**PERSONNEL**

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste reported that Troy Haman was hired as a full-time Mechanic on August 31, 2020.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE PROJECTS**

Building and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor Wayne Drew presented quotes for concrete work on the Law Enforcement back driveway and sidewalks around the Courthouse property. Quotes were received as follows:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Driveway</b>	<b>Sidewalks</b>	<b>Total</b>
Martinez Concrete	\$14,000.00	\$37,000.00	\$51,000.00
Tim Rustad Construction	\$13,200.00	\$35,975.00	\$49,175.00
S & K Construction	\$15,874.00	\$41,765.40	\$57,639.40

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve the bid from Tim Rustad Construction in the amount of \$49,175.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nath, seconded by Johnson to approve the sale of the Bobcat skidsteer on a surplus auction. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Engineer Nick Bergman clarified the Highway department bill that was questioned on the consent agenda. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to amend the approval of consent agenda to include the Highway department bill that was originally excluded. Motion carried unanimously.

**LAND RENTAL BID OPENING – 10:00A.M.**

Engineer Nick Bergman conducted a bid opening for rental of approximately 181 acres located in Section 28 in the NW ¼ and NE ¼ of Rock Township. Bids received for a three-year contract were as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount (per acre/year)</b>
Wade Newgard	\$207.00
Brian Biegler	\$200.00

Motion by Nath, seconded by Johnson to accept the bid of \$207.00 per acre per year from Wade Newgard for lease of the land in 2021-2023 crop years. Motion carried unanimously.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioners reported on the following committee meetings:

Commissioner Hollingsworth: Toward Zero Deaths, Southwestern Mental Health, CPT, PCMC Board Meeting, Avera Education Meeting, PCMC regular meeting, Emergency Meeting for CPT.

Commissioner Johnson: Holland City Council, AMC Board, Southwest Research Center Soil and Water Management Field Day, Burke Township Board, Canvassing Board, AMC Research Committee, Altona Township Board, Executive Committee Meeting at PCMC, MHA Training, AMC bylaws committee, Woodstock City Council, Avera Board of Consultants, Avera Training Session, Hospital Board, Phone call with AMC Executive Director, Julie Ring, Special Budget Meeting, Grange Township Board, AREA II, RCRCA, MHA Training.

Commissioner Nath: CARES Act, Hospital Plant Operations, Special Commissioners Budget meeting, Southwestern Mental Health, Soil and Water, Canvassing Board, SWHHS, CARES Act, Board of Education at Prairie Center, Executive Session on Radio Board, CARES Act.

Commissioner Kooiman: PCMC Plant Operations, Budget Meetings, Executive Committee at PCMC, Avera Education Meeting.

Commissioner Wildermuth: CARES Act Meetings, SMOC Personnel, Pipestone Area Coalition, Southwest Mental Health 18 Consortium, SMOC regular meeting, AMC Committee.

## **BUDGET PRESENTATIONS**

The following individuals presented on their 2021 Budgets.

Pipestone County Museum Director Susan Hoskins and Library Director Jody Wacker.

County Attorney Damain Sandy presented the 2021 Attorney Budget. Attorney Sandy requested approval to hire Destiney Johnson as an Assistant County Attorney at a salary of \$55,000.00. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Johnson to approve hiring Destiney Johnson as an Assistant County Attorney effective October 5, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Auditor/Treasurer Tyler Reisch presented the 2021 Auditor/Treasurer and Elections Budgets.

Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Nath to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:33a.m.

Bruce Kooiman  
Pipestone County Board Chairman

ATTEST: Steven Ewing  
County Administrator