

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

**AGENDA**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. Approve Minutes of February 23, 2021
2. Auditors Warrants 2/26/21, 3/5/21
3. Commissioners Warrants in the amount of 218,953.68
4. Hospital Warrants \$572,981.60
5. Treasurers Report February 2021

Motion carried unanimously.

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

<b>Vendor Name</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>
MN Dept Of Corrections	\$26,864.31
Chandler Co-Op	18,714.27
Van Dyke Sanitation Inc	13,436.14
RTVision Inc	9,000.00
Equipment Blades Inc	8,932.00
Axon Enterprise Inc	6,715.00
Morris Electronics Inc	6,357.80
Pipestone County Highway Department	6,330.02
EBAY	5,068.69
O'Neill O'Neill & Barduson	4,886.00
Counties Providing Technology	4,779.00
TransMedic Billing	4,466.98
Jer's Electric, Inc.	4,175.22
Amazon Marketplace	3,866.44
Hildi Inc	3,700.00
Surplus Warehouse of Willmar Inc	3,700.00
Amazon.com	3,477.57
Pipestone County Medical Center	3,424.93
Pipestone Family Clinic	3,174.75
MN Counties Computer Cooperative Lockbox	2,966.00
Alpha Training & Tactics LLC	2,651.04
Fiala/Ernest G.	2,500.00
Pipestone Publishing Co Inc	2,427.93
Nobles County Auditor Treasurer	2,280.00
Kiesler's Police Supply Inc	2,269.23
Royal Tire Inc	2,062.88
Erickson Engineering Co Inc	2,047.50
Warrants over \$2,000	160,273.70
Number of Claims under \$2,000 114	
<u>Warrants under \$2,000</u>	<u>58,679.98</u>
Total	\$218,953.68

**EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTIONS**

Sheriff Keith Vreeman introduced Paul Mathews to the Board. Paul started in the Investigator position on March 1, 2021 and has been with Pipestone County as a Deputy Sheriff and Patrol Sergeant since 2010. Sheriff Vreeman also introduced Christopher Schultz who will be starting as a full-time Deputy Sheriff later this month. Schultz has been working as a part-time Jailer since November of 2020. Commissioners congratulated them on their new roles.

**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.

**ROW PAYMENTS**

Engineer Bergman requested approval of the following Right-of-Way payments:

Project	Land Owner	Payment
SAP 059-608-025	Mark J. and Carrie A. Hiniker	\$3,300.00
SAP 059-656-004	Lunstra Properties MN 2, LLC	\$590.00

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nath to approve the ROW payments and pay as an Auditors Warrant. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 59-15-21**

Engineer Bergman requested approval of Resolution 59-15-21 for the Grant Agreement to State Transportation Fund Local Bridge Replacement Program Grant Terms and Conditions. Total amount of the grant is \$281,293.50. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Roskamp to approve

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#### **MAINTENANCE UPDATES**

Engineer Bergman reported that in February the maintenance crew did some snow blowing at intersections and plowed snow seven days. Bergman also updated the board on the Motor Grader repairs.

#### **PERSONNEL**

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste requested approval of Don Harstad's retirement in good standing effective March 31, 2021. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Wildermuth to accept Don Harstad's retirement effective March 31, 2021. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioners expressed their thanks for Harstad's 39 years of service.

HR Coordinator Feste requested approval to hire two Highway Maintenance Workers at the Highway Department on Step F of the pay plan. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Roskamp to approve hiring of two Highway Maintenance Workers on Step F of the 2021 pay plan. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **2020 FEEDLOT REPORT, CUP CORRECTION**

Environmental Administrator Kyle Krier and SWCD Conservationist Lance Wheeler joined the meeting to present the 2020 County Feedlot Officer Annual Report required by MPCA. Motion by Nath, seconded by Johnson to approve the 2020 County Feedlot Officer Annual Report and authorize Board Chair signature. Motion carried unanimously.

Environmental Administrator Krier announced that a correction is required on the Conditional Use Permit for a wind tower on David Norgaard's property for Hilltop Power located on the North Half (N1/2) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section Twelve (12) in Elmer Township. Administrator Krier reported he will need the Board chair to sign the correction for the new Recording.

#### **RESOLUTION 59-14-21**

Motion by Nath, seconded by Roskamp to approve Resolution 59-14-21 that the Pipestone County Board of Commissioners recommends that Peter D. Petersen be appointed to the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System Board of Commissioners to complete the remaining portion of Glen Grant's term which is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **CASEY JONES LETTER OF SUPPORT**

Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Roskamp to authorize the Letter of Support stating that the Commissioners greatly support the Friends of the Casey Jones State Trail Association and the Association's main goal of having a multi-seasonal, multi-use trail to run through Rock, Pipestone, and Murray Counties to the Minnesota River. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioners reported on the following Committee meetings:

Commissioner Wildermuth: PrimeWest, SMOC, Pipestone Area Coalition, Southwest 18 Mental Health Consortium, SWHHS, Small Business Grant Committee, AMC Winter Conference, Hospital Governing Board, Casey Jones Trail.

#### **SHERIFF'S OFFICE PARKING LOT BIDS**

Building and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor Wayne Drew presented the following bids for concrete replacement on the Sheriff's Office parking lot.

Contractor	Scope	Total
Martinez Concrete Pipestone, MN	8,550 sq ft of removal asphalt and put new concrete slab 6" thick	\$50,000.00
Tim Rustad Constrution- LLC Pipestone, MN	8,810 sq ft of Parking Lot Removal and replacement	\$48,455.00

Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Nath to approve the bid of \$48,455.00 from Tim Rustad Construction. Further discussion followed with questions on the concrete specifications. Motion tabled until later in the meeting to give Wayne Drew time to find out concrete specifications.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioners reported on the following Committee Meetings:

Commissioner Nath: Hospital Vaccination Update, PrimeWest, Hospital Update, Southwest Mental Health (cancelled), SWCD, PCMC Plant Operations, Union Negotiations, SWHHS, Business Grant Committee, Executive Radio Board.

Commissioner Hollingsworth: Supporting Hands Nurse Family Partnership, Toward Zero Deaths, PCMC Vaccine Update, AMC Legislative Session, CPT, PCMC Board.

Commissioner Roskamp: Security Awareness Training, County Government 101, AMC Public Policy Public Safety, PrimeWest, Edgerton Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner Johnson: MHA Trustee Council, SWCD, Highway 23 Coalition, Minnesota Transportation Alliance, PCMC Plant Operations, Union Negotiations, Highway 23 Coalition, AMC Legislative Conference, AMC Environmental and Natural Resources Committee, AMC Board/AMC Futures Board, Prime Health, Highway 23 Coalition, Minnesota Transportation Alliance Summit, Courthouse Mediation, AMC Coffee, Area II, RCRCA, PrimeWest, PCMC Vaccine and Staffing Update, Minnesota Rural Counties.

#### **PARKING LOT BID AWARD**

Building and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor Wayne Drew clarified the concrete specifications on the parking lot bids. Prior motion to award Sheriff's Office parking lot project to Tim Rustad Construction for \$48,455.00 brought back for consideration. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **BID OPENINGS – 10:30AM**

Engineer Nick Bergman joined the meeting to open bids for box culverts projects SAP 059-656-001, SAP 059-656-002, SAP 059-656-003, and SAP 059-656-004. The following bids were received:

Planholder	Address	Bid Total
A & C Excavating	Marshall, MN	\$380,716.12
Henning Construction	Adrian, MN	\$418,560.12
Midwest Contracting, LLC	Marshall, MN	\$426,024.70
R and G Construction Co.	Marshall, MN	\$407,625.10

Bids were opened for 2021 overlays. The following bids were received:

Planholder	Address	Bid Total
Central Specialties, Inc.	Alexandria, MN	\$1,687,201.71
Duininck, Inc.	Prinsburg, MN	\$1,478,920.29

Bids were taken for review by Engineering staff.

**LETTER TO MPCA ON MN CLEAN CAR RULE**

Commissioner Johnson presented a draft letter to send to the MPCA on concerns regarding Minnesota Clean Car Rule. Commissioners discussed the comments and recommended removal of several paragraphs which may imply opposition to clean energy. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Roskamp to approve the letter for public comment including paragraphs on self-governance and jurisdiction. Discussion followed on further revisions.

**BID AWARD FOR BOX CULVERTS AND OVERLAYS**

Engineer Nick Bergman reported that low bids for both bid openings checked out.

Motion by Nath, seconded by Wildermuth to award the bid for box culverts projects SAP 059-656-001, SAP 059-656-002, SAP 059-656-003, and SAP 059-656-004 to A & C Excavating in the amount of \$380,716.12 contingent on County Attorney review and approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Roskamp, seconded by Hollingsworth to award the bid for 2021 overlays to Duininck, Inc. in the amount of \$1,478,920.29 contingent on County Attorney review and approval. Motion carried unanimously.

**LETTER TO MPCA ON MN CLEAN CAR RULE**

A revised letter was presented to the board with draft comments to be submitted to the MPCA. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Roskamp to amend the motion to approve the revised letter and authorize submission to the MPCA on behalf of the Pipestone County Board of Commissioners. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nath, seconded by Hollingsworth to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:22a.m.

Luke Johnson	ATTEST: Steven Ewing
Pipestone County Board Chairman	County Administrator