

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Minutes of April 13, 2021 Commissioners Meeting
2. Auditors Warrants 4/16/21, 4/22/21
3. Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$689,413.03

Motion carried unanimously.

NICK BERGMAN – ROAD AND BRIDGE ITEMS

Engineer Bergman presented quotes for the purchase of a Dynamic Speed Sign for the City of Ihlen:

Bids	Total cost
Trafficlogix – EV12EYL-SOLLA	\$2,809.00
Trafficalm – M75-012SE-0021	\$3,085.00

Engineer Bergman recommended purchasing the dynamic speed sign from Trafficlogix in the amount of \$2,809.00. Motion by Nath, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the quote from Trafficlogix for \$2809.00 with the City of Ihlen paying one half of the cost per county policy. Motion carried unanimously.

SET BID LETTING DATE FOR SAP 59-602-030, SAP 59-618-037, SAP 59-618-038, SAP 59-618-039 AND SAP 59-618-041

Engineer Bergman requested to set bid letting date of May 25, 2021 at 10:30am for bridge projects SAP 59-602-030, SAP 59-618-037, SAP 59-618-038, SAP 59-618-039 and SAP 59-618-041. Engineer Bergman reported that the projects may start in 2022 due to a potential shortage of pre-cast culverts. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Roskamp to set the bid letting date for May 25, 2021 at 10:30 am. Motion carried unanimously.

2021 MAINTENANCE STRIPING

Engineer Bergman requested approval for the annual road striping contract for 2021 to Traffic Marking Service Inc. \$35,000 is in the 2021 budget for the project.

Bids

Traffic Marking Service, Inc.	\$30,510.10
AAA Striping Service Co.	\$31,676.84

Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Nath to approve the quote from Traffic Marking Service Inc. for \$30,510.10. Motion carried unanimously.

2021 FALLING WEIGHT DEFLECTOMETER TESTING (FWD)

Engineer Bergman requested that the board approve the 2021 Falling Weight Deflectometer Testing quote from Braun Intertec at a cost of \$9,469.00. FWD testing is done to determine the different strength factors of an existing road. This information can be used to alter construction plans in order to reach a desired outcome in the cheapest possible manner. Engineer Bergman recommended testing 39.5 miles. Motion by Roskamp, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the quote from Braun Intertec for \$9,469.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Bergman reported that Pipestone County received a State Park Road Account Grant for approximately one half of the replacement cost of bridge 59515 on CSAH 20 South of Ihlen. The grant amount is \$474,112.13. He noted that there will be a sidewalk on the bridge that will join the walking path to the Split Rock Creek State Park.

Engineer Bergman reported that Pipestone County may receive funding for the Stone Arch Bridge South of the Split Rock Creek State Park entrance. Additional information will be forth-coming.

Engineer Bergman reported that road weight restrictions for the Southern Region of the state were removed by MnDOT on Monday April 26, 2021.

HIAWATHA SNO BLAZERS RESOLUTION 59-19-21

Auditor/Treasurer Tyler Reisch presented Resolution 59-19-21 Authorizing Pipestone County Sponsorship of Trails Operated by Pipestone County, Hiawatha Sno Blazers Club. Pipe-stone County will continue to be the fiscal agent for the Club and also is authorized to sign agree-ments with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. This agreement will remain in force for 5 years from April 27, 2021. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Nath to approve Resolu-tion 59-19-21 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

FFA USE OF FAIRGROUNDS BLUE EXHIBIT BUILDING

County Administrator Steve Ewing presented a request from the Pipestone County FFA to use the Fairgrounds Blue Exhibit Building at no charge for their annual banquet on May 5, 2021. The group usually holds the banquet at the Pipestone Area School,

however due to COVID19 re-strictions they cannot bring food into the building. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nath to ap-prove use of the Blue Exhibit Building for the annual FFA banquet. Motion carried unanimously.

STATE OF MINNESOTA, DEPARMENT OF CORRECTIONS JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

County Administrator Steve Ewing presented the Joint Powers Agreement between the State of Minnesota, Department of Corrections and Pipestone County for administrative services to the Probation Office State Agent(s) for one Full Time Equivalent (FTE) position completing up to 240 hours of work per month. The state will pay 50% of wage and benefits for services of the Probation Office Secretary for period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023 for a total state obli-gation of \$70,435.37. Motion by Nath, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the presented Joint Powers Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

County Administrator Steve Ewing presented information on the Notice of Public Hearing for the Southwest Regional Development Commission budget for fiscal year 2022. The meeting will be held on Thursday May 13, 2021 at 3:30pm via Zoom live streaming video and audio. A copy of the proposed 2022 fiscal year budget is posted on the public notice bulletin board at the Pipestone County Courthouse.

HOME TAX ABATEMENT PUBLIC HEARING – RESOLUTION 59-18-21

A Home Tax Abatement Public Hearing was held at 9:30am on a proposed property tax abatement request from Danny Evans, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 469.1813 and 116J.993 through 116J.995 consisting of new home construction located in Eden Township. It has been proposed that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Pipestone grant a Property Tax Abatement on this property 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 property for a period not to exceed three (3) years. The estimated value of abatement is approximately \$1,673.00 annually. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Nath to approve the property tax abatement re-quest from Danny Evans for new home construction on parcel number 04.017.0200 located in Eden Township. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) DEPARTMENT PURCHASE

Information Technology Director Bill Folger presented quotes for the purchase of a (SAN) Storage Area Network, SSD Drives and storage enclosure. Quotes were received from following for an HPE Smart Array 2050 SAN and storage enclosure.

Morris Electronics Inc. Morris, MN	\$41,280.10
SHI, Sommerset, NJ	\$45,423.73

Director Folger recommended the purchase from Morris Electronics, Morris, MN for \$41,280.10. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Roskamp to approve the purchase of the equipment as rec-ommended. Motion carried unanimously. Installation will take place in May 2021, and the pur-chase was noted to be in the 2021 IT Budget.

2021 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN UPDATE (ARP)

County Administrator Steve Ewing reported that no further information or guidance has been received from the U. S. Treasury Department on the status of the ARP plan. All required ac-counts and financial information are in order for the county to accept the federal payments. The latest information is that the first round of funding to counties and cities should be coming out the second week of May.

Administrator Ewing will leave the ARP act on future board agendas and will provide up-dates as they become available.

PERSONNEL, FAMILIES FIRST CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE ACT

County Administrator Steve Ewing presented a request to extend the FFCRA benefit for Emergency Sick Leave for eligible county employees from April 1, 2021 until September 30, 2021. The previous extension was January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve the extension until September 30, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

DERUYTER/NOVEL SOLAR GARDEN CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

County Zoning Administrator Kyle Krier presented the Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Recommendations from the County Planning and Zoning Commission on the Jeffrey DeRuyter and Novel Energy Solutions 1 megawatt solar garden to be constructed in SE ¼, Section 16, Aetna Township. The Planning Commission’s recommendations are as follows:

1. An Assurance Bond in the amount of \$50,000.00 payable to Pipestone County be provided prior to construction to ensure decommissioning.

2. The project be constructed as presented.

3. Applicant shall comply with all other Federal, State, and local permitting requirements.

Motion by Nath, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the presented Conditional Use Permit with the Pipestone County Planning Commission’s recommendations. Motion carried unanimous-ly.

CLOSED SESSION, CONSIDER REAL ESTATE PURCHASE M.S 13D.05 SUB 3 (3)

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nath to close the meeting pursuant to M.S. 13D.05 Subdivision 3, subsection 3. Real Estate to be discussed is parcel 18-810-0270 address is 415 8th Ave SE, Pipestone, Mn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was closed at 10:00a.m.

Present: Chairman Johnson, Commissioners Hollingsworth, Nath, Roskamp, Wildermuth, Admin-istrator Steve Ewing, Sheriff Keith Vreeman, Chief Deputy Mike Hamann, Auditor/ Treasurer Ty-ler Reisch, Building and Grounds Supervisor Wayne Drew.

