

The Pipestone County Commissioners met with Chairman Luke Johnson, Commissioners Chris Hollingsworth, Les Nath, Dallas Roskamp, and Dan Wildermuth. Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste was also present. County Administrator Steve Ewing absent. 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 Roskamp to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approve Minutes of April 27, 2021
2. Auditors Warrants 4/30/21, 5/7/21
3. Commissioners Warrants in the amount of \$265,481.16
4. Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$337,500.70
5. Treasurers Report April 2021

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Vendor Name	Amount Paid
Pipestone County Auditor-Treasurer	46,000.00
Johnson Controls, Inc	42,277.96
Papik Motors	33,285.00
Alpha Training & Tactics LLC	15,513.43
Van Dyke Sanitation Inc	13,293.86
Vanguard Appraisals Inc	11,425.00
Pipestone County Medical Center	5,873.56
Mid-American Research Chemical	5,806.53
O’Neill O’Neill & Barduson	4,886.00
Counties Providing Technology	4,829.00
American Solutions For Business	4,609.20
Pipestone County Highway Department	4,210.81
Zoom	3,322.75
Arinna LLC	3,075.39
Nobles County Auditor Treasurer	2,917.50
Emergency Automotive Technologies Inc	2,793.69
Revize LLC	2,790.00
SafeAssure Consultants Inc	2,768.41
Swenny’s Towing	2,709.21
Chandler Co-Op	2,679.03
Surplus Warehouse of Willmar Inc	2,255.00
Verizon Wireless	2,052.31
Warrants over \$2,000	\$219,373.64
Number of Claims under \$2,000	94
Warrants under \$2,000	\$46,107.52
Total	\$265,481.16

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 059-618-039	Keith A. and Toni L. Vreeman	\$1,670.00
SAP 059-618-037	Robert J. and Linda M. Schelhaas	\$700.00
SAP 059-602-030	Walter Smidt Jr. and Roxine Smidt	\$695.00
SAP 059-602-030	Wilma K. and Don Morrison	\$695.00
SAP 059-599-112	Frederick Fuhrmann	\$1,560.00
SAP 059-599-122	Ricky D. and Barbara J. Lingen	\$1,380.00
SAP 059-599-113	Jeffrey E. Madsen	\$1,250.00
SAP 059-599-113	Timothy C. and Laurie A. Madsen	\$2,080.00
SAP 059-599-111	Corey R. and Brianne Wessels	\$1,430.00
SAP 059-599-117	Edith Staab Irrevocable Trust	\$800.00

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

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

Engineer Bergman distributed the Annual Report for Commissioners’ review. Bergman asked Commissioners to review the report and he will bring back to answer any questions at next month’s board meeting.

FUEL BID OPENING DATE

Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Nath to set the bid opening for July through December 2021 fuel bids for the June 8, 2021 Commissioners Meeting at 10:15a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

MONTHLY MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Engineer Bergman reported that the maintenance crew has been crack sealing, ditch cleaning, re-seeding, and maintenance graveling. Upcoming activities include: starting spraying, fixing wash outs, finishing crack sealing, and shouldering on CR 18 and 9.

PERSONNEL

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste reported that Engineering Aide Trevor Locher has completed two years of service and Engineer Bergman and Assistant Engineer Jerid Johnson are requesting to promote him to an Engineering Technician. Motion by Roskamp, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the promotion of Trevor Locher to Engineering Technician effective June 1, 2021 and place him on Step B of the pay plan. Motion carried unanimously.

NOVEL ENERGY SOLAR GARDEN SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT

Commissioners were presented with a Solar Garden Subscription Agreement for the Public Service Building in which the County would be eligible for 25kw of additional solar rewards at the Public Services Building. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nath to table the decision until the May 25th board meeting in order for County Administrator Steve Ewing to explain the agreement in more detail. Motion carried unanimously.

RCRCA/AREA II JPA RENEWAL

Commissioner Johnson presented information on the 2021-2023 Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area Joint Powers Agreement. Pipestone County's appropriation is \$1,040.00. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Nath to approve the Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area Joint Powers Agreement effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023 and authorize Board Chair signature. Motion carried unanimously.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE REQUESTS

Building and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor Wayne Drew presented two quotes for installation of a mini-split system in the IT server room in the EMS building. The system is needed to ensure the room stays at a temperature which will not damage electronic equipment. The following quotes were received:

Quist Plumbing and Heating - \$6,717.00

Stout and Evink - \$5,903.00

Building and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor Wayne Drew recommended awarding the bid to Quist Plumbing and Heating due to more detailed quote and larger scope of the project. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve the quote from Quist Plumbing and Heating, Inc in the amount of \$6,717.00 for installation of a 3-ton low ambient mini-split in the IT server room at the EMS building. Motion carried unanimously.

Drew requested approval of a quote from Michael's Fencing in the amount of \$4,543.00 to replace the fencing around the Fairgrounds hog barn and add a gate. The costs for this will be reimbursed by the Ag Grant from the State, which totals \$11,614.00. Motion by Nath, seconded by Roskamp to approve the quote from Michael's Fencing in the amount of \$4,543.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Drew stated that Tim Totman from the Sons of the Legion would like to take over maintenance of Veterans Park at no charge. The group is also planning other improvements to the property such as painting and flag poles which will be brought back for approval at a later date. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Nath to approve the request of the Sons of the Legion to provide maintenance services for the Veterans Park. Motion carried unanimously.

Drew gave a brief update on the Pipestone County Fair, which is scheduled for August 4-7, 2021. There will be four nights of events at the Grandstand this year.

EMS OPEN HOUSE

EMS Director Casey Sievert reported that the public EMS Open House will be on May 20, 2021.

2020 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT PROGRAM

Emergency Management Director Casey Sievert presented for approval the 2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Agreement. Motion by Nath, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve the 2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement with the State of Minnesota which provides \$16,291.00 to be utilized for Emergency Management department operations. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioners reported on the following Committee meetings:

Commissioner Wildermuth: PrimeWest, Pipestone Area Coalition, Southwest Mental Health Consortium, Building and Grounds, Personnel, SMOC, Rural Minnesota Energy Board, SWHHS, Casey Jones Trail, Transit Advisory Meeting

Commissioner Roskamp: AMC Land Use, Conditional Use Permit Meeting for Novel Project, Plum Creek Library, Transit Advisory Meeting, Fair Board.

Commissioner Nath: PrimeWest, PCMC Plant Operations, SWCD, PCMC Executive Meeting, Southwest Mental Health, PCMC Executive Meeting, SWHHS, PCMC Board, Executive Radio Board, PCMC Executive Meeting

Commissioner Hollingsworth: Toward Zero Deaths, Southwest Mental Health, Friends of Casey Jones Trail, PCMC Update, CPT, PCMC Board

Commissioner Johnson: Holland City Council, District 8 Land Use, Highway 23 Coalition, AMC Board, PCMC Executive Meeting, Highway 23 Coalition, AMC Research Committee, Prime Health, PCMC Staffing Update, AMC Legislative Update, AMC Futures and AMC Board, PCMC Board, PCMC Executive Meeting, Minnesota Rural Counties, AMC Coffee, AREA II, RCRCA, PCMC Executive Committee and Plant Operations.

Motion by Nath, seconded by Wildermuth to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:11a.m.

Luke Johnson

ATTEST: Cathy Feste

Pipestone County Board Chairman Human Resources Coordinator