

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

NICK BERGMAN – ROAD AND BRIDGE ITEMS

Engineer Nick Bergman requested approval to replenish the culvert inventory. Bids received were as follows:

Company	Bid Amount
True North Steel	\$23,123.20
Contech Engineered Solutions	\$34,100.00

There is \$35,000.00 in the budget for culvert purchases. Bergman stated that the cost of culverts is expected to go up next month. Commissioners recommended Engineer Bergman order more at his discretion. Motion by Nath, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the bid from True North Steel in the amount of \$23,123.20 and authorize the purchase of additional culverts at the County Engineer's discretion. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Bergman presented information about an old steel truss bridge that is located at the landfill, which belongs to the DNR. Bergman stated that there have been several calls over the years to inquire about purchasing the bridge, but any purchase of it will be subject to the approval of the DNR.

Engineer Bergman reported that the request for donations for a bench on the Indian Lakes Trail garnered a lot of interest. Bergman stated that there are currently five parties interested in donating, and if US Fish and Wildlife approves it, there is the potential to install more than one. The County could donate pouring the concrete slabs. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Roskamp to authorize Bergman to proceed with requesting approval by US Fish and Wildlife to install more benches on Indian Lakes Trail. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Bergman asked if the Commissioners had any questions on the Road and Bridge Annual Report. Commissioners had no questions and thanked the Highway staff for the nicely-done report.

PERSONNEL

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste presented a revised job description for a Building and Grounds Maintenance Worker and requested approval to add a full-time Building and Grounds Maintenance Worker position to the Maintenance Department.

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve a new full-time Building and Grounds Maintenance Worker position and move forward with advertising immediately. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Roskamp to approve the revised Building and Grounds Maintenance Worker job description. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Minutes of May 11, 2021 Commissioners Meeting
2. Commissioners Warrants in the amount of \$312,723.84
3. Auditors Warrants 5/21/21, 5/25/21
4. Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$740,553.10

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Vendor Name	Amount Paid
Prime Health	77,188.72
Pipestone Soil & Water Cons Dist	75,000.00
Pipestone County Historical Society	40,000.00
Centerpoint Energy	13,288.29
Tyler Technologies Inc	9,520.94
Pipestone County Ag Society	9,000.00
MN Pollution Control Agency SI	8,560.25
MN Dept of Human Services	8,130.00
Pipestone County Medical Center	5,454.25
Pipestone County Highway Department	4,989.35
Edgerton Ambulance Assn	4,000.00
Jasper Ambulance Assn	4,000.00
Pipestone Fire Department	3,900.00
First Bank And Trust	3,598.40
Southwest Initiative Foundation	3,168.00
Pipestone Ambulance Assn	3,000.00

Pipestone Senior Center	3,000.00
Verizon Wireless	2,691.83
Emergency Automotive Technologies Inc	2,659.16
Southwest MN Workforce	
Development Board	2,550.00
Penguin Management Inc	2,508.00
Pipestone Performing Arts Center	2,500.00
MN IT Services	2,161.81
Warrants over \$2,000	\$290,869.00
Number of Claims under \$2,000	58
Warrants under \$2,000	\$21,854.84
Total	\$312,723.84

FEEDLOT PUBLIC MEETING – MIKE BAUSTIAN – 9:30A.M.

Environmental Administrator Kyle Krier and Mike Baustian joined the meeting. A Feedlot Public Meeting was held for the modification of Baustian’s existing feedlot located in the SW Quarter of Section 27 in Eden Township. No public comment was received. Commissioners wished him well on his expansion.

SOLAR GARDEN SUBSCRIPTION

County Administrator Steve Ewing presented information on the Novel Solar Garden Subscription at the Public Services Building. Brok Johnson of Novel Energy participated via Zoom and answered Commissioner questions. Novel found that the County is eligible for another 25kw of solar rewards with Xcel Energy at the Public Services Building, which would give Pipestone County a credit on their electricity bill.

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to remove the solar lease agreement from the table. Approval of the solar agreement was tabled at the May 11th Commissioner Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nath to approve the power purchase agreement with Novel Energy Solutions for 25kW of solar rewards. Motion carried unanimously.

2021 FEDERAL AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

County Administrator Steve Ewing reported that the County received the first American Rescue Plan payment of \$886,309.50 last week. The County has until December 31, 2024 to make decisions on projects to fund. There is still a lot of information coming out on what the stimulus money can be used for. Administrator Ewing stated that now the County Commissioners should be thinking of projects that their constituents would benefit from and continue to meet and discuss ideas for future projects.

VETERANS PARK FLAGPOLES AND FLAGS

County Administrator Steve Ewing requested approval to accept a donation and installation of three flag poles and flags for Veterans Memorial Park on Highway 23. Administrator Ewing reported that a group of businesses and organizations which includes TNT Repair, Sons of the American Legion, Musch Construction, Hank’s Food, and Buffalo Ridge Concrete wish to donate the three poles, and flags to be installed southeast of the shelter. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Nath to approve the donation of flags and flagpoles from area businesses/organizations to be installed at Veterans Park. Motion carried unanimously.

FAIRGROUNDS PROJECT

Building and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor Wayne Drew requested approval of a quote from Hog Slat Co./ Mike Thode for installation of gates in the Fairgrounds Hog Building. Cost of the project is \$8,127.04 with \$7,071.00 covered by the Ag Grant and a County share of \$1,056.04. Motion by Nath, seconded by Roskamp to approve the bid from Hog Slat Co./ Mike Thode for installation of gates in the Fairgrounds Hog Building. Motion carried unanimously.

2021 FIRST QUARTER BUDGET REPORT

County Administrator Steve Ewing reviewed the 2021 first quarter budget. Motion by Nath, seconded by Wildermuth to accept the 2021 first quarter budget report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MINNESOTA STATUTE 13D.01 AMENDMENT

County Attorney Damain Sandy joined the meeting to answer Commissioners’ questions regarding Chapter 14 – H.F. No. 820: An act relating to Open Meeting Law; providing for recording votes and interactive technology; providing for meetings during certain emergencies; allowing a member of a public body to attend a meeting from a private location more than three times in calendar year 2021; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, sections 13D.01, subdivisions 4, 5; 13D.015; 13D.02; 13D.021; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13D.

2021 BOX CULVERT BID OPENING SAP 059-602-030

County Engineer Nick Bergman opened bids for Box Culvert project 059-602-030. Bids received were as follows:

Planholder	Address	Bid Total
A & C Excavating	Marshall, MN	\$967,323.40
Midwest Contracting	Marshall, MN	\$1,016,931.00
R & G Construction	Marshall, MN	\$913,727.25

County Attorney Damain Sandy reported that bid bonds were acceptable. Engineering staff took bids for review.

Engineer Nick Bergman reported that there was a small correction to the R&G Construction bid and the new total is \$913,727.75. Bergman recommended awarding the bid to R&G Construction. Motion by Nath, seconded by Wildermuth to award the bid for box culvert project 059-602-030 to R & G Construction in the amount of \$913,727.75. Motion carried unanimously.

PIPESTONE COUNTY EMPLOYEE GRILL OUT

Administrator Ewing reported that the Pipestone County Employee Grill Out is scheduled for Tuesday, June 29, 2021.

Motion by Nath, seconded by Hollingsworth to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:05a.m.

Luke Johnson ATTEST: Steve Ewing
County Board Chairman County Administrator