

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.

RESOLUTION 59-22-21 LOCAL BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM AGREEMENT AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Engineer Nick Bergman requested approval of Resolution 59-22-21 Grant Agreement to State Transportation Fund Local Bridge Replacement Program Grant Terms and Conditions for projects SAP 059-618-037, SAP 059-618-038, and SAP 059-618-039. The amount of the grant is \$335,480.00. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Nath to approve Resolution 59-22-21. Motion carried unanimously.

BID OPENING FOR BOX CULVERT PROJECTS

Engineer Bergman requested the Board set a time for letting three box culvert projects near Ruthton; projects SAP 59-599-111, SAP 59-599-113, and SAP 59-599-122. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nath to set the letting date for projects SAP 59-599-111, SAP 59-599-113, and SAP 59-599-122 at 10:30a.m. on July 27, 2021 in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse. Motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASE OF AGGREGATE MATERIALS

Engineer Bergman requested approval to purchase aggregate materials from Rupp Construction. There are projects in areas of the County where the Highway department would save time and efficiency due to close location of the materials. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Roskamp to approve the purchase of aggregate materials from Rupp Construction at the Engineer's discretion. Motion carried unanimously.

TILE INSTALLATION

Engineer Bergman stated that the Highway department has identified about 25 miles of gravel roads they would like to improve. They would like to tile a couple spots this summer to see the results of the tile line versus ditch cleanout to determine what is more cost effective. The two areas identified are CR 61 from US 75 to Newalta Dairy and CR 73 from CSAH 7 North 1.5 miles. Bergman stated he plans to use wheelage tax money for the project. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Nath to approve the installation of tile in the two areas identified and authorize Engineer Bergman to obtain quotes for the project. Motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE VEHICLE PURCHASE

Chief Deputy Mike Hamann reported that one of the squad cars was in a crash and was totaled. Chief Deputy Hamann obtained quotes from several of the CPV contracted vendors. The two vehicles of greatest interest include a Chevrolet Tahoe for \$38,500 and an SSV Chevrolet Silverado for \$33,550.00 from North Country Chevrolet in Hibbing, MN. Hamann reported that the Sheriff's Office would try to purchase the Chevrolet Silverado for \$33,550.00 but if unavailable they would like to purchase the Chevrolet Tahoe for \$38,500.00. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Roskamp to authorize purchase of a Sheriff's Office vehicle up to \$38,500.00. Motion carried unanimously.

VOLUNTARY REDUCTION IN HOURS POLICY

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste presented the revised Voluntary Reduction in Hours Policy and asked that the Board make this a regular County policy. It has previously been extended in 2-year increments of time and expired the end of 2020. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Nath to approve the revised Voluntary Reduction in Hours Policy and make it a regular Personnel Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPUTY EMS DIRECTOR POSITION AND JOB DESCRIPTION

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste presented a revised job description for the Deputy EMS Director. Feste reported that EMS Director Casey Sievert would like to add back the Deputy EMS Director position and assign it to Cole Nordmeyer effective July 1, 2021. The Deputy EMS Director position would become part of Cole's job at a 50/50 Deputy EMS Director/Paramedic split and he would continue to work his regular schedule, therefore not resulting in adding any FTEs to the EMS Department. Feste plans to have a salary recommendation at the July 13th board meeting. Motion by Nath, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the Deputy EMS Director position description and authorize the appointment of Cole Nordmeyer to the position effective July 1, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

STATE SHUTDOWN DISCUSSION

County Administrator Steve Ewing and Auditor/Treasurer Tyler Reisch discussed potential issues of a state shutdown if a Legislative budget deal is not reached. The shutdown would start July 1, 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Minutes of June 8, 2021 Commissioners Meeting
2. Minutes of June 14, 2021 County Board of Appeal and Equalization
3. Auditors Warrants 6/11/21, 6/18/21

