

The Pipestone County Commissioners met with Chairman Luke Johnson, Commissioners Dallas Roskamp, Chris Hollingsworth and Dan Wildermuth. County Administrator Steve Ewing was also present. Commissioner Les Nath was 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 Hollingsworth to approve the agenda. Yeas: Johnson, Roskamp, Hollingsworth, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Nath. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approve Minutes of August 10, 2021
2. Auditors Warrants 8/13/21
3. Commissioners Warrants in the amount of \$381,633.75
4. Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$960,659.39
5. July 2021 Treasurers Report

Yeas: Johnson, Roskamp, Hollingsworth, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Nath.

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
RDO Equipment Company	\$ 253,140.29
Murray County Auditor-Treasurer	\$ 23,000.00
Chandler Co-Op	\$ 21,921.44
Pipestone County Auditor-Treasurer	\$ 18,750.00
Good Septic & Excavating	\$ 18,540.10
Nobles County Sheriff	\$ 11,500.00
Pipestone County Medical Center	\$ 5,550.25
Ziegler Inc	\$ 3,632.76
Emergency Automotive Technologies Inc	\$ 2,898.49
Brock White	\$ 2,340.00
Duininck Inc.	\$ 2,162.16
MN IT Services	\$ 2,078.23
Surplus Warehouse of Willmar Inc	\$ 2,065.00
Warrants over \$2,000	\$367,578.72
Number of Claims under \$2,000	47
Warrants under \$2,000	<u>\$14,055.03</u>
Total	<u><u>\$381,633.75</u></u>

CONCERNED CITIZENS PCMC PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Members of the public and employees of Pipestone County Medical Center appeared to discuss the recent departure of Dr. Jodi Scott from Pipestone County Medical Center and also Medical Center Operations. Those speaking were Lacy Thompson, Deb Blaue, Lindsey Prunty, Bailey Flanagan, and Dawn Wilson. Commissioners thanked the members of the public and employees from the Pipestone County Medical Center for attending the meeting.

NICK BERGMAN, HIGHWAY ENGINEER ROAD AND BRIDGE ITEMS

County Engineer Nick Bergman requested right of way payment as follows:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Land Owner:</u>	<u>Payment:</u>
SAP 059-599-107	Thomas K. Griebel and Barb Griebel.....	\$840.00
SAP 059-599-119	The Eugene P. Halbur Revocable Living Trust	\$180.00
SAP 059-599-119	The Linda L. Halbur Revocable Living Trust	\$180.00
SAP 059-599-118	John Dethmers	\$660.00

Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the right of way payments as presented. Yeas: Johnson, Roskamp, Hollingsworth, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Nath. Motion carried.

Engineer Bergman requested to set two bid openings for September 28, 2021 for projects SAP 59-602-029 and SAP 59-602-004. Project locations are: SAP 59-602-029, CSAH 2, West of Hwy 23 and SAP 59-602-004, CSAH 20, South of CSAH 2. Motion by Wildermuth seconded by Roskamp to set September 28, 2021 at 10:30 AM for the bid opening. Yeas: Johnson, Roskamp, Hollingsworth, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Nath. Motion carried.

The second bid opening is for projects SAP 059-599-107, SAP 059-599-115, SAP 059-599-118, and SAP 059-599-119. Project Locations are: SAP 059-599-107: CR 61 just South of CSAH 16 by Hatfield, SAP 059-599-115: CR 63 @1/4-mile South of CSAH 2, SAP 059-599-118: CR 83 west of CSAH 16 by Holland, SAP 059-599-119: 30th Ave, North of 61st St.

Motion by Wildermuth seconded by Hollingsworth to set September 28, 2021 at 10:30 AM for the second bid opening. Yeas: Johnson, Roskamp, Hollingsworth, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Nath. Motion carried.

Engineer Bergman presented information on road designation swaps possibly giving up lower traffic gravel roads for state aid roads and possibly obtaining a state grant for county road 54 going through Ihlen that connects with county road 20 going to the Split Rock Creek State Park possibly obtaining state park funds, and also 4th Street in Edgerton. Swapping roads would

allow the county to use state aid funds for road work on higher traffic roads. More information will follow.

PERSONNEL

Administrator Ewing presented the Auditor/Treasurer pay plan recommendation as evaluated by Gallagher Benefits, the county's compensation consulting firm. Based on the job description and decision-making requirements the recommendation is to place the position on the county pay plan at a rating of D63. The pay range would be \$77,937.60 to \$105,185.60. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the recommended rating of D63 and the presented pay range. Yeas: Johnson, Roskamp, Hollingsworth, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Nath. Motion carried.

Administrator Ewing requested approval to advertise to fill a 24 hour per week Highway Accountant position that would be a job share with the current Highway Accountant Leslie Lueck. The position would have Leslie Lueck working 16 hours per week and the new person working 24 hours per week. Insurance would be paid under a 2/5 and 3/5 contribution and vacation and sick leave accruals would also be prorated. Motion by Roskamp, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the Highway Accountant job share proposal. Yeas: Johnson, Roskamp, Hollingsworth, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Nath. Motion carried.

SECOND QUARTER BUDGET REPORT

Administrator Ewing presented the second quarter budget report through June 30, 2021.

Commissioners reviewed the report as presented. Each department is noted to be on track for 50% of yearly budget. Ambulance was noted to be over budget due to purchase of new ambulance earlier this year. However, funds were used out of the ambulance reserves. Fairgrounds was noted to be at a -92% due to a reimbursement from the fair board from past grant funds that have paid back to the county. Motion by Hollingsworth seconded by Roskamp to approve the second quarter 2021 budget report. Yeas: Johnson, Roskamp, Hollingsworth, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Nath. Motion carried.

SET NEW HOME TAX ABATEMENT PUBLIC HEARING DATE

Administrator Ewing presented information on a new home tax abatement for Mr. Mark J. Robinson for parcel 18-600-0860 at 512 8th Ave SW, City of Pipestone. Approximate annual county tax abatement would be \$590 for 3 years. Motion by Roskamp, seconded by Wildermuth

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to set the new home tax abatement public hearing for September 14, 2021 at 9:30 AM. Yeas: Johnson, Roskamp, Hollingsworth, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Nath. Motion carried.

2022 BUDGET REVIEW –County Assessor

County Assessor Joyce Schmidt presented the Assessor's Office proposed 2022 budget.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:04a.m.

Luke Johnson
Pipestone County Board Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Steven Ewing
County Administrator

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