

The Pipestone County Commissioners met with Chairman Les Nath, Commissioners Chris Hollingsworth, Luke Johnson, Dallas Roskamp and Dan Wildermuth. County Administrator Steve Ewing was also present. Chairman Nath called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**AGENDA**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. Approve Minutes of 03/22/2022 Commissioner Meeting
2. Approve Auditors Warrants 3/25/22, 3/30/22, 4/8/22
3. Approve Commissioner Warrants in the amount of \$349,219.64
4. Approve Hospital Warrants \$570,053.63
5. Approve Treasurers Report March 2022

Motion carried unanimously.

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

<b>Vendor Name</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>
Johnson Controls, Inc	42,116.90
Brock White	30,120.50
MN Dept Of Corrections	28,259.62
Regents Of The University Of Minnesota	28,037.25
Pictometry International Corp	22,548.67
Visa-First Bank & Trust	19,431.83
Van Dyke Sanitation Inc	13,551.85
Royal Tire Inc	12,474.95
Midwest Alarm Company, Inc	10,000.00
Nobles County Auditor Treasurer	9,300.00
SHI International Corp	9,196.00
Motorola Solutions Inc	8,635.53
Morris Electronics Inc	8,505.70
Lyon County Jail	8,460.00
Pipestone County Highway Department	8,173.60
Pipestone County Auditor-Treasurer	7,920.00
Erickson Engineering Co Inc	5,004.00
O'Neill O'Neill & Barduson	4,924.00
Schumacher Elevator Company	4,875.00
Cellebrite Inc	4,300.00
Amazon Capital Services	4,075.23
Mid-American Research Chemical	4,035.42
BioAg Energy Services	3,471.12
TNT Services & Plumbing Inc	2,798.59
Bueltel-Moseng Land Surveying, Inc.	2,630.00
TransMedic Billing	2,538.20
Penguin Management Inc	2,514.00
Citizen Observer LLC	2,200.00
Warrants over \$2,000	\$310,097.96
Number of Claims under \$2,000	98
Warrants under \$2,000	<u>\$39,121.68</u>
Total	\$349,219.64

**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.

**SURPLUS EQUIPMENT**

Engineer Bergman requested approval to sell a variety of surplus equipment either through a bid process or through an auction service. Consensus of the board to table the decision to sell the identified Highway Department surplus equipment in order to check on surplus equipment status of other County departments.

**TRACTOR PURCHASE**

Engineer Bergman presented the following quotes for a new tractor and Diamond Mower.

Bids

RDO Equipment

6130M w/ Diamond Mower:	\$176,144.32
Trade in of (Unit #37):	\$(30,000)
Net trade cost:	\$146,144.32

Titan Machinery

Max125 w/ Diamond Mower:	\$183,980.00
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Trade in of (Unit #37): \$(37,000)  
Net trade cost: \$146,980.00

Motion by Roskamp, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve the quote from RDO Equipment for the purchase of a JD 6130M tractor and Diamond Mower in the amount of \$146,144.32. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **BACKHOE PURCHASE**

Engineer Bergman presented two quotes for purchase of a backhoe.

Bids

RDO Equipment

JD 410L: \$145,330.47

Warranty (60mo/3,000 hrs): \$2,050.00

Trade in of (Unit #33): \$(7,500.00)

Net trade cost: \$139,880.47

Ziegler Cat

420XE: \$153,586.19

Warranty (60mo/3,000 hrs):\$4,980.00

Trade in of (Unit #33): \$(1,500)

Net trade cost: \$157,066.19

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve the purchase of a JD 410L Backhoe from RDO Equipment for \$139,880.47. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **MAINTENANCE UPDATES**

Engineer Bergman reported that the Minnett Krantz Reservoir is owned by the County and the County can determine the level of maintenance and access they want to allow. General maintenance updates from the past month were: six weather events, pumping water from culverts, digging on County Road 2 due to an old railroad bed, garbage pickup, applying mastic on County Road 10, sweeping bridge decks, and sign repair.

#### **CLASSIFICATION OF TAX FORFEITED LANDS PUBLIC MEETING**

Auditor/Treasurer Amanda Sandy presented information on the required public meeting for tax forfeited land. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nath to approve the Notice of Public Meeting on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 10:00a.m. for the purpose of classifying parcels of tax forfeited land in Pipestone County as conservation or non-conservation land under Minnesota Statute 282.01. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **PERSONNEL**

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste reported that Justin Schroyer resigned his position as full-time Jailer/Dispatcher effective May 1, 2022 and requested approval of a separation agreement between Justin Schroyer and Pipestone County. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Roskamp to approve the separation agreement between Justin Schroyer and Pipestone County accepting Mr. Schroyer's resignation effective May 1, 2022 and authorizing Pipestone County HR Coordinator Cathy Feste's signature. Motion carried unanimously.

HR Coordinator Feste announced that Cory Hakala will be starting as a full-time Jailer/Dispatcher on April 19, 2022.

#### **HOME TAX ABATEMENT PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Notion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Johnson to open the Home Tax Abatement Public Hearings at 10:00a.m. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Nath open the meeting. Auditor/Treasurer Amanda Sandy reviewed the following tax abatement applications: Matthew and Heidi Schaefer, parcel ID 01-005-0550 located in Aetna Township, and Lloyd Zwart, parcel ID: 13-460-0070, located in the City of Edgerton. No public comment was received.

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve the tax abatement for Lloyd Zwart, parcel ID: 13-460-0070, located in the City of Edgerton. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth, to approve the tax abatement for Matthew and Heidi Schaefer, parcel ID 01-005-0550, located in Aetna Township. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Roskamp, seconded by Hollingsworth to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Public hearing closed at 10:03a.m.

#### **PIPESTONE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB GUN RANGE PROPOSAL**

Members of the Pipestone County Sportsmen's Club Dave Sommers, Brad Bolluyt, and Joe Schelhaas presented a land use proposal for the old gravel pit located at 1491 131st St, Rock Township Section 31. The Sportsmen's Club would like to buy or lease the land for development of a shooting range open to public use. Club members reported that 4-H, the Pipestone County Sheriff's Office, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Pipestone American Legion Post 6 and Pipestone County Pheasants Forever have endorsed the club's plans. County Attorney Damain Sandy advised the board that they would have to go through a competitive bidding process for the sale or lease of the land. Motion by Roskamp, seconded by Nath to pursue a long-term lease or sale of the property at 1491 131st Street in Section 31 of Rock Township, and direct County Attorney Damain Sandy and County Administrator Steve Ewing to work with the Building Committee and develop a draft lease agreement and advertisement for bids. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **CLOSED SESSION – SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY – M.S. 13D.05 Subd.3 (1)**

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to close the meeting for discussion of the sale of County Property located at Lot 1, Block 1, North Hiawatha Addition in the City of Pipestone. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting closed at 10:38a.m. Present at the closed session: Commissioners Hollingsworth, Johnson, Nath, Roskamp, and Wildermuth, County Administrator Steve Ewing, and HR Coordinator Cathy Feste. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to open the closed session. Meeting opened at 10:48a.m. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nath to approve the bidding documents for the potential sale of County Property located at Lot 1, Block 1, North Hiawatha Addition in the City of Pipestone and advertise for bids. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Minnesota District 22 Senator Bill Weber presented an update on the current legislative session and answered questions from Commissioners, Pipestone and Edgerton City Officials, and County staff. Commissioners thanked Senator Weber for attending the meeting.

#### **2020 AUDIT REVIEW**

Auditor Treasurer Amanda Sandy and Eide Bailly Partner Jamie Fay joined the meeting to present the 2020 Audit Summary and Financial Statements. Pipestone County received an unmodified opinion on the 2020 audit.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Chairman Nath postponed Committee Reports to the April 26, 2022 Commissioners Meeting.

Motion by Roskamp, seconded by Hollingsworth to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:55a.m.

Les Nath

ATTEST: Steven Ewing

Pipestone County Board Chairman

County Administrator