

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approve Minutes: 4/12/22 Commissioners Meeting
2. Approve Commissioners Warrants in the amount of \$133,983.70
3. Approve Auditors Warrants 4/15/22, 4/22/22
4. Approve Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$640,064.97

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Vendor Name	Amount Paid
Southwest Health & Human Services	34,185.75
MN Dept of Corrections	31,481.86
Motorola Solutions Inc	21,107.00
Eide Bailly LLP	13,800.00
Pipestone County Highway Department	8,799.31
Erickson Engineering Co Inc	4,152.00
MN Dept of Transportation	3,970.99
Warrants over \$2,000	\$117,496.91
Number of Claims under \$2,000	41
Warrants under \$2,000	<u>\$16,486.79</u>
Total	\$133,983.70

RESOLUTION 59-20-22 COUNTY APPRECIATION DAY PROCLAMATION

County Administrator Steve Ewing presented Resolution 59-20-22 commending the commitment and dedication to public service excellence of county staff and officials by proclaiming April 26, 2022 County Government Appreciation Day, as proclaimed by Governor Tim Walz. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to approve Resolution 59-20-22 County Government Appreciation Day. Motion carried unanimously. Administrator Ewing reported that Pipestone County will celebrate in June with the annual employee grill out.

ROAD AND BRIDGE ITEMS

Engineer Nick Bergman reported that they have requested bids on annual maintenance striping, and they should be ready for approval at the May 10, 2022 Commissioners Meeting.

Engineer Nick Bergman requested approval to purchase spraying chemicals for road ditch spraying from Nutrien Ag Solutions in the amount of \$15,040.10. This bid is off of the state contract. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to purchase spraying chemicals from Nutrien Ag Solutions in the amount of \$15,040.10. Motion carried unanimously.

JAIL ITEMS

Jail Administrator Tyler Rippentrop and Sheriff Keith Vreeman joined the meeting. They introduced two new full-time Jailer/Dispatchers, Cory Hakala and Seth Hum to the board.

Sheriff Vreeman and Jail Administrator Rippentrop reported that the Jail is in need of a new Correctional Healthcare Services contract. Pipestone County Medical Center is no longer able to provide this service due to medical provider insurance coverage issues. Two quotes received were as follows:

- Advanced Correctional Healthcare - \$71,778.94 annual fee
- MEND Correctional Care - \$46,900 annual fee

Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Roskamp to approve the contract with MEND Correctional Care in the amount of \$46,900.00. Motion carried unanimously. The contract with MEND includes a Management Team and Transitional Plan, Medical Director, Prescribing Psychiatric Provider, Nursing Staff, Staff Education and Training, and additional services.

SOLID WASTE ASSESSMENT ABATEMENT

Auditor/Treasurer Amanda Sandy requested approval of a Solid Waste Abatement on parcel ID 18.200.3340 for Lenae and Edward Scholten due to the nature of the building being changed from a commercial building to personal storage. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve the Solid Waste Fee Abatement in the amount of \$54.00 for parcel ID 18.200.3340 owned by Lenae and Edward Scholten. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Johnson requested information on qualifications of a solid waste abatement or exemption. Environmental Administrator Kyle Krier will clarify later in the meeting.

BALLOT DROP BOX GRANT

Auditor/Treasurer Amanda Sandy requested approval to apply for the Drop Box Grant Program for Minnesota Counties and Municipalities. Auditor/Treasurer Sandy stated that it's a reimbursable grant, so there are no County match requirements if the County decides not to install a Ballot Drop Box. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Johnson to approve the 2022 Application for Drop Box Grant Program for Minnesota Counties and Municipalities. Motion carried unanimously.

PLUM CREEK LIBRARY UPDATE

Plum Creek Library Director Elizabeth Hudson joined the meeting to introduce herself as the new Plum Creek Library Director. She was joined by Meinders Community Library Director Jody Wacker and Edgerton Public Library Director Dena Berghorst. Director Hudson gave a brief overview of Plum Creek Library and the library's recent activities and services. Director Berghorst reviewed the Edgerton Public Library Annual Report. Meinders Community Library Director Wacker reviewed the Pipestone library's services over the past year and upcoming events.

PERSONNEL

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste announced that Seth Hum started as a full-time Jailer/Dispatcher on April 19, 2022.

HR Coordinator Feste requested approval to appoint Emaleigh Vreeman as the Pipestone County Recorder effective May 31, 2022. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Roskamp to approve the appointment of Emaleigh Vreeman as the Pipestone County Recorder on step B of the pay plan, effective May 31, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

SOLID WASTE ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

Environmental Administrator Kyle Krier and Deputy Assessor Chris McChesney briefly reviewed the Solid Waste Management Service Fee Ordinance, and which properties are subject to assessment fees.

2022 COMMISSIONERS REDISTRICTING PLAN

Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Roskamp to open the 2022 Pipestone County Commissioner Redistricting Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Public Hearing opened at 10:09a.m. No public comment was received. Auditor/Treasurer Amanda Sandy reported that the recommendation is to keep the district lines the same. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Johnson to approve Resolution 59-21-22 Resolution for Adoption of Commissioner Districts. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Public hearing closed at 10:11a.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioners reported on the following Committee Meetings:

Commissioner Roskamp: AMC Legislative Conference: Minnesota Rural Counties, General Session, Capital Dinner, Senator Weber Meeting, Legislative Reception, Policy Meetings, Redistricting, Library Public Meeting, Prime Health, Rural Minnesota Energy Board.

Commissioner Wildermuth: SMOC Staff Meeting, Explore Southwest, Friends of Casey Jones Trail, Pipestone Area Coalition, PrimeWest, Redistricting, SWHHS, Clean Energy Program, SMOC, Prime Health, Solid Waste Commission, Rural Minnesota Energy Board, Opioid Training.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, JOE SCHOMACKER – LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Minnesota District 22 Representative Joe Schomacker attended the meeting via Zoom to give a legislative update and answer Commissioner questions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioners reported on the following Committee Meetings:

Commissioner Johnson: Plant Operations, Hospital Union Negotiations, One Watershed One Plan, Redistricting Committee, Prime Health Informational Meeting, Avera Board of Consultants, Regional Solid Waste, AMC Leadership Conference, Minnesota Rural Counties, AREA II, RCRCA, Plant Operations, District 8 Land Use, SWCD, AMC Board, MHA Trustee Council, Hospital Union Negotiations, Testified with Senator Weber to Senate Transportation Committee via Zoom, Special City Council Meeting in Holland, Kickoff of Lake Redwood Dredging Project

Commissioner Hollingsworth: Explore Southwest, SRDC, Redistricting Committee, CPT

Commissioner Nath: Plant Operations, PCMC Union Negotiations (2), Southwest Mental Health, PrimeWest Zoom, Collaborative Board in Luverne, Southwest Mental Health Executive Board, Redistricting Committee, Lincoln County presentation for Buffalo Ridge Drug Task Force, SWHHS, Southwest Mental Health and Western Mental Health Zoom, SW PIC, Radio Board, Prime Health Informational Meeting, Extension

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:13a.m.

Les Nath

Pipestone County Board Chairman

ATTEST: Steven Ewing

County Administrator