

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 Hollingsworth to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Approve Minutes of 04/26/2022 Commissioner Meeting
2. Approve Auditors Warrants 4/29/22, 5/9/22, 5/10/22
3. Approve Commissioner Warrants in the amount of \$377,819.19
4. Approve Hospital Warrants \$645,672.29
5. Approve Treasurers Report April 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>
Pipestone Soil & Water Cons Dist	75,000.00
Pipestone County Historical Society	42,000.00
Alpha Wireless Communications Co	34,859.00
Johnson Controls, Inc	22,149.15
Meinders Community Library	18,445.80
Visa-First Bank & Trust	17,048.19
Van Dyke Sanitation Inc	13,673.90
Edgerton Public Library	12,297.20
Vanguard Appraisals Inc	11,425.00
Pipestone County Ag Society	9,000.00
Ratwik Roszak & Maloney PA	8,286.89
MN Pollution Control Agency	8,184.36
Nobles County Auditor Treasurer	6,186.00
SafeAssure Consultants Inc	5,647.57
O'Neill O'Neill & Barduson	4,924.00
Counties Providing Technology	4,918.00
Mid-American Research Chemical	4,358.12
Edgerton Ambulance Assn	4,000.00
Jasper Ambulance Assn	4,000.00
Pipestone Fire Department	3,900.00
Lyon County Jail	3,665.00
Southwest Initiative Foundation	3,300.00
Plum Creek Library System	3,250.00
Pipestone Ambulance Assn	3,000.00
Pipestone Senior Center	3,000.00
Southwest MN Workforce Development Board	2,550.00
Surplus Warehouse of Willmar Inc	2,530.00
BioAg Energy Services	2,513.46
Pipestone Performing Arts Center	2,500.00
Morris Electronics Inc	2,067.83
Warrants over \$2,000	\$338,679.47
Number of Claims under \$2,000	86
Warrants under \$2,000	\$39,139.72
Total	\$377,819.19

**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.

**RESOLUTION 59-24-22 STATE OF MINNESOTA MASTER PARTNERSHIP CONTRACT**

Engineer Bergman requested approval of Resolution 59-24-22 which approves the Master Partnership Contract with the Minnesota Department of Transportation effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027. The purpose of the contract is to be able to undertake collaborative efforts for the design, construction, maintenance, and operation of state and local roads. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve 59-24-22 which approves the Master Partnership Contract with the Minnesota Department of Transportation effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027 and authorize County Engineer and County Administrator signatures. Motion carried unanimously.

**2022 MAINTENANCE STRIPING**

Engineer Bergman presented the following quotes for the 2022 maintenance striping contract.

<b>Company</b>	<b>Bid</b>
Sir Lines-A-Lot LLC	\$28,389.15
Traffic Marking Service, Inc.	\$31,937.79

Motion by Roskamp, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the 2022 maintenance striping bid from Sir Lines-A-Lot LLC in the amount of \$28,389.15. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **CULVERT PURCHASE**

Engineer Bergman presented two quotes to replace their inventory of culverts. Bergman stated that most of the culverts are resold and the County recoups most of this expense. Quotes received were as follows:

<b>Company</b>	<b>Bid</b>
True North Steel	\$25,212.80
Contech Engineered Solutions	\$27,085.85

Motion by Roskamp, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the bid from True North Steel in the amount of \$25,212.80. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **MAINTENANCE UPDATES**

Engineer Bergman reported on the following maintenance activities from the past month:

- We had some frozen culverts that were backing up water, this would have caused the water to overtop the road so we pumped it across instead thus preventing road surface damage.
- We completed installation of the new mastic material that was tried out.
- We have been doing sweeping.
- We plowed snow
- We removed a beaver dam South of Hatfield
- We replaced signs damaged in the recent wind storms

#### **2022 FIRST QUARTER BUDGET**

Administrator Steve Ewing reviewed the 2022 first quarter budget report. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the 2022 first quarter budget report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **CPT AGREEMENT**

Administrator Ewing presented the revised Counties Providing Technology (CPT) Joint Powers Agreement for approval. Motion by Roskamp, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve the Revised Counties Providing Technology (CPT) Joint Powers Agreement and authorize board chair and County Administrator signatures. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **COURTHOUSE GROUNDS USE**

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve the use of the Courthouse Grounds on July 30, 2022 for a Christian Music Festival. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Roskamp to authorize use of Courthouse Grounds and the former Central School Property on June 24 and 25, 2022 for the Watertower Festival. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the use of the Courthouse parking lot on May 14, 2022 for the Master Gardeners Plant Sale. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **K-9 PURCHASE**

Sheriff Keith Vreeman and Lieutenant Edison Dengler presented information on the purchase of a Narcotics Detection Dog for the Sheriff's Office. This K-9 would be in addition to the current two K-9s, who are nearing retirement age. Sheriff Vreeman and Lieutenant Dengler presented a quote from North Iowa K-9 in the amount of \$7,000.00. In addition to this, the costs would include training time and travel for a current Deputy Sheriff. They are able to use drug seizure money for this purchase. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Wildermuth to authorize the purchase of a Single-Purpose Narcotics Detection Dog from North Area K-9 at a cost of \$7,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT**

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the Southwest Minnesota Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Joint Powers Agreement effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **RESOLUTION 59-23-22 DROP BOX GRANT PROGRAM**

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Johnson to approve Resolution 59-23-22 Drop Box Grant Program for Minnesota Counties and Municipalities approving Pipestone County's Application for Funding from the Drop Box Grant Program. Motion carried unanimously. There is up to \$15,000 available per drop box in grant funds.

#### **SCHEDULE HOME TAX ABATEMENT PUBLIC HEARING**

Administrator Ewing presented information on a home tax abatement for Mitchell and Nicole Nelson located in Gray Township. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Wildermuth to schedule a public hearing on May 24, 2022 at 10:00a.m. in regards to a home tax abatement for new home construction by Mitchell and Nicole Nelson located in Gray Township. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **RCRCA JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT**

Motion by Nath, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the revised Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area (RCRCA) Joint Powers Agreement effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023 and authorize Commissioner Johnson and SWCD Chairman Brad Kruisselbrink to sign the agreement. Pipestone County's appropriation is \$1,040.00. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **EMPLOYEE GRILL OUT**

Consensus of the Commissioners to schedule the annual Pipestone County Employee Grill Out on Monday, June 13 at the EMS building.

#### **SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY – LOT 1 BLOCK 1 NORTH HIAWATHA ADDITION**

Administrator Ewing opened bids for the sale of County Property located at Lot 1, Block 1, North Hiawatha Addition in the City of Pipestone. One bid was received from Southwest Minnesota Opportunity Council for \$40,000.00. Administrator Ewing reported that the necessary bid security check was included. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to accept the bid from Southwest Minnesota Opportunity Council for \$40,000 and begin the process for sale of Lot 1, Block 1, North Hiawatha Addition in the City of Pipestone. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **AUDIO VIDEO SYSTEM**

Information Technology Director Bill Folger presented two quotes for an upgrade to the Audio Video system in the Courthouse Commissioners Room and Community Room. Quotes received were as follows:

<b>Company</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
AVI	\$48,767.05

Mid States Audio & Video \$54,869.13

American Rescue Plan funds can be used for this upgrade. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Roskamp to approve the quote from AVI for upgrading the Courthouse Community Room and Commissioners Room Auditor/Video System in the amount of \$48,767.05. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioners reported on the following committee meetings:

Commissioner Roskamp: Plum Creek Executive Board and Regular Meeting, Transit Advisory Committee, Rural Minnesota Energy Board.

Commissioner Wildermuth: SMOC, PrimeWest, Southwest 18 Mental Health Consortium, PCMC Quality Control, SMOC, SWHHS, Building and Grounds, PACE, SMOC, Transit Advisory.

Commissioner Johnson: PCMC, Highway 23 Coalition, Prime Health, AMC Research Committee, MNA Union Negotiations, AREA II, RCRCA, Highway 23 GAP Project Groundbreaking, Minnesota Rural Counties.

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

Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Wildermuth to close the meeting for discussion of the potential sale of County property Old Landfill Parcel ID 10.031.0100 Section 31 Rock Township. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting closed at 10:33a.m.

Present at Closed Session: Commissioners Hollingsworth, Johnson, Nath, Roskamp, Wildermuth, County Administrator Steve Ewing, Engineer Nick Bergman, and Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste.

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Roskamp to open the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting opened at 10:48a.m

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Johnson to sell the old County landfill, Parcel ID 10.031.0100 Section 31 Rock Township and advertise for sealed bids. Motion carried unanimously.

**PIPESTONE SPORTSMEN’S CLUB – OLD LANDFILL USAGE**

Members of the Pipestone Sportsmen’s Club reported that they plan to bid on the old County landfill property.

**SOUTHWEST MENTAL HEALTH CENTER BUILDING RENOVATION**

Building and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor Wayne Drew presented bids for General Construction upgrades to the former Southwest Mental Health Center building located at 1016 8th Ave SW, Pipestone as follows:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Griebel Custom Homes	\$66,361.00
Prairie Construction, LLC	\$79,754.10

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the bid from Griebel Custom Homes in the amount of \$66,361.00. Commissioner Hollingsworth questioned the ability of the building to meet future space needs. The Building Committee plans to move Extension and Soil and Water Conservation District once the building is remodeled and the lot has room for future building projects, such as a Farm Service Agency building. Costs for the remodel are significantly less than building a comparable-sized building. County Administrator Ewing stated that the County plans to use American Rescue Plan funds to pay for the project. Motion by Commissioner Wildermuth to amend the original motion to move forward with the Southwest Mental Health Center remodeling project as a whole and award the General Construction bid to Griebel Custom Homes in the amount of \$66,361.00. Commissioner Johnson seconded the amended motion. Motion carried unanimously. The amended motion became the main motion and all voted unanimously.

Building and Grounds Supervisor Drew presented the following quotes for HVAC systems upgrade.

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Stout & Evink	\$32,313.00
Quist Plumbing & Heating	\$42,326.90

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Roskamp to award the HVAC systems upgrade bid to Stout & Evink in the amount of \$32,313.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Building and Grounds Supervisor Drew reported that one quote was received for an Air Exchange System from Stout and Evink in the amount of \$4,888.00. Motion by Roskamp, seconded by Nath to approve the Air Exchange System quote from Stout and Evink in the amount of \$4,888.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Quotes received for perimeter tile drainage were as follows:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Double “D” Gravel Inc.	\$9,800.00
Woelber Excavating	\$9,640.00

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Roskamp to approve the bid from Woelber Excavating for perimeter tile drainage in the amount of \$9,640.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Building and Grounds Supervisor Drew requested approval to purchase Atmos Air Units on four furnace air handlers from Mechanical Sales in the amount of \$2,600.00. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the purchase of four Atmos Air Units from Mechanical Sales in the amount of \$2,600.00. Motion carried unanimously.

IT Director Bill Folger presented two quotes for a Connectivity Fiber Line project as follows:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Engbarth Directional Boring	\$76,884.00
Olsen Trenching	\$86,275.00

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Johnson to approve the quote from Engbarth Directional Boring for a Connectivity Fiber Line Project in the amount of \$76,884.00. Motion carried unanimously.

**EMS PARKING LOT**

Building and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor requested approval to install a crushed concrete parking lot North of the EMS building. Quotes received were as follows:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Woelber Excavating	\$36,649.21
Double “D” Gravel Inc.	\$17,250.00

