

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

**AGENDA**

Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Roskamp to approve the agenda. Yeas: Hollingsworth, Johnson, Nath, Roskamp. Nay: None. Absent: Wildermuth. Motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. Approve Minutes: 6/14/2022 Commissioners Meeting
2. Approve Minutes: 6/13/22 County Board of Equalization Meeting
3. Approve Commissioners Warrants in the amount of \$90,224.01
4. Approve Auditors Warrants 6/17/22, 6/24/22, 6/28/22
5. Approve Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$903,610.91

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

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

<b>Vendor Name</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>
Papik Motors	36,795.00
Double D Gravel, Inc	12,451.98
Pipestone County Highway Department	8,740.54
Yellow Medicine County Jail	8,374.66
Nobles County Jail	3,920.00
Surplus Warehouse of Willmar Inc	2,860.00
Erickson Engineering Co Inc	2,214.00
Warrants over \$2,000	\$75,356.18
Number of Claims under \$2,000	36
Warrants under \$2,000	\$14,867.83
Total	\$90,224.01

**NEW EMPLOYEE INRODUCTION**

Recorder Emaleigh Rippentrop introduced herself to the Board. Commissioners welcomed her as an employee. Recorder Rippentrop started on May 31, 2022.

**PCMC PROPERTY PURCHASE**

Pipestone County Medical Center (PCMC) CEO Brad Burris requested approval for PCMC to purchase the property at 1009 5th Ave SW in Pipestone at a cost of \$137,500.00. Motion by Roskamp, seconded by Johnson to approve the Purchase Agreement for 1009 5th Ave SW, Pipestone at a cost of \$137,500.00. Yeas: Hollingsworth, Johnson, Nath, Roskamp. Nay: None. Absent: Wildermuth. Motion carried.

**ROAD AND BRIDGE PURCHASES**

Engineer Nick Bergman requested approval to purchase cutting edges. Quotes received were as follows:

H & L Mesabi	\$14,384.00 (Freight not included)
	(7-8 weeks for delivery)
Kris Engineering	\$17,811.26 (includes freight)
	(5-7 weeks for delivery)

Bergman said the estimate for freight is approximately \$200 so he would recommend purchase from H & L Mesabi. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Roskamp to approve the purchase of cutting edges from H&L Mesabi for \$14,384.00 plus freight. Yeas: Hollingsworth, Johnson, Nath, Roskamp. Nay: None. Absent: Wildermuth. Motion carried.

Engineer Bergman stated that they are planning to start the tiling projects on high-traffic County gravel roads. Bergman reported that he advertised on the County website and sent out the project proposal to three local tiling companies. Only one bid was obtained.

Evans Farm Drainage - \$56,875.00

Engineer Bergman recommended accepting the bid and using wheelage tax money to pay for it. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Roskamp to approve the bid from Evans Farm Drainage for \$56,875.00 and use wheelage tax funds. Yeas: Hollingsworth, Johnson, Nath, Roskamp. Nay: None. Absent: Wildermuth. Motion carried.

**COUNTY VEHICLE PURCHASE**

County Administrator Steve Ewing requested approval of a Purchase Agreement for a 2022 Chevrolet Equinox from Dahl Motors at a cost of \$14,693.90. The price breakdown for this purchase is as follows:

Cash Price of Vehicle - \$33,410.00

Trade-In Value of 2017 Equinox - \$16,500.00  
Rebates - \$3,300.00  
Cost before Fees - \$13,610.00  
Taxes and Fees - \$1,083.90  
Total - \$14,693.90

Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Roskamp to approve the trade-in of the 2017 Equinox, purchase a 2022 Equinox from Dahl Motors for \$14,693.90, and pay as an Auditors Warrant. Yeas: Hollingsworth, Johnson, Nath, Roskamp. Nay: None. Absent: Wildermuth. Motion carried.

#### **MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (DNR) PRESENTATION**

Minnesota Department of National Resources Regional Director Scott Roemhildt introduced himself as the new Regional Director and introduced his staff. Regional Planner Brooke Hacker gave a summary of DNR lands and activities in the County. DNR Lands and Minerals Regional Program Coordinator Ben Schaefer explained the DNR's Strategic Land asset management process, Payment in Lieu Taxes (PILT) and School Trust Fund payments. The DNR representatives answered Commissioner questions.

#### **MILEAGE RATE CHANGE**

County Administrator Steve Ewing reported that the IRS has changed the standard mileage rate for business travel to 62.5 cents per mile, effective July 1, 2022. Motion by Roskamp, seconded by Hollingsworth to change the County mileage reimbursement rate to 62.5 cents per mile, effective July 1, 2022. Yeas: Hollingsworth, Johnson, Nath, Roskamp. Nay: None. Absent: Wildermuth. Motion carried.

#### **OLD LANDFILL PROPERTY SALE**

Members of the Pipestone Sportsman's Club Dave Sommers and Troy Budden joined the meeting. County Administrator Steve Ewing recommended approving the sale of the Old Pipestone County Landfill Parcel 10-031-0100 to the Pipestone County Sportsmen's Club for a total of \$100.00 plus closing costs and authorize the Pipestone County Attorney's Office to prepare the sale documents. There has been a clause added to the agreement stating the following:

1. Pipestone County Sheriff's Department is able to use the shooting grounds for life at no charge with notice and with use of their own supplies and equipment, at their own risks and responsibilities.
2. The Sportsmen's Club authorizes the MPCA or other state and county officials access to the wells on the property for inspections and monitoring purposes with notice for safety purposes, at their own risks and responsibilities.

Motion by Roskamp, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve the sale of the Old Pipestone County Landfill Parcel 10-031-0100 to the Pipestone County Sportsmen's Club with the added clauses, for a total of \$100.00 plus closing costs and authorize the Pipestone County Attorney's Office to prepare the sale documents. Yeas: Hollingsworth, Johnson, Nath, Roskamp. Nay: None. Absent: Wildermuth. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION 59-26-22 ESTABLISHING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT BOARD**

Auditor/Treasurer Amanda Sandy requested approval of Resolution 59-26-22 Establishing an Absentee Ballot Board. The Resolution states that the Pipestone County Board of Commissioners hereby establishes an Absentee Ballot Board that would consist of a sufficient number of election judges as provided in sections 204B.19 to 204B.22 or deputy auditors to perform the task. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve Resolution 59-26-22 Establishing an Absentee Ballot Board. Yeas: Hollingsworth, Johnson, Nath, Roskamp. Nay: None. Absent: Wildermuth. Motion carried.

#### **JULY THROUGH DECEMBER FUEL BID OPENING – 10:30AM**

Engineer Bergman opened bids for fuel for July through December 2022. Bids received were as follows:

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to award the bid for gas and Pipestone diesel fuel to BioAg Energy Services and award the outlying shops diesel bid to Chandler Co-Op. Yeas: Hollingsworth, Johnson, Nath, Roskamp. Nay: None. Absent: Wildermuth. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to adjourn. Yeas: Hollingsworth, Johnson, Nath, Roskamp. Nay: None. Absent: Wildermuth. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:50a.m.

Les Nath  
Pipestone County Board Chairman

ATTEST: Steven Ewing  
County Administrator