

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approve Minutes of 07/26/2022 Commissioner Meeting
2. Approve Auditors Warrants 7/29/22, 8/5/22
3. Approve Commissioner Warrants in the amount of \$151,091.71
4. Approve Hospital Warrants \$717,714.37
5. Approve Treasurers Report July 2022

Yeas: Johnson, Nath, Roskamp, Wildermuth. Nays: None. Absent: Hollingsworth. Motion carried.
As per Minnesota Statute 375.12 the following Commissioner Warrants information is presented:

Vendor Name	Amount Paid
Mechanical Sales SD, Inc.	32,300.00
Van Dyke Sanitation Inc	14,006.56
Visa-First Bank & Trust	13,773.47
O'Neill O'Neill & Barduson	9,848.00
Johnson Controls, Inc	9,631.48
SeaChange Print Innovations	6,940.62
Commissioner Of Transportation	5,691.33
Beyond Lucid Technologies	5,626.39
OPG 3 Inc	4,168.00
MEnD Correctional Care, PLLC	3,908.33
Royal Tire Inc	3,704.03
Emergency Automotive Technologies Inc	3,344.96
Nobles County Auditor Treasurer	3,035.00
American Flagpole & Flag Co	2,640.18
Ace K9	2,179.10
TransMedic Billing	2,039.24
Warrants over \$2,000	\$122,836.69
Number of Claims under \$2,000	70
Warrants under \$2,000	\$28,255.02
Total	\$151,091.71

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. Work on the 2021 Box Culvert Contract #4 (CSAH 18 and 2) should be completed this week. The 2021 Bridge Projects near Ihlen on CSAH 2 and CSAH 20 are progressing with the bridge decking poured on CSAH 20 about 10 days ago and the deck on CSAH 2 will be poured today.

ROAD AND BRIDGE ITEMS

Engineer Bergman reported that an inspection of the Highway Department Building will be conducted today by a structural engineer ahead of a proposed extensive re-roofing project. Bergman stated the age of the building and rust issues with the structural steel in some areas require the inspection.

Engineer Bergman discussed a request from a landowner for a water and sediment control basin in the NE1/4 of Section 34, Gray Township which would have allowed water to back up into county road right of way and also onto an adjoining neighbors land. For this project to occur flood easements would need to be obtained through the county and state land use offices. Other options for the landowner are available so no action was taken by the board.

Engineer Bergman reported that he had received two bids on surplus equipment. The City of Pipestone submitted a bid for Unit# 47-Roller for \$250 and the City of Edgerton submitted a bid for \$1. A bid was received from the City of Edgerton for one 500 gallon above ground fuel tank for \$499. Motion by Roskamp, seconded by Johnson to accept the bid from the City of Pipestone for Unit #47-Roller for \$250 and the bid from the City of Edgerton for the 500 gallon fuel tank for \$499. Yeas: Johnson, Nath, Roskamp, Wildermuth. Nays: None. Absent: Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

Engineer Bergman requested to open the remaining surplus equipment to the public and advertise in the official county newspapers and on the county website. Bidders would be required to submit sealed bids by a specified date and time and the board would decide to accept or reject the bids. Motion by Roskamp, seconded by Wildermuth to advertise the surplus property for public sale as recommended. Yeas: Johnson, Nath, Roskamp, Wildermuth. Nays: None. Absent: Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

Engineer Bergman presented maintenance updates. He reported that they will be prepaying for propane for the upcoming heating season to save money. County maintenance crews have been spraying right of ways for weeds, shoulder mowing, ditch cleaning and graveling roads.

LUKE COMEAU, DIRECTOR, SOUTHWEST MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

Luke Comeau, Director of Southwest Mental Health Center presented information to the board on the 2023 budget projection. He reported that Southwest Mental Health Center hopes and expects to continue to provide services to Pipestone County. Pipestone, Rock, Nobles, Cottonwood and Jackson are member counties in the 501(c)3 non-profit group. Mr. Comeau reported issues of finding and retaining staff, decreased reimbursement rates from insurance providers, increasing costs of operations that all contribute to increases in the 2023 budget. Due to staffing issues, a full-time recruiter has been hired to find new staff. 3 positions have been filled in the past year against a loss of 10 personnel. Commissioners requested a copy of the organization bylaws for review and thanked Mr. Comeau for coming to the meeting and providing information.

RESOLUTION 59-32-22 SUPORT OF REGIONAL TRAIL PROJECT

Mayor Myron Koets from the City of Pipestone appeared to request that the county board pass a resolution approving a Regional Legacy Connecting People to the Outdoors Small Grant application to the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for a Luverne to Pipestone regional trail project. At this time there is no request for county funding. If the project goes forward one or two commissioners will be requested to serve on the yet to be formed committee. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Roskamp to approve Resolution 59-32-22 in Support of the Luverne to Pipestone Trail Project.

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

PERSONNEL

Administrator Ewing requested approval to hire a new Full Time Jailer/dispatcher on Step E of the pay plan at \$24.24 per hour contingent on background check. The new employee's name has not been released yet as the person has not accepted the position as of this date. Motion by Roskamp, seconded by Johnson to approve the request to hire new Jailer/Dispatcher on Step E of the pay plan. Yeas: Johnson, Nath, Roskamp, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

Administrator Ewing reported that a full time new female Jailer/Dispatcher has been hired at step A of the pay plan and will be starting employment on August 15, 2022.

Administrator Ewing presented a request for a county credit card for County Recorder Emaleigh Rippentrop. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Johnson to approve the request for a county credit card for Recorder Emaleigh Rippentrop. Yeas: Johnson, Nath, Roskamp, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 59-31-22 COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OPERATIONAL ENHANCEMENT GRANT

Administrator Ewing on behalf of Veterans Service Officer, Renae Schuch presented Resolution 59-31-21 for the annual Operational Enhancement Grant. At a future meeting Veterans Service Officer Schuch will present the grant documents for board approval. The grant is for \$7,500.00. Motion by Nath, seconded by Roskamp to authorize Chairman Nath and Administrator Ewing to sign Resolution 59-31-22 as presented. Yeas: Johnson, Nath, Roskamp, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS TO PIPESTONE/MURRAY COUNTIES JOINT DITCH COMMITTEE

Administrator Ewing presented a request from Murray County Ditch Inspector Travis Radke that the board appoint two commissioners to a Joint Ditch Committee for County Ditches 21 and 7 in Murray County. Murray County will be going through the Redetermination of Benefits of the two ditches. Water from land in Aetna and Rock Townships drain to the two ditches in Murray County. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nath to appoint Commissioners Johnson and Roskamp to the Joint Ditch Committee. Yeas: Johnson, Nath, Roskamp, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS TO PRIMARY ELECTION CANVASSING BOARD.

Administrator Ewing on behalf of Auditor/Treasurer Amanda Sandy requested the appointment of two commissioners to serve on the Primary Election Canvassing Board. The board will meet on Thursday August 11, 2022 at 10:00 AM. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nath to appoint Commissioners Johnson and Roskamp to the Primary Election Canvassing Board. Yeas: Johnson, Nath, Roskamp, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

EMS EDUCATION PROGRAM

EMS/Emergency Management Director Casey Sievert presented a request to approve fees for EMT and EMR courses taught through Pipestone County EMS Education Program. Director Sievert reported that the Minnesota Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board had recently approved Pipestone County EMS as an authorized EMS education program to offer EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) and EMR (Emergency Medical Responder) initial and refresher education courses. Training will begin in the fall of 2022. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nath to approve the education program and fee schedule. Yeas: Johnson, Nath, Roskamp, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioners reported on the following Committee Meetings:

Commissioner Johnson: District 8 Land Use, SWCD, AMC Board, PCMC Board, Highway 23 Coalition, Prime Health Board, Solid Waste, Farm Fest, Area II/RCRCA, AMC Research.

Commissioner Wildermuth: Prime West, SW19 Mental Health Coalition, MHA, Pipestone Area Coalition, SMOC, RMEB Clean Energy Steering, SWHHS, PCMC OB Workgroup, RMEB, Transit Advisory.

Commissioner Roskamp: Regular Board Meeting, Fair Board, Plum Creek Library, RMEB, Regular Board Meeting, Transit Advisory.

Commissioner Nath: Personnel, Commissioners Regular Meeting, SWMH, SWCD, SWHHS, Commissioners Regular Meeting, PCMC Board, Radio Advisory/ARMER System.

2023 BUDGET REVIEW-ROAD AND BRIDGE

Engineer Nick Bergman presented the Road and Bridge proposed 2023 Budget.

2023 BUDGET REVIEW-RECORDER

Recorder Emaleigh Rippentrop presented the proposed 2023 Recorder's Budget.

Commissioners recessed the meeting at 11:45am for lunch.

Commissioners reconvened the meeting at 1:00pm. Commissioner Wildermuth was absent for the afternoon session.

2023 BUDGET REVIEW-ENVIRONMENTAL, SOLID WASTE, AG INSPECTION

Environmental Administrator Kyle Krier presented the proposed 2023 SCORE/Planning & Zoning, Conservation, Ag Inspection, and GIS Budgets.

2023 BUDGET REVIEW-IT DEPARTMENT

Information Technology Director Bill Folger presented the proposed 2023 Information Technology and Data Processing Budgets.

2023 BUDGET REVIEW-BUILDING AND GROUNDS/FAIRGROUNDS

Building and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor Wayne Drew presented the proposed 2023 Building and Plant and Fairgrounds Budgets.

2023 BUDGET REVIEW-PROBATION

Probation Agent Jeff Arendt presented the proposed 2023 Probation Department Budget.

SCHROEDER CENTER FUNDING REQUEST

Steve Weets, Joann Weets and others joined the budget meeting to present a request to the Commissioners to consider county funding for the Schroeder Center for Senior Citizens, Pipestone County Food Shelf and Lutheran Social Services/Meals on Wheels capital building project. Commissioners thanked Mr. and Mrs. Weets and the group for attending the meeting. No action was taken.

2023 BUDGET REVIEW-EMS/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

EMS/Emergency Management Director Casey Sievert presented the proposed 2023 Ambulance and Emergency Management Department Budgets.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Roskamp to adjourn. Yeas: Johnson, Nath, Roskamp, Nay: None. Absent: Wildermuth, Hollingsworth. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Les Nath
Pipestone County Board Chairman

ATTEST: Steve Ewing
County Administrator