

The Pipestone County Commissioners met with Chairman Les Nath, Commissioners Luke Johnson, Dallas Roskamp, Dan Wildermuth and Chris Hollingsworth. 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: 8/9/2022 Commissioners Meeting
2. Approve Commissioners Warrants in the amount of \$196,940.91
3. Approve Auditors Warrants 8/12/22, 8/19/22
4. Approve Hospital Warrants in the amount of \$603,866.52

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Vendor Name	Amount Paid
Morris Electronics Inc	60,091.66
Double D Gravel, Inc	17,250.00
Eide Bailly LLP	9,500.00
BRAUN INTERTEC CORPORATION	9,358.60
League of MN Cities Ins Trust P & C	9,306.00
Jer's Electric, Inc.	7,763.10
Chandler Co-Op	7,681.20
BX Civil & Construction Inc	7,100.30
Pipestone County Highway Department	6,143.92
Pipestone/City Of	5,530.26
AVI Systems Inc	5,231.97
CPS Technology Solutions	4,918.00
Pipestone County Medical Center	4,234.44
Stryker Sales Corporation	3,957.60
Christensen Broadcasting	3,000.00
SeaChange Print Innovations	2,640.00
Swenny's Towing	2,587.50
Xcel Energy	2,220.51
Emergency Automotive Technologies Inc	2,013.57
Choose Well Program	2,000.00
Warrants over \$2,000	\$172,528.63
Number of Claims under \$2,000	57
Warrants under \$2,000	\$24,412.28
Total	\$196,940.91

KYLE MOORHEAD, HOMETOWN FIBER PRESENTATION

Mr. Kyle Moorhead from Hometown Fiber presented information for a professional service proposal for broadband construction costs and financing report for board consideration. The scope of the proposal is that Hometown Fiber would work together with Bolton and Menk Engineering and Ehlers Financial Consultants to create financial information regarding construction costs and financing options for the construction of dedicated, directly connected fiber optic networks throughout Pipestone County. Step one would provide county, city and township leaders pre-engineering costs on a township by township and city by city basis. Pipestone County would gain construction cost projections, available grants and scoring for each grant, local funding/bonding, anticipated network use and income from the network. Fees for step one would be \$49,975.00. Project timeline for step one would be 60 to 90 days for completion. Commissioners took no action on the proposal and thanked Mr. Moorhead for the information and presentation.

ROAD AND BRIDGE ITEMS

Engineer Nick Bergman reported that the Surplus Equipment list is posted on the county website at www.Pipestone-County.com and ads will be posted in the Pipestone County Star and Edgerton Enterprise directing readers to the county website to view the equipment list. Engineer Bergman reported on project updates. Seven box culvert projects have been completed with six remaining. The bridge projects by Ihlen will have the concrete decking poured by the end of this week, followed by painting, railings and finishing with dirt work. Commissioner Roskamp mentioned that he had been hearing of a concrete powder shortage due to the large wind tower project in Murray County.

2021 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT AGREEMENT

Emergency Management Director Casey Sievert presented the 2021 Minnesota Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Performance Grant Contract Agreement. She reported that Pipestone County will receive \$16,549.00 for 2021 contract year.

It was noted that is a year behind. Pipestone County will use the funds for Emergency Management Department salary and fringe benefits. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to authorize Chairman Nath and Administrator Ewing to sign the grant contract agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

ED O'HEARN TAX FORFEITED PARCEL 21-260-0740

Mr. Ed O'Hearn attended the meeting to discuss a tax forfeited parcel of land that is landlocked around his land in the City of Woodstock. The parcel in question is going up for tax forfeiture sale on August 24, 2022. The value of the land in question has a basic sale price set at \$500.00. The listed owner of record is a P.H. Daniels and was forfeited due to non-payment of taxes. Auditor/Treasurer Amanda Sandy presented the history of the tax

forfeited property and had advised Mr. O'Hearn the status of the property. Mr. O'Hearn stated that he would be attending the sale. The back taxes, penalty and interest is \$176.00. No board action was taken.

PERSONNEL

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste presented recruiting updates to the board.

Brandi Olson and Michael Rolla started employment on August 15th as full-time Jailer Dispatchers. A potential Jailer/Dispatcher hire that had been approved at the August 3, 2022 meeting did not get in contact with Cathy and was not hired. Mr. Rolla was then offered the position at Step B on the pay plan, and he accepted. An offer was made for the Highway Department Mechanic position, the Assessor's Office Appraiser position is open until next week and first review of applications will be Monday, August 29th. Two candidates for Deputy Sheriff will be interviewed this week, and the Highway Maintenance Worker for the Ruthton position will be interviewed this week or the week of August 29th.

SOUTHWEST MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

Chairman Nath reported that the Rock County Board of Commissioners had voted to withdraw from Southwest Mental Health Center at the end of December 2022. In Pipestone County, Western Mental Health will be accepting patients, and the two new providers in Pipestone will be accepting patients as well working through Southwest Health and Human Services. Commissioners discussed uncertainty of future costs and potential budget increases with Southwest Mental Health and that it would be in the county's best interest to consider leaving the organization.

Motion by Roskamp, seconded by Johnson to leave Southwest Mental Health Center Organization as of December 31, 2022. Motion carried unanimously. Administrator Ewing will contact Director Comeau advising him of Pipestone County's action.

JUDICIAL DITCH #1 BULKHEAD REPAIR

Administrator Ewing presented a Request for Board Action to approve a quote from Double D Gravel to repair bulkheads on the Judicial Ditch System for \$39,500. 11 bulkheads were identified as needing repair. The Ditch Committee met on August 10, 2022 and approved the quote. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the quote. Motion carried unanimously.

2023 JUDICIAL DITCH #1 ASSESSMENT

Administrator Ewing presented a Request for Board Action to approve the 2023 Judicial Ditch #1 Assessment. The Ditch Committee met on August 10, 2022 and approved the ditch levy and assessment at \$60,000 for 2023. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to set the 2023 Judicial Ditch Levy and Assessment as recommended at \$60,000. Motion carried unanimously.

2ND QUARTER BUDGET REPORT

Administrator Ewing presented the 2022 second quarter budget report for approval.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Roskamp to approve the 2022 second quarter budget report.

Motion carried unanimously.

2023 BUDGET SESSIONS

Library Director Jody Wacker presented the 2023 budget request.

Auditor/Treasurer Amanda Sandy presented the 2023 request.

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:27a.m.

Les Nath

ATTEST: Steve Ewing

Pipestone County Board Chairman

County Administrator