

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 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approve Commissioner Minutes: 11/8/22
2. Approve Commissioners Warrants in the amount of \$145,209.94
3. Approve Auditors Warrants 11/10/22, 11/18/22
4. Approve Hospital Warrants \$1,087,366.93

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Vendor Name	Amount Paid
Rustad's Design Center	38,850.00
Morris Electronics Inc	21,033.12
Hog Slat	12,914.31
WASTEQUIP	10,368.91
Chandler Co-Op	9,564.83
Pipestone County Highway Department	6,819.89
Rhino Technology Group Inc	4,325.00
Red Cedar Consulting, LLC	4,025.44
MEnD Correctional Care, PLLC	3,922.08
Election Systems & Software, Inc	3,677.44
Pipestone County Medical Center	3,250.43
Edgerton Enterprise	2,914.75
Erickson Engineering Co Inc	2,280.00
Sioux Equipment	2,090.45
Warrants over \$2,000	\$126,036.65
Number of Claims under \$2,000	44
Warrants under \$2,000	\$19,173.29
Total	\$145,209.94

ROAD AND BRIDGE ITEMS

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Engineer Nick Bergman confirmed that the bid opening date for January through June 2023 will take place on December 27, 2022 at 10:00a.m. as previously set.

Engineer Bergman requested board feedback on the current beaver bounty amount of \$25.00. Bergman stated that the County has paid out bounties for 246 beavers since 2017. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to increase the beaver bounty to \$50.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Bergman requested the board set a bid opening date for 2023 box culverts contract # 2 projects: SAP 059-599-123, SAP 059-599-124, SAP 059-599-129, and SAP 059-607-023. Motion by Roskamp, seconded by Hollingsworth to set the bid opening date for 2023 box culverts contract # 2 projects: SAP 059-599-123, SAP 059-599-124, SAP 059-599-129, and SAP 059-607-023 for January 24, 2023 at 10:30a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Bergman requested approval for the 2021 Gravel Crushing (CP 2021-100) final payment. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Roskamp to approve the final payment for 2021 Gravel Crushing (CP 2021-100) to Sweetman Sand & Gravel, from Currie, MN in the amount of \$8,805.77 and to pay as an Auditors Warrant. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Bergman requested final payment for 2021 Box Culverts contract #3 (CSAH 56). Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Johnson to approve final payment for CSAH 56 Box Culverts (SAP 059-656-001, SAP 059-656-002, SAP 059-656-003, and SAP 059-656-004) to A&C Excavating, from Marshall, MN in the amount of \$3,643.07 as an Auditors Warrant. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Bergman requested final payment for 2022 Box Culverts Contract #2. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Roskamp to approve final payment for 2022 Box Culvert Contract #2 (SAP 059-599-110, SAP 059-599-112, SAP 059-599-114, and SAP 059-604-007) to A&C Excavating, from Marshall, MN in the amount of \$4,551.63 as an Auditors Warrant. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Bergman gave an update on the Ihlen bridges projects and additional costs that came up during construction in exchange for the County waiving penalties on the delay of work. Consensus of the board to agree with this negotiation proposal. Engineer Bergman will bring the final contract amount for payment at a future meeting.

Engineer Bergman reported that MNDOT reached out and asked about shared snow plowing, and that he will bring a formal proposal to the board for approval.

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BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS PROJECT

Building and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor presented a quote in the amount of \$28,375.00 for painting the Courtroom ceiling. Bid from Ryan and Rachel Blaue includes the following:

- Removal of loose paint with air compressor and brushes
- Priming ceiling with DTM primer
- Painting ceiling with DTM paint
- All Painting Supplies (Brushes, Rollers, Plastic, Tape, etc)
- Primer
- Paint
- Scaffolding Rental
- Labor of 3-4 Employees

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Roskamp to approve the bid from Ryan and Rachel Blaue in the amount of \$28,375.00 for repainting the Courtroom ceiling. Motion carried unanimously.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION RESOLUTION 59-41-22

Vice Chair Dan Wildermuth read Resolution 59-41-22 which states that Counties have a long history of providing critical services, County governments are the citizen’s local government voice providing solutions that bring communities together; and the Pipestone County Board of Commissioners recognizes the following employees:

5 Years	10 Years	15 Years
Ryan Bridgewater	Nicola Backer	Nick Bergman
Brian Danks	Jeff Baker	Edison Dengler
Wayne Drew	Diane Bucher	Bill Folger
Mark Egger	Cathy Feste	Quentin Johnson
Bridget Hartman	Tyler Rippentrop	Casey Sievert
Cole Nordmeyer	Jeff Rowden	
Josh Watts		
20 Years	25 Years	30 Years
Laurie Bucher	Mike Hamann	Pam Thies
Kyle Krier	Jerid Johnson	
	Bruce Wollan	

County Administrator Steve Ewing and Chairman Les Nath presented awards to employees, and the full Board thanked employees for their service. Motion by Roskamp, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve Resolution 59-41-22. Motion carried unanimously.

EMT AND PARAMEDIC JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste requested approval of revised EMT and Paramedic job descriptions. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the revised EMT and Paramedic job descriptions. Motion carried unanimously.

LETTER OF AGREEMENT – HIGHWAY INTERMITTENT FOREMAN

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Roskamp to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Pipestone County and AFSCME Council 64, Local 2424, Highway Department Bargaining Unit which states for the term of the agreement, the hourly wage differential for the Highway Maintenance Worker/Intermittent Maintenance Foreman will be increased from \$1.00 per hour to \$2.00 per hour from now until December 31, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF RETENTION PAYMENT RESOLUTION 59-40-22

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste presented Resolution 59-40-22 which states that the Pipestone County Board of Commissioners wishes to authorize a Staff Retention Payment to full-time and part-time employees of Pipestone County. The Resolution states that Pipestone County shall provide a one-time retention payment of \$1,500 to full-time and part-time employees scheduled to work sixteen (16) or more hours per week who are employees as of January 1, 2022 and continue to work in full-time or part-time status through December 1, 2022. Full-time and part-time employees hired as of July 1, 2022 will receive a one-time payment of \$750.00. Full-time and part-time employees hired as of October 1, 2022 will receive a one-time payment of \$375.00. These will be provided in a separate payroll run on December 16, 2022.

Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Roskamp to approve Resolution 59-40-22 Staff Retention Payment. These will be provided utilizing ARPA funds. Motion carried unanimously.

SARA ACKERMAN – WESTERN MENTAL HEALTH

Western Mental Health Center Director Sara Ackerman gave an update on the partnership between Pipestone County and Western Mental Health over the next year.

THIRD QUARTER BUDGET REPORT

County Administrator Steve Ewing reviewed the 2022 third quarter budget report. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Johnson to approve the 2022 third quarter budget report. Motion carried unanimously.

DAKOTA 38+2 RIDERS FAIRGROUNDS USE

The Dakota 38+2 riders have requested to use the Pipestone County Fairgrounds December 17-19, 2022 as a stop on their ride from Lower Brule, South Dakota to Mankato, Minnesota. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Johnson to approve the usage of the

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Fairgrounds by the Dakota 38 + 2 riders on December 17-19, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

2023 COUNTY FEE SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING

County Administrator Steve Ewing requested the board set a Fee Schedule Public Hearing for public input on the proposed 2023 County Fee Schedule. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Wildermuth to set the County Fee Schedule Public Hearing on December 13, 2022 at 9:30a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:35a.m.

Les Nath
Pipestone County Board Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Steven Ewing
County Administrator

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