

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

AGENDA

Motion by Nagel, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approve Commissioners Minutes: 01/10/2023, 01/17/2023
2. Approve Commissioners Warrants in the amount of \$296,129.53
3. Approve Auditors Warrants 01/18/23, 01/20/23
4. Approve Hospital Warrants \$1,058,350.75

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Vendor Name	Amount Paid
Buffalo Ridge Drug Task Force	42,408.00
Southwest Health & Human Services	33,573.00
Murray County Sheriff's Office	25,000.00
Pipestone County Sheriff's Office	25,000.00
Trosky/City of	20,006.94
Meinders Community Library	18,999.17
Pipestone County Medical Center	16,352.47
ACE of Southwest MN	15,955.50
Chandler Co-Op	15,356.99
Hatfield/City Of	15,272.98
Edgerton Public Library	12,666.12
Pipestone County Highway Department	11,661.07
OnSolve LLC	7,170.86
Erickson Engineering Co Inc	3,990.00
MEnD Correctional Care, PLLC	3,428.33
Edgerton Enterprise	2,789.00
MN Sheriffs Assn	2,578.10
Surplus Warehouse of Willmar Inc	2,495.00
Warrants over \$2,000	\$274,703.53
Number of Claims under \$2,000	55
Warrants under \$2,000	\$21,426.00
Total	\$296,129.53

ROAD AND BRIDGE ITEMS

County Engineer Nick Bergman reported the struggle of hiring Highway Maintenance Workers and a Mechanic. Bergman stated they may need to look into contracting with outside workers.

Engineer Bergman requested the board set a date for the Annual Road and Bridge Hearing. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to set the Annual Road and Bridge Hearing for March 20, 2023 at 9:00a.m. at the EMS Conference Room. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste requested board approval of resignations of Highway Maintenance Worker Rod Vandenbosch on January 20, 2023 and Highway Maintenance Worker David Swenson on January 27, 2023. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to accept VandenBosch's and Swenson's resignations. Motion carried unanimously.

2023 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT LIST

Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Johnson to approve the revised 2023 Committee Assignment List. Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION: SHERIFF'S OFFICE UNDERCOVER VEHICLE PURCHASE M.S. 13D.05 SUBD.3.D

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nagel to go into closed session as per M.S.13D.05 Subd.3.d for the purchase of two undercover vehicles. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting closed at 9:17a.m. Present at Closed Session: Chairman Dan Wildermuth, Commissioners Chris Hollingsworth, Luke Johnson, Doug Nagel, Dallas Roskamp, County Administrator Steve Ewing, HR Coordinator Cathy Feste, County Sheriff Keith Vreeman, and Chief Deputy Mike Hamann. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Roskamp to open the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was opened at 9:33a.m. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Roskamp to approve the purchase of a 2023 Ram vehicle from Papik Motors in Luverne, MN for \$30,570.00 and a 2023 General Motors vehicle from Dahl Motors in Pipestone, MN for \$35,075.00. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTION

EMT Morgan Lyman introduced herself to Commissioners. Lyman started as a full-time EMT on December 20, 2022. Commissioners welcomed her as a County employee.

HOMETOWN FIBER MAPPING REPORT

Hometown Fiber Sales Director Marlena Pfeiffer joined the meeting to present the findings and review of the broadband mapping study, and Pipestone County's current internet infrastructure. Pfeiffer presented recommendations and financing solutions for the potential fiber installation project.

Recommendation 1 would provide direct fiber to all parts of the county that don't have fiber and are struggling to meet demand or will be in the next 3 to 5 years:

Estimated Project Cost	\$15,900,000
Grants	\$8,000,000
Bond	\$7,900,000
ROI	14.7 years
Per Property Cost	\$3,165.00

Recommendation 2 would include only the rural areas of the County which don't have fiber currently:

Estimated Project Cost	\$10,700,000
Grants	\$8,000,000
Bond	\$2,700,000
ROI	14.6 years
Per Property Cost	\$12,086.00

Pfeiffer indicated that Hometown Fiber anticipates that the county could receive \$8,012,993 in state and federal grants and recommends that the county sell 15-year revenue bonds to pay for the rest of the cost. Commissioners thanked Pfeiffer for the information and would like further clarification about the financing of the project before deciding on the proposal.

BID OPENING D 10:30AM D 2023 OVERLAYS

Engineer Nick Bergman and Assistant Engineer Jerid Johnson opened bids for 2023 overlays. Bids received were as follows:

Planholder	Address	Bid Total
Central Specialties, Inc.	Alexandria, MN	\$3,149,558.80
Duininck, Inc.	Prinsburg, MN	\$3,270,816.45

Engineering staff took bids for review.

REGIONAL TRAILS REPRESENTATIVE

Former Pipestone Mayor Myron Koets sent a letter requesting a County representative to participate in a Regional Trails meeting for a potential trail from Luverne to Pipestone. Motion by Roskamp, seconded by Johnson to nominate Commissioner Doug Nagel to participate in the Regional Trails Project. Motion carried unanimously.

OVERLAY BID AWARD

Motion by Roskamp, seconded by Nagel to award the bid for 2023 Overlays to Central Specialties, Inc. of Alexandria, MN for \$3,149,558.80. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Johnson seconded by Wildermuth to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:09a.m.

Dan Wildermuth	ATTEST: Steven Ewing
Pipestone County Board Chairman	County Administrator