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

AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approve Commissioners Minutes: 02/14/2023
2. Approve Commissioners Warrants in the amount of \$235,829.03
3. Approve Auditors Warrants 2/17/23, 2/24/23
4. Approve Hospital Warrants \$782,207.66

Yeas: Johnson, Nagel, Roskamp, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Hollingsworth.

Motion carried.

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

Vendor Name	Amount Paid
Southwest Health & Human Services	68,943.68
Kris Engineering Inc	52,461.54
Rustad's Design Center	28,850.00
AVI Systems Inc	13,764.91
Environmental Systems Research Inst Inc	10,302.00
Holland/City of	10,000.00
Dockendorf Equipment Co Inc	7,366.53
Bolton & Menk Inc	7,130.00
DLT Solutions Inc	5,344.16
Yellow Medicine County Jail	4,425.73
Johnson Feed Inc	3,020.18
TransMedic Billing	2,340.69
Sioux Valley Energy	2,250.16
Erickson Engineering Co Inc	2,166.00
Texas Refinery Corp	2,153.58
Warrants over \$2,000	\$220,519.16
Number of Claims under \$2,000	40
Warrants under \$2,000	\$15,309.87
Total	\$235,829.03

ROAD AND BRIDGE ITEMS

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County Engineer Nick Bergman brought back bids for a new pickup. This was a follow-up to the 02/14/2023 board meeting. Bids received were as follows:

<u>DeBoer Chevrolet</u>	
2023 Chevy Silverado 1500 WT 4x4 Crew cab	\$40,055
<u>Dodge of Burnsville (State Contract)</u>	
2022 Ram 1500 Classic Tradesman Crew Cab 4x4	\$41,071
<u>Dahl Motors</u>	
2023 Chevy Silverado 1500 WT 4x4 Crew cab	\$42,235
<u>Herman Motors</u>	
2023 Ford F-150 XL SuperCrew	\$46,595
<u>Papik Motors Luverne</u>	no bid

Dodge of Burnsville (State Contract) can no longer get the pickup quoted. Motion by Roskamp, seconded by Johnson to approve the bid from DeBoer Chevrolet in Edgerton, MN for purchase of a 2023 Chevy Silverado 1500 at a cost of \$40,055.00. Yeas: Johnson, Nagel, Roskamp, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

Pipestone County received notice that the Stone Arch Bridge project has been awarded funding. Engineer Bergman requested authorization to start advertising for bids as soon as the official letter is received, instead of waiting until the next board meeting for approval. This is due to the grant having the limitation that all funds must be spent by the end of the calendar year. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nagel to authorize Engineer Bergman to advertise for bids for the Stone Arch Bridge project as soon as Pipestone County receives the official letter. Yeas: Johnson, Nagel, Roskamp, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PURCHASES

Information Technology (IT) Director Bill Folger requested renewal and purchase of Sophos Anti-virus for three (3) years. Quote received was as follows:

Kudelski Security	
Three years, End-point, Intercept-X Advanced -ERD	\$17,826.90
200 End-point and 35 Server	

No other bids are available. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nagel to authorize a three-year renewal of Sophos Anti-virus and purchase from Kudelski Security for \$17,826.90. Yeas: Johnson, Nagel, Roskamp, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

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IT Director Bill Folger requested authorization to purchase 15 laptops for the Sheriff's Office. These laptops are able to be used in the squad cars and docked in the squad room.

Quotes received are as follows:

Dell Inc.	Dell Latitude 7330 Rugged EX	\$54,155.85
Questivity Inc.	Dell Latitude 7330 Rugged EX	\$56,050.80

Motion by Roskamp, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the purchase of 15 laptops from Dell, Inc. in the amount of \$54,155.85. Yeas: Johnson, Nagel, Roskamp, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste announced that Macy Hulstein started on February 21, 2023 as the Extension Administrative Support Specialist.

Feste announced that Alan Preteau will start on March 6, 2023 as a full-time Highway Maintenance Worker.

HR Coordinator Feste requested authorization to hire a full-time Highway Maintenance Worker on Step F of the pay plan contingent on background requirements. Their anticipated start date is March 20, 2023. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Roskamp to hire a full-time Highway Maintenance Worker on Step F of the pay plan contingent on meeting background requirements. Yeas: Johnson, Nagel, Roskamp, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

HOMETOWN FIBER PROJECT RESOLUTION 59-11-23

Hometown Fiber President Kyle Moorhead and Sales Director Marlina Pfeiffer joined the meeting. In addition, George Eilertson from Northland Securities was present. Moorhead and Pfeiffer reviewed the Professional Services Proposal for Pipestone County, which includes Technical Representation for Funding at a fee of \$29,900. This includes

- Finalize project construction scope of work and technical documents
- Assist with bond sales and/or loans, legal
- Handling all interactions with any ISP interested in the project.
- Finalize agreements with internet service providers who will provide service on the network.

Hometown Fiber proposes to assist with Grant Applications at a cost of \$12,990.00, which includes

- Write background and impact statements.
- Coordinate a survey and support letters with County.
- Prepare the grant application

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- Assist the County with grant application submission.

Hometown Fiber would also be involved with future engineering services in conjunction with Bolton & Menk with a cost + 10% fee structure.

Woodstock Telecommunications General Manager/Vice President Terry Nelson stated that Woodstock would be interested in becoming an ISP with this project, as long as it's economically feasible/profitable for their organization. Nelson voiced concerns on their lack of control of the fiber network, as Woodstock typically builds their own fiber networks. If they would become an ISP on the County fiber network, they would be leasing fiber rather than owning fiber.

Northland Securities Managing Director George Eilertson briefly described a funding option available to Pipestone County, General Obligation Tax Abatement Bonds in the amount of \$8,045,000.00. Funding decisions will take place in the next phase of the project.

Motion by Roskamp, seconded by Nagel to approve Resolution 59-11-23 Regarding Broadband Improvements which states that Pipestone County hires Hometown Fiber as its technical representative and to prepare a grant application as outlined in the Proposal within 120 days of this resolution for a cost not to exceed \$42,890 and agrees to pay a deposit totaling \$21,445 authorizing Hometown Fiber to immediately proceed with the scope of work defined in the February 28, 2023 proposal. Yeas: Johnson, Nagel, Roskamp, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nagel to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:24a.m.

Dan Wildermuth
Pipestone County Board Chairman

ATTEST:

Steven Ewing
County Administrator

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