

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approve Commissioners Minutes: 03/14/2023
2. Approve Commissioners Warrants in the amount of \$146,457.35
3. Approve Auditors Warrants 3/17/23, 3/24/23
4. Approve Hospital Warrants \$990,444.02

Motion carried unanimously.

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
QUESTIVITY INC	53,445.00
ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE, INC	20,745.70
Johnson Controls, Inc	18,000.00
Election Systems & Software, Inc	6,172.50
Pipestone County Medical Center	6,145.38
Rustad's Design Center	5,000.00
YELLOW MEDICINE COUNTY JAIL	4,025.35
Johnson Feed Inc	3,310.56
Surplus Warehouse of Willmar Inc	2,495.00
Pipestone County Highway Department	2,447.34
TranSource	2,349.83
Erickson Engineering Co Inc	2,166.00
Warrants over \$2,000	\$126,302.66
Number of Claims under \$2,000	46
Warrants under \$2,000	\$20,154.69
Total	<u>\$146,457.35</u>

ROAD AND BRIDGE ITEMS

County Engineer Nick Bergman reported that Highway department staff will be participating in an Observational Seatbelt Survey the first or second week of April. The survey

usually takes about a half day of work, and data collected is used by Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths.

Engineer Nick Bergman reported that there is the possibility of the County looking at bid opening software in the near future.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PURCHASES

Information Technology (IT) Director Bill Folger requested authorization to replace the last two rugged laptops in the Sheriff's Office. Quotes received were as follows:

Dell, Inc. 2 ea. Dell Latitude 7330 Rugged Sawtooth Tablet	\$7,112.04
SHI, Inc. 2 ea. Getac K120 Tablet	\$9,462.46

Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Nagel to approve the purchase of two Dell Latitude 7330 Rugged Sawtooth Tablets from Dell, Inc. in the amount of \$7,112.04. Motion carried unanimously.

HOME TAX ABATEMENT PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Auditor/Treasurer Amanda Sandy requested the board set a public hearing for April 11, 2023 at 10:00a.m. for a proposed property tax abatement from Lloyd Zwart, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 469.1813 and 116J.993 through 116J.995 consisting of new home construction and located in the City of Edgerton. The estimated value of abatement is approximately \$948 annually. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Roskamp to set the public hearing for Lloyd Zwart's new home construction located in the City of Edgerton for April 11, 2023 at 10:00a.m. in the Commissioners Room. Motion carried unanimously.

WOODSTOCK COMMUNICATIONS PRESENTATION

Woodstock Communications General Manager/Vice President Terry Nelson and CO Tech/Network Admin AJ Thomas joined the meeting. Nelson presented information on different aspects of building a fiber network for Commissioners to consider as they continue to look at building a Countywide fiber network. Nelson reviewed several considerations including plant construction, ongoing costs for plant, service concerns, overall cost per property, and grant possibilities. Commissioners thanked Nelson for the information.

CD/INVESTMENT FUNDS

Auditor/Treasurer Amanda Sandy reported that there are three accounts with small investments or CDs that she requested the Board consider merging into the general fund. The accounts are titled Park, Work Comp, and Capital Improvement. Motion by Roskamp, seconded

by Johnson to liquidate the Work Comp account into the general fund, and keep the Parks and Capital Improvement accounts separate. Motion carried unanimously.

BAT MITIGATION QUOTE

Building and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor Wayne Drew and County Administrator Steve Ewing presented a quote from CP Bat Mitigation in which CP Bat Mitigation will provide the materials and labor needed to perform mitigation for the Pipestone County Courthouse at a cost of \$23,612.00. Commissioners expressed concerns on the cost and lack of warranty. Consensus of the Board to direct Ewing and Drew to attempt to obtain more quotes.

PERSONNEL

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste announced that Samantha Ahlschlager started as a full-time Jailer/Dispatcher on March 20, 2023.

Feste announced that Josh Kooiman started on March 21, 2023 as a full-time Highway Maintenance Worker.

Feste requested approval of Junior Appraiser Kim Murphy’s resignation effective March 31, 2023. Motion by Roskamp, seconded by Hollingsworth to accept Junior Appraiser Kim Murphy’s resignation effective March 31, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEER APPOINTMENT AND EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT 2023-2027

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nagel to approve the appointment of Nicholas Bergman as Pipestone County Engineer for a four-year term effective May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2027 and approve the accompanying Employment Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

BID OPENING – 10:30AM

Engineer Nick Bergman and Attorney Damain Sandy joined the meeting for CP 2023-100 (2023 Gravel Crushing) bids. Bids received were as follows:

<i>Planholder</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Bid Total</i>
Central Specialties, Inc.	Alexandria, MN	\$197,680.00
Ferguson Brothers Excavating, Inc.	Alexandria, MN	\$187,600.00
R.A. Muecke Sand & Gravel	Slayton, MN	\$121,520.00
Rogge Excavating	Ghent, MN	\$95,200.00
Sweetman Sand & Gravel	Currie, MN	\$105,280.00
Wm. D. Scepaniak	Holdingsford, MN	\$109,200.00

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Engineer Bergman opened bids for culvert projects SAP 059-599-124, SAP 059-599-128, SAP 059-599-129, SAP 059-599-127, SAP 059-607-023, and SAP 059-599-126. Bids received were as follows:

<i>Planholder</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Bid Total</i>
A & C Excavating	Marshall, MN	\$1,306,829.80
Midwest Contracting, LLC	Marshall, MN	\$1,405,667.80
R & G Construction Co.	Marshall, MN	\$1,413,106.80
Towne & Country Excavating, LLC	Garvin, MN	\$1,430,564.36

Bids were taken for review.

PAINTING PAYMENT APPROVAL – AUDITOR WARRANT

County Administrator Steve Ewing requested approval to pay R & R Painting final payment for work they did in the Courtroom via Auditor Warrant to ensure a shorter payment timeline. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Nagel to approve final payment to R & R Painting via Auditor Warrant. Motion carried unanimously.

BID AWARDS

Engineer Bergman recommended awarding the gravel crushing and culvert bids to the low bidders.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Roskamp to award the CP 2023-100 (2023 Gravel Crushing) bid to Rogge Excavating of Ghent, MN in the amount of \$95,200.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Roskamp to award the culvert projects SAP 059-599-124, SAP 059-599-128, SAP 059-599-129, SAP 059-599-127, SAP 059-607-023, and SAP 059-599-126 to A & C Excavating of Marshall, MN in the amount of \$1,306,829.80. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Roskamp, seconded by Hollingsworth to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:28a.m.

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Dan Wildermuth
Pipestone County Board Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Steven Ewing
County Administrator

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