Pipestone County Commissioner Meeting

May 9, 2023

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 was absent. 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 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: 04/25/2023

2. Approve Auditors Warrants: 04/28/2023, 05/05/2023

3. Approve Commissioners Warrants in the amount of \$254,862.77

4. Approve Hospital Warrants \$371,227.81

5. Approve Treasurer's Report April 2023

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
MN Dept of Corrections	61,922.79
Alpha Wireless Communications Co	32,477.70
Visa-First Bank & Trust	18,178.94
Midstate Equipment and Supplies Inc	15,396.48
Vanguard Appraisals Inc	13,750.00
Van Dyke Sanitation Inc	13,692.00
Motorola Solutions Connectivity, Inc	12,213.23
I State Truck Center	7,929.91
SafeAssure Consultants Inc	6,155.85
Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc.	6,124.92
Counties Providing Technology	5,058.00
O'Neill O'Neill & Barduson	4,963.00
Erickson Engineering Co Inc	4,254.00
Share Corporation	3,891.57
Surplus Warehouse of Willmar Inc	3,000.00
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers, INC	2,728.79
Warrants over \$2,000	\$211,737.18
Number of Claims under \$2,000	93
Warrants under \$2,000	<u>\$43,125.59</u>
Total	\$254,862.77
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COUNTY ASSESSOR OATH OF OFFICE

Board Chair Dan Wildermuth administered the Oath of Office to County Assessor Chris McChesney as per Minnesota Statute 273.05. PROJECT UPDATES. PROJECTS UNDER CONTRACT, PROJECTS IN THE PLANNING STAGE

County Engineer Nick Bergman provided information on project updates, projects under contract and projects in the planning stage.

Engineer Bergman presented the following bids for the 2023 Maintenance Striping contract.

Traffic Solutions, Inc.	\$47,122.64
Sir Lines-A-Lot LLC.	\$51,245.87

Motion by Nagel, seconded by Johnson to approve the quote for \$47,122.64 from Traffic Solutions Inc. for 2023 Maintenance Striping. Yeas: Johnson, Nagel, Roskamp, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

Engineer Bergman distributed the 2022 Annual Highway Report. Bergman asked Commissioners to review the report and will follow-up at a future board meeting.

Bergman reported on maintenance updates. The Highway department used all of the leftover crack sealant and has started to use some of the new order, snow removal equipment has been removed, and road postings were taken off on May 8, 2023.

FIRST QUARTER BUDGET REPORT

County Administrator Steve Ewing reviewed the first quarter budget. Motion by Roskamp, seconded by Johnson to accept the 2023 first quarter budget report as presented. Yeas: Johnson, Nagel, Roskamp, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

HOMETOWN FIBER PRESENTATION AND RESOLUTION

Hometown Fiber Representatives Marlena Pfeiffer and Kyle Moorhead joined the meeting via Zoom to give status updates on next steps for the broadband project. The Resolution states that Pipestone County desires to hire Hometown Fiber and their engineering partner Bolton and Menk to deliver Network Architecture, plans, specifications and bid documents within 120 calendar days, for a fee not to exceed \$1,041,556.00, with a requirement that Pipestone County would pay a 50% deposit of \$520,778.00. Hometown Fiber stated that time is of the essence in order to be able to submit grant applications in a timely manner. Commissioners voiced concerns on the overall cost and feasibility of the project. Hometown Fiber suggested a meeting with Laura Lewis, Principal/Owner at Lewis Young Robertson and Burningham, to answer questions on the financing of the project. Consensus of the board to schedule a meeting with Lewis and revisit the proposed Resolution, project, and timeline at the May 23rd board meeting.

TAX ABATEMENT PUBLIC HEARING - CANCELLED

The public hearing for a proposed property tax abatement request from Keith Vreeman/Derek Claar, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 469.1813 and 116J.993 through 116J.995 consisting of new home construction and located in the Township of Burke that was set for May 9, 2023 at 10:00a.m. was cancelled due to construction timelines.

TAX ABATEMENT REQUEST - GARY PUNT

Assessor Chris McChesney presented an application for abatement from Gary Punt. Punt was incorrectly charged taxes for a parcel that has been changed to road right-of-way in the City of Pipestone with no taxable value. The parcel will be deleted for taxes payable going forward. Motion by Roskamp, seconded by Wildermuth to issue an abatement of \$38.00 to Gary Punt for 2023 taxes paid. Yeas: Johnson, Nagel, Roskamp, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

RCRCA JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

Motion by Roskamp, seconded by Nagel to approve the Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area Joint Powers Agreement effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025. Square Mile Apportionment for Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area is as follows:

County	Square	Percentage	Dollar
	Miles		Appropriations
Brown County	270	13.4	\$10,720.00
Cottonwood County	250	12.4	\$9,920.00
Lincoln County	140	6.9	\$5,520.00
Lyon County	535	26.4	\$21,120.00
Murray County	111	5.4	\$4,320.00
Pipestone County	26	1.3	\$1,040.00
Redwood County	670	33.1	\$26,480.00
Yellow Medicine County	22	1.1	\$880.00
Total	2,024	100%	\$80,000.00

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

RESOLUTION 59-17-23 ONE WATERSHED ONE PLAN

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to approve Resolution 59-17-23 to support the Redwood River Watershed One Watershed, One Plan project. Yeas: Johnson, Nagel, Roskamp, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

WESTERN MENTAL HEALTH CENTER OPEN HOUSE UPDATE

County Administrator Ewing reported that the Western Mental Health Center Open House at Pipestone County Medical Center will need to be moved to July 17, 2023 since there was a scheduling conflict with the previous date. More details to follow.

SPECIAL MEETING – BROADBAND FINANCING

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nagel to schedule a Special Meeting on Monday, May 15th at 10:30a.m., pending confirmation from Hometown Fiber, to discuss financing of a Countywide Broadband project. Yeas: Johnson, Nagel, Roskamp, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioners reported on the following Committee Meetings:

Commissioner Johnson: District 8 Land Use, SWCD, Highway 23 Coalition Annual Meeting, Senate Transportation Committee Testimony, SWHHS Training, AMC Board, PCMC Board, Pipestone City Road and Bridge Committee, AMC Governance Committee, Prime Health, Minnesota Rural Counties, AREA II, RCRCA, PCMC Plant Operations.

Commissioner Nagel: PrimeWest, PCMC Tour, SWCH, SWHHS, New Commissioner Training, Legislative Update, Hospital Trustee Training. Commissioner Roskamp: PCMC Tour, Hands Only CPR Safety Training, Plum Creek Library, Opioid Settlement Meeting.

Commissioner Wildermuth: PrimeWest, Hometown Fiber Laura Lewis Meeting, PCMC Recruiting, PCMC Plant Operations, PrimeWest Quality Control, Southwest 18 Mental Health Consortium, PCMC Quality Control, CERT/Steering Committee Lunch and Learn, SMOC, Head Start.

Motion by Roskamp, seconded by Wildermuth to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:13a.m.

Dan Wildermuth ATTEST: Steven Ewing

Pipestone County Board Chairman County Administrator