

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

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

