

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 Hollingsworth, seconded by Roskamp 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: 07/11/2023
2. Approve Commissioners Warrants in the amount of \$160,839.27
3. Approve Auditors Warrants: 07/14/2023, 07/21/2023
4. Approve Hospital Warrants \$340,797.70

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Vendor Name	Amount Paid
Traffic Solutions Inc	48,320.80
Eide Bailly LLP	27,500.00
Pipestone County Highway Department	9,133.09
Double D Gravel, Inc	8,917.91
BioAg Energy Services	7,531.03
Avenu	6,933.42
Morris Electronics Inc	5,712.75
Counties Providing Technology	5,058.00
Institute for Environmental Assessment	3,750.00
AVI Systems Inc	3,746.41
Holland/City of	3,500.00
Surplus Warehouse of Willmar Inc	3,265.00
Hillyard Inc	2,739.18
Amanda B. Powers, Psy.D., LP, PLLC	2,675.00
USIC Receivables LLC	2,663.36
Visa-First Bank & Trust	2,188.16
Warrants over \$2,000	\$143,634.11
Number of Claims under \$2,000	45
Warrants under \$2,000	\$17,205.16
Total	<u><u>\$160,839.27</u></u>

ROAD AND BRIDGE ITEMS

Engineer Bergman requested the board set a bid opening date for 2023 Box Culverts – Contract #3, projects SAP 059-599-132 and SAP 059-599-137. Motion by Roskamp, seconded by Nagel to schedule the bid opening for 2023 Box Culverts – Contract #3, projects SAP 059-599-132 and SAP 059-599-137 for September 12, 2023 at 10:30a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Bergman reported that the gravel pit land rent contract expires the end of 2023 and requested the board set a bid opening date for 2024 – 2026 gravel pit land rent. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Johnson to set a bid opening date of August 22 at 10:30a.m. for 2024 – 2026 gravel pit land rent. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Bergman reported that a landowner has requested replacement of calcium chloride that was damaged by the Highway department. This landowner had not reported the application of calcium chloride to the Highway department ahead of time. Consensus of the board to not replace incidental damage to calcium chloride applied by landowners.

2024 AERIAL IMAGERY FLIGHT

Environmental Administrator Kyle Krier presented a contract from Eagleview Pictometry for a new aerial imagery flight to take place in 2024 and access to associated software. All of Pipestone County will be photographed with Pipestone and Edgerton being photographed at a higher resolution. Maps and photography obtained from aerial imagery flights are routinely used by SWCD and the Assessor’s Office. Cost for the service is \$66,927.45, to be paid as follows:

Due at initial activation of services	\$22,309.15
Due at First Anniversary of Initial Activation of Services	\$22,309.15
Due at Second Anniversary of Initial Activation of Services	\$22,309.15

Funds for this project are eligible to be paid from the Buffer Compliance Fund. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the contract with Eagleview for a 2024 aerial imagery flight at a cost of \$66,927.45, paid out of the Buffer Compliance Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

MINETT-KRANTZ INSPECTION REPORT

Environmental Administrator Kyle Krier presented the Operation and Maintenance Observations Checklist for the Minett-Krantz Dam. The inspection was completed by AREA II Engineering Technician Joe DeSchepper. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nagel to approve the Inspection Report and authorize Board Chair signature. Motion carried unanimously.

WOODSTOCK COMMUNICATIONS BROADBAND DISCUSSION

Woodstock Communications General Manager/Vice President Terry Nelson joined the meeting. Nelson presented information and estimates for installation of fiberoptic broadband internet cable in the rural areas of Pipestone County. Nelson estimated that the total cost of bringing broadband to the entire underserved area of the county would be \$15 million. His recommendation would be to do the project in phases, starting with the area of the county East of Highway 23. There are two types of state grants available, a low-density grant, border-to-border grant, along with federal grants, that would cover up to 75% of the costs. Nelson suggested that Woodstock could take on half of the remaining cost and the County would take on the other half, contingent on grant funding. Nelson would need to seek approval from the Woodstock Board of Directors and would need some more information from the County on commitment and funding in order to move forward with the project. Consensus of the Board to form a Broadband Committee to discuss the County's future plans for Broadband expansion and Woodstock Communications' proposal. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Roskamp to appoint Commissioner Hollingsworth, Commissioner Wildermuth, County Administrator Steve Ewing, Auditor/Treasurer Amanda Sandy, and IT Director Bill Folger to the Broadband Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING NEW HOME TAX ABATEMENT

Auditor Treasurer Amanda Sandy presented a request to schedule a public hearing for a New Home Tax Abatement for Deanna Prellwitz pursuant to Minnesota Statute 469.1813 and 116J.993 for new home construction in Gray Township, Section 22, Parcel Number 08-022-0300 on Tuesday August 22, 2023 at 10:00 AM in the Commissioners Room. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to schedule the public hearing as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

DATA PRACTICES POLICY

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste requested approval of revised Data Practices Policies for members of the public and data subjects as per Minnesota Statute section 13.03, subdivision 2(b) and subdivision 8. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the revised Data Practices Policies. Motion carried unanimously. The revised Data Practices Policies will be posted on the Pipestone County website.

PERSONNEL

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste reported Tyler Soltau will be starting as a full-time Deputy Sheriff on August 1, 2023. Feste reported that Jada Schumann will be starting as a full-time Deputy Recorder on August 2, 2023.

DITCH COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

County Administrator Steve Ewing requested the board appoint a new member to the Ditch Committee as Gary Griebel has retired. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Roskamp to appoint Mike Zeinstra to the Ditch Committee effective July 25, 2023. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioners thanked Griebel for his years of service on the Committee.

SECOND QUARTER BUDGET REPORT

County Administrator Steve Ewing reviewed the 2023 second quarter budget with Commissioners. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Roskamp to approve the 2023 Second Quarter Budget Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Ewing handed out a tentative schedule for budget meeting days and times on August 22 at regular board meeting, August 29, special meeting, September 5, special meeting, September 12, at board meeting

Chairman Wildermuth adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

Dan Wildermuth
Pipestone County Board Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Steven Ewing
County Administrator