

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approve Commissioners Minutes: 08/08/2023
2. Approve Commissioners Warrants in the amount of \$214,132.78
3. Approve Auditors Warrants 8/11/23, 8/18/23
4. Approve Hospital Warrants \$460,106.55

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Vendor Name	Amount Paid
Southwest Health & Human Services	33,573.00
Contech Engineered Solutions LLC	31,380.00
Ruthon/City Of	30,000.00
Alpha Wireless Communications Co	20,477.17
Pipestone Outdoor Power	15,666.00
Jer's Electric, Inc.	10,791.36
Legacy Services Corporation	9,440.00
Rustad's Design Center	7,448.00
BRAUN INTERTEC CORPORATION	5,327.20
Minnesota UI Fund	4,935.59
Michaels Fence & Supply Inc	4,741.00
Pipestone County Highway Department	4,704.26
Morris Electronics Inc	3,495.35
Roggenbuck/James John	2,750.00
BX Civil & Construction Inc	2,650.00
Traffic Solutions Inc	2,543.20
Surplus Warehouse of Willmar Inc	2,520.00
Pipestone County Medical Center	2,425.75
Pipestone County EMS Education Program	2,200.00
C&B Operations LLC	2,089.09
Warrants over \$2,000	\$199,156.97
Number of Claims under \$2,000	56

Warrants under \$2,000	<u>\$14,975.81</u>
Total	<u><u>\$214,132.78</u></u>

NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTION

Deputy Recorder Jada Schumann introduced herself to Commissioners. Jada started at the County on August 2, 2023. Commissioners wished her well in her new position.

ROAD AND BRIDGE ITEMS

County Engineer Nick Bergman requested approval of the following right of way payments:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Land Owner:</u>	<u>Payment:</u>
SAP 059-625-002	The Marie D. Nelson Trust	\$6,538.50
SAP 059-625-002	The Robert P. Nelson Disclaimer Trust	\$6,538.50
SAP 059-625-002	Thomas J. and Sara Nelson	\$3,019.00
SAP 059-625-002	Mitchell T. and Nicole M. Nelson	\$6,720.00
SAP 059-625-002	Albert H. and Lori Krusemark	\$6,272.00
SAP 059-625-002	Frederick and Brenda Krusemark	\$6,272.00
SAP 059-625-002	Kristine L. Krusemark	\$6,272.00
SAP 059-625-002	Timothy M. and Carrie Krusemark	\$6,272.00

Motion by Hollingsworth seconded by Nagel to approve the right-of-way payments presented and authorize payment as an Auditors Warrant. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Bergman presented the following quotes for four tires to be installed on the Ruthton Motor Grader as information to the board. Engineer Bergman will check prices from the vendors. No action taken.

Supplier	Model	Each	Quantity	Total
Pomp's Tire (Marshall)	Bridgestone VSWAS	\$1,607.52	4	\$6,430.08
Graham Goodyear (Sioux Falls)	Goodyear AS3A	\$2,068.80	4	\$8,275.20

Engineer Bergman requested permission to sell truck number 6, 2000 Chevy K2500 4 x 4 with 138,240 miles as County surplus property. Consensus of the board is to declare the truck surplus property and to sell via local advertising for sealed bids. Engineer Bergman will open bids for the truck at the September 26, 2023 Commissioners meeting.

Engineer Bergman reported on maintenance projects, hauling crushed concrete from old Central School for base material at new Southwest Government Center parking lot and will haul out waste loads of gravel and dirt as needed. Bladed through a private dust control on a gravel road so county will reapply the chemical.

KYLE KRIER – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

Environmental Administrator Kyle Krier requested approval of the recommendation of the Pipestone County Planning Commission to approve a conditional use permit to Danny Peschon to open and operate a gravel pit in Rock Township, Section 31, SE 1/4. Motion by Nagel, seconded by Roskamp to accept the Pipestone County Planning and Zoning Commission Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Recommendations and approve the Conditional Use Permit for Danny Peschon to open and operate a gravel pit in Rock Township, Section 31, SE 1/4. The conditional use permit is valid for a period of 10 years. Motion carried unanimously.

GRAVEL PIT RESTORATION REQUEST

Pipestone Sportsman's Club officer Dave Sommers requested County funds be provided for gravel pit restoration. The gravel pit was previously owned by Pipestone County and sold to the Sportsman's Club in 2022. Environmental Administrator Kyle Krier stated that Aggregate tax funds can be used for this purpose. There is approximately \$28,177.85 currently in that account. Sommers reported that they received a quote from Double D Gravel for the first phase of the restoration project, totaling \$19,500.00. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Roskamp to authorize payment in the amount of \$19,500.00 from the aggregate tax account for the Sportsman's Club gravel pit restoration project. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULE TAX ABATEMENT PUBLIC HEARING

County Administrator Steve Ewing presented a proposed tax abatement request from Pipestone Development Co LLC (Jeremy Whipple) consisting of two new townhomes (four total single-family dwellings) located at 601 11th Street Southwest and 605 11th Street Southwest in the City of Pipestone. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Wildermuth to schedule the tax abatement public hearing for September 12, 2023 at 10:00a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste reported that Chuck Serbus started as a part-time Deputy Auditor/Treasurer on August 17, 2023. He will be working one to two days per week.

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste reported that Highway Accountant Daneal Hauptert has accepted the full-time Highway Accountant position and will be working 4 days per week through 2023 with plans to start 5 days per week January 1, 2024.

OFFICE 365 SUBSCRIPTION PURCHASE

IT Director Bill Folger requested approval to purchase ten Office 365 licenses for a 3-year agreement. The state contract quote from SHI is \$7,304.70. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Roskamp to approve the quote from SHI for \$7,304.70. Motion carried unanimously.

HOME TAX ABATEMENT PUBLIC HEARING – 10:00AM

A public hearing was held for a new home property tax abatement request from Deanna Prellwitz for new home construction located in Gray Township. Motion by Nagel, seconded by Roskamp to open the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. No public comment was received. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Roskamp to close the public hearing at 10:05 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Roskamp, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve Resolution 59-21-23 granting a home tax abatement on Parcel ID 08-022-0300, Gray Township, Section 22 Township 106-45, Pipestone County pursuant to the Pipestone County Home Initiative policy. Motion carried unanimously.

LAND RENT BID OPENING – 10:30AM

Engineer Bergman opened the following bids for 2024 through 2026 land rent on the Pipestone gravel pit property.

Name	Bid Amount
Wade Newgard	\$231.00 / acre
Nathanael Amoth	\$232.00 / acre
Dan & Jamie Von Eye, Von Eye Farms	\$263.00 / acre
Richard Zebe, Zebe Farms	\$251.00 / acre
Austin Powers	\$222.00 / acre

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nagel to accept the bid from Dan and Jamie Von Eye, of Von Eye Farms at a rent price of \$263.00 per acre. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 59-23-2023

County Administrator Steve Ewing reported that the City of Pipestone requested the County's support on an application for Designation as a Regional Park or Trail in Greater Minnesota. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Wildermuth to approve Resolution 59-23-23 Resolution Supporting Regional Park Designation Application for the Hiawatha Pageant Park in the City of Pipestone. Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDED FISCAL HOST / AGENT AGREEMENT

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve the Amended Fiscal Host/Agent Agreement between Des Moines Valley Health and Human Services and the Southwestern Minnesota Adult Mental Health Consortium. The Agreement was amended on July 9, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

RCRCA JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nagel to approve the Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area Joint Powers Agreement effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025 and authorizing Commissioner Johnson to sign on behalf of Pipestone County. Pipestone County's annual appropriation is \$1,040.00. Motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET

Sheriff Keith Vreeman and Chief Deputy Mike Hamann reviewed the 2024 Sheriff's Office Budget.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to adjourn the meeting at 11:17 am. Motion carried unanimously.

Dan Wildermuth
Pipestone County Board Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Steven Ewing
County Administrator