

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: 07/25/2023
2. Approve Auditors Warrants: 07/28/23, 8/4/23
3. Approve Commissioners Warrants in the amount of \$178,600.41
4. Approve Hospital Warrants \$1,039,208.82
5. Approve Treasurer's Report July 2023

Motion carried unanimously.

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
Murray County Sheriff's Office	29,581.76
Visa-First Bank & Trust	23,525.56
Pipestone County Sheriff's Office	14,468.97
Van Dyke Sanitation Inc	13,792.34
O'Neill O'Neill & Barduson	9,926.00
League of MN Cities Ins Trust P & C	9,691.00
Lincoln County Sheriff	7,918.04
Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc.	6,088.28
Counties Providing Technology	5,058.00
OPG 3 Inc	4,168.00
POMP'S TIRE SERVICE INC	4,028.12
Graham Tire SF North	3,583.40
Cunningham Telephone	3,440.00
Quist Plumbing & Heating Inc	3,188.97
SoJo's Sportswear	3,156.00
Trigger Interactive	2,969.10
Pipestone Publishing Co Inc	2,802.42
Swenny's Towing	2,596.06
Motorola Solutions Connectivity, Inc	2,214.23
Warrants over \$2,000	\$152,196.25
Number of Claims under \$2,000	58

Warrants under \$2,000	<u>\$26,404.16</u>
Total	<u><u>\$178,600.41</u></u>

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 quotes for the Highway Department’s annual salt and sand purchase.

SALT	(Delivered to Pipestone)	
Johnson Feed, Inc.	\$90.00/ton	
Black Strap, Inc.	\$91.00/ton	
State Contract	\$92.53/ton	
SAND	Material	Material w/ estimated trucking
Buffalo Ridge Concrete – Leota	\$4.65/ton	\$9.74/ton
Schuur	\$7.00/ton	\$10.17/ton

Motion by Roskamp, seconded by Johnson to award the salt bid to Johnson Feed, Inc. and the sand bid to Buffalo Ridge Concrete – Leota. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Bergman reported that the City of Pipestone requested to use some of the space in the old salt shed for this winter, contingent on approval from the County and MNDOT. This would be a one-year trial to determine if they would like to build their own shed. Consensus of the Board to allow the City to use the old salt shed for a one-year trial period.

Bergman reported on various maintenance updates including culvert repair on County Road 1, the new pickup truck that was ordered has been delivered, and he plans to advertise in local newspapers to sell the old pickup as surplus property.

INVENERGY PROJECT PRESENTATION

Invenergy Renewable Development Director Monica Monterossa presented information on an upcoming windfarm project located in several counties in Southwestern Minnesota which impacts the northern part of Pipestone County in the Ruthton and Woodstock areas. The name of the project is Purple Skies Wind Energy.

HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION AID

County Administrator Steve Ewing reported that Pipestone County received \$25,123 as the 2023 state allocation for Local Homeless Prevention Aid. Southwest Health and Human

Services Director Beth Wilms has recommended that counties utilize United Community Action Partnership (UCAP) for the disbursement of these dollars. Commissioner Wildermuth indicated that he would like to check with Southwest Minnesota Opportunity Council (SMOC) to see if they would also be able to administer the program, before deciding. No action was taken.

COMPENSATION STUDY PROJECT AGREEMENT

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste requested approval of an Agreement for Professional Services between Pipestone County and Gallagher for a Compensation Study, Job Evaluation Review, Project Administration and Project Finalization in the amount of \$20,000.00. This was a budgeted item for 2023. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Johnson to approve the Professional Service Agreement between Pipestone County for a compensation study, job evaluation review, project administration and finalization in the amount of \$20,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 59-22-2023 LPRW APPOINTMENTS

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to recommend that Mitch Kling and Bill Ufkin be appointed to the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System Board of Commissioners effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2027. Motion carried unanimously.

PRINTER PURCHASE

IT Director Bill Folger presented six quotes for printer purchases in the Auditor and Assessor Offices. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nagel to approve the quote from Marco for two Konica Minolta C450i printers at a cost of \$6,240.00 each. Motion carried unanimously.

GIS SOFTWARE UPGRADE

Environmental Administrator Kyle Krier presented quotes from ProWest to create a public hub site for GIS data and upgrade Pipestone County's current Esri Enterprise software. Cost for the public hub site is \$3,565.10 and cost for the software upgrade is \$2,447.47 for a total of \$6,012.57. Buffer Enforcement Aid Account funds can be used for this purchase. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Roskamp to approve the quote from ProWest for \$6,012.57. Motion carried unanimously.

STATE OF MINNESOTA CANNABIS LEGISLATION

County Attorney Damain Sandy, Sheriff Keith Vreeman, and Chief Deputy Mike Hamann joined the meeting. County Administrator Steve Ewing briefly reviewed the new cannabis law and presented a sample Ordinance regulating the use of Cannabis and Cannabis

derived products in public places. Ewing also asked Commissioners if they were interested in a Local Government Meeting with other local government entities to discuss the new cannabis law and ordinance. County Attorney Damain Sandy reported that the statute already bans the use of cannabis and cannabis derived products in public places, so passing a Countywide ordinance would be a duplication of efforts. Consensus of the Board to take no action on the sample ordinance and hold off on scheduling a meeting until more information is obtained.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioners reported on the following Committee Meetings:

Commissioner Roskamp: Opioid Settlement, Fair Board, PCMC Board with Western Mental Health Open House, Employee Grill Out, Fair Board, Rural Minnesota Energy Board, Transit Committee, Opioid Subcommittee.

Commissioner Nagel: Minnesota Hospital Association Certification, Fair Board, Soil and Water District Meeting, MHA Summer Conference, Hospital Board, Emergency Communications Board, Fair Board.

Commissioner Hollingsworth: Road and Bridge, MHA Summer Conference, Western Mental Health Open House, CPT Executive Board.

Commissioner Johnson: Road and Bridge, Solid Waste, District 8 Land Use, MHA Conference, MHA Trustee Council, Solid Waste Special Meeting, Western Mental Health, Employee Grill Out, Countywide healthcare Meeting, Ditch Committee, Prime Health, AREA II, RCRC.

Commissioner Wildermuth: PrimeWest, PCMC Plant Operations, Veterans Memorial, A.C.E., Southwest 18 Mental Health Consortium, Solid Waste, SMOC, Western Mental Health Open House, Employee Grill Out, Countywide Healthcare Meeting, SWHHS, Alcohol Coalition, PCMC Joint Venture with Avera, Rural Minnesota Energy Board, PACE, AMC Zoom Orientation.

Chairman Wildermuth adjourned the meeting at 11:49a.m.

Dan Wildermuth
Pipestone County Board Chairman

ATTEST:

Steven Ewing
County Administrator

August 8, 2023