

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 Hollingsworth 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: 10/24/2023
2. Approve Auditors Warrants: 10/25/2023, 10/27/2023, 11/03/23, 11/09/2023
3. Approve Commissioners Warrants in the amount of \$241,364.92
4. Approve Hospital Warrants \$529,137.07
5. Approve Treasurer's Report October 2023

Motion carried unanimously.

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

<u>VENDOR NAME</u>	<u>TOTAL AMOUNT</u>
BioAg Energy Services	51,789.42
Morris Electronics Inc	34,075.48
3D Security Inc	19,106.00
Visa-First Bank & Trust	16,809.67
Van Dyke Sanitation Inc	13,640.10
Pipestone County Highway Department	9,059.75
ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE, INC	6,124.92
Buffalo Ridge Concrete Inc	5,739.32
Counties Providing Technology	5,058.00
O'Neill O'Neill & Barduson	4,963.00
Pipestone Publishing Co Inc	4,609.79
Pipestone County Medical Center	4,608.35
ACE of Southwest MN	4,500.00
Rev 22 Tree Farm	3,600.00
POMP'S TIRE SERVICE INC	2,965.37
Hillyard Inc	2,771.54
Southwest Health & Human Services	2,688.52
Pipestone/City Of	2,625.00
Surplus Warehouse of Willmar Inc	2,600.00
Johnson Feed Inc	2,398.50
Greg's Welding Inc	2,081.00
Erickson Engineering Co Inc	2,000.00
WARRANTS OVER \$2,000	\$203,813.73
NUMBER OF CLAIMS UNDER \$2,000	86

WARRANTS UNDER \$2,000	\$37,551.19
TOTAL	\$241,364.92

STACY JORGENSEN SWHHS, SOUTHWEST 18 MENTAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM

Stacy Jorgensen from SWHHS provided information on the financial issues with the Southwest 18 Mental Health Consortium. Each county is required to provide core mental health service to support individuals in need. There is a cash flow issue for Southwest 18 as block grant funding is applied for every two years. In the first year they receive an advance on ¼ of the contract, in the second year they must spend all the carryover from the first year and the current year's allocation by December 31. In some quarters costs are low and in others high and it creates inconsistency in cash flow/reimbursement from the Department of Human Services (DHS). Each county is being asked to contribute \$20,000, each county will own the dollars contributed (similar to a membership fee). Should the consortium disband each county would be reimbursed \$20,000. The board approved the request at the October 24, 2023 meeting for the allocation of the funds if needed.

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. Box Culvert projects SAP 059-599-132 and SAP 59-599-137 in Eden and Elmer Township are complete. Working on plans for County road 76, ¾ mile North of CSAH 10, 2024 overlay projects in various county locations, and working with the engineering consultants for the City of Holland utility project.

APPROVE FINAL PAYMENT FOR 2023 GRAVEL CRUSHING (CP 2023-100)

Motion by Roskamp, seconded by Nagel to approve final payment to Rogge Excavating from Ghent MN in the amount of \$5,871.75. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 59-33-23 MN/DOT AGREEMENT 1054944, MAINTENANCE OF CSAH 8 AS A DETOUR ROUTE FOR CONSTRUCTION ON TRUNK HIGHWAY 23

Engineer Bergman presented a letter and Resolution 59-33-23 for state cost compensation for road life consumed and maintenance by the Trunk Highway 23 detour scheduled for the 2024 construction season. Amount of compensation is calculated at \$27,550.29. The detour will utilize CSAH 8 during the construction.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nagel to approve Resolution 59-33-23 for the detour agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

SET BID OPENING DATE FOR GRAVEL CRUSHING

Engineer Bergman presented a request to set a bid opening date of December 12, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. for the 2024 Gravel Crushing Contract. He expects to crush 40,000 cubic yards of gravel with a completion date of June 15, 2024. Motion by Roskamp, seconded by Wildermuth to set the bid opening on December 12, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 59-32-23 COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH LYON COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Engineer Bergman reported that Pipestone and Lyon Counties have plans to complete a bituminous overlay project on Pipestone and Lyon CSAH 12 for 2024. The County Engineers involved believe the most efficient and effective way to deliver both projects is to have Pipestone County manage the project delivery as detailed in the proposed cooperative agreement. Engineer Bergman requested approval of Resolution 59-32-23 Cooperative Agreement with Lyon County for construction of SAP 59-612-003 (Pipestone County CSAH 12) and SAP 042-612-011 (Lyon County CSAH 12). Motion by Johnson, seconded by Roskamp to approve the project and Resolution 59-32-23. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 59-31-23 SUPPORT FOR AND AGREEMENT TO SPONSOR THE CITY OF HOLLAND'S PURSUIT OF 2024 LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR CITY STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Engineer Bergman presented Resolution 59-31-23 in which Pipestone County agrees to act as project sponsor should the township or non-state aid city be awarded Local Road Improvement funds. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve Resolution 59-31-23 support and agreement to sponsor the City of Holland's pursuit of 2024 Local Road Improvement Program Funding. Motion carried unanimously.

AMEND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS WITH CITIES OF PIPESTONE AND EDGERTON

Engineer Bergman requested updating the payment per mile for maintenance agreements with the Cities of Pipestone and Edgerton from \$3,345 per mile to \$5,345 per mile. The City of Pipestone has 6.61 miles of state aid roads and the City of Edgerton has 1 mile. After

discussions with MnDOT, Pipestone County Road and Bridge Committee and the City of Pipestone Utility Committee, Engineer Bergman recommended increasing the payment. The last increase was in 2003. Motion by Nagel, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve the requested increase. Motion carried unanimously.

STONE ARCH BRIDGE BID AWARD UPDATE

Engineer Bergman presented the Bidder Comparison Summary as per specifications, bidders were asked to provide three example projects. Restoration & Construction Services, LLC provided 2 examples of a retaining wall and 1 rehab of cast in place concrete with pavers. None of these projects seemed similar in character to the rehab of the Stone Arch Bridge. Reasons: They were all historic, but none them were bridges, they include masonry but not overhead work and none of them address the process of dismantling, salvaging, and rebuilding stone masonry. Environmental Associates Inc. provided 2 stone historic bridge rehabs, the third was a scenic overlook and the other was stone structure work on a wayside rest. These projects seemed similar in character to the rehab of the Stone Arch Bridge. Reasons: Two of them are historic bridges, they all include stone or masonry repointing and overhead work, they discuss the process of dismantling, salvaging, and rebuilding stone masonry. Engineer Bergman responded to both bidders and asked if their examples were the most recent work they've done or the most similar in character to the preservation and restoration activities associated with our Split Rock Bridge project.

Restoration and Construction Services, LLC did not submit any additional examples but noted they will be bidding on a stone arch bridge in Minneapolis (that is future work, not completed work). Environmental Associates Inc. provided another example of a historic bridge where they did some waterproofing and a stream diversion, this project was similar in size and character to the rehab of our Split Rock Bridge project.

Recommendation by Engineer Bergman to reject the low bid of Restoration & Construction Services, LLC in the amount of \$1,095,671.93. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to reject the low bid of Restoration & Construction Services, LLC in the amount of \$1,095,671.93. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to accept the bid from Environmental Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$1,391,051.95. Motion carried unanimously.

ROAD AND BRIDGE ITEMS

Engineer Bergman requested to set a bid opening for January-June 2024 fuel for the Road and Bridge Department. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to set the bid opening for December 26, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Bergman reported on maintenance activities from the past month including final mowing for the season, graveling, readying trucks and equipment for winter. The furnace and carpet at the office will be cleaned. Data from the dynamic speed signs are being requested from the cities that have them. Consensus of the board was to authorize Engineer Bergman to provide the data to cities by giving them the log in information and educate the cities on how to interpret the data.

LYON COUNTY RECYCLING GRANT APPLICATION/LETTER OF SUPPORT

Environmental Administrator Kyle Krier presented a letter of support for the Southwest Regional Waste Reduction and Reuse Program for a grant being submitted by the Lyon County Environmental Department. The grant amount being requested is \$250,000 with a \$87,290 match. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Roskamp to offer Pipestone County's support for the grant. Motion carried unanimously.

PIPESTONE COUNTY FEEDLOT PROGRAM DELEGATION AGREEMENT WORK PLAN

Environmental Administrator Kyle Krier presented the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency County Feedlot Program Delegation Agreement Workplan for board approval for years 2024 and 2025. The county will receive approximately \$60,000 in state funding for the County Feedlot Program. Motion by Nagel, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve the presented work plan. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL

Administrator Ewing presented a request for county issued credit card for Assessors Office employee Alexis DeGroot. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Roskamp to approve the request for county issued credit card. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Ewing presented a request to approve the new job title of Public Safety Telecommunicator in the Sheriff's Office. This is a new job title and the Jailer/Dispatcher job description was revised. Motion by Roskamp, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the job description changes. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON APPOINTMENT TO REDWOOD RIVER ONE

WATERSHED, ONE PLAN ORGANIZATION

Commissioner Johnson requested that he be appointed to the 1 Watershed 1 Plan for the Redwood River Watershed. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Nagel to appoint Commissioner Johnson as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioners reported on the following Committee Meetings:

Commissioner Johnson: District 8 Land Use, PCMC Plant Ops, Annual Landfill, Special Budget Meeting, District 8 Land Use, PCMC board, Highway 23 Coalition, AMC District 8, Area II/RCRCA, MHA Trustees, Transportation Alliance, PCMC Plant Ops.

Commissioner Hollingsworth: Safety Committee, Road& Bridge, CPT, Commissioner Meetings.

Commissioner Nagel: Online MHA, Primewest Health, Regular Board, SWCD, Budget Meeting, SWHHS, Regular Board and PCMC Board, AMC District 8, MHA Online

Commissioner Roskamp: Opioid Settlement, Regular Board, Plum Creek Library, Regular Board, PCMC, AMC District 8.

Commissioner Wildermuth: Ruthton City Council, SWHHS Negotiations, Veterans Memorial, SW 18 Mental Health Consortium, Prime West Quality Control, PCMC Plant Ops, SMOC, SWHHS Board and Finance, Veterans Memorial, AMC District 8, RMEB.

Motion by Roskamp, seconded by Hollingsworth to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:31a.m.

Dan Wildermuth
Pipestone County Board Chairman

ATTEST:

Steven Ewing
County Administrator