

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 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 Nagel to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Approve Commissioners Minutes: 09/12/2023 Commissioner Meeting
2. Approve Commissioners Warrants in the amount of \$117,141.02
3. Approve Auditors Warrants 9/15/2023, 09/22/2023
4. Approve Hospital Warrants \$908,416.52

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
Jer's Electric, Inc.	50,566.43
Commissioner of Transportation	13,005.49
ACE of Southwest MN	11,156.50
Johnson Feed Inc	9,753.30
Motorola Solutions Connectivity, Inc	5,393.52
BioAg Energy Services	4,997.85
Streichers	2,666.64
Cunningham Telephone	2,550.00
Newman Signs Inc	2,103.31
Warrants over \$2,000	\$102,193.04
Number of Claims under \$2,000	36
Warrants under \$2,000	\$14,947.98
Total	<u>\$117,141.02</u>

NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTION

Sheriff Keith Vreeman and Deputy Sheriff Tyler Soltau joined the meeting. Soltau, who started on August 1, 2023, introduced himself to the Board. Commissioners wished him well in his new position.

RESOLUTION 59-27-23 LOCAL BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM GRANT

AGREEMENT

County Engineer Nick Bergman requested approval of Resolution 59-27-23 Approving the Local Bridge Replacement Program Grant Terms and Conditions for project SAP 059-599-132. The grant amount is \$102,424.00. Motion by Nagel, seconded by Johnson to approve Resolution 59-27-23. Yeas: Johnson, Nagel, Roskamp, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

Engineer Bergman requested approval of the following right-of-way payment:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Land Owner:</u>	<u>Payment:</u>
SAP 059-625-002	R&M Commercial Properties, LLC	\$17,808.00

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nagel to approve the right of way payment as presented. Yeas: Johnson, Nagel, Roskamp, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

Engineer Bergman reviewed the MNDOT Highway 23 Projects Summary. Work included a box culvert replacement near Florence, and resurfacing of Highway 23 from Pipestone to Russell with a bridge replacement in Pipestone.

Engineer Bergman presented the following quotes for road ditch spraying chemicals:

Item	Nutrien Ag Solutions			Chandler Co-op			CHS		
	Unit Price	Quantity	Subtotal	Unit Price	Quantity	Subtotal	Unit Price	Quantity	Subtotal
2,4D (Gal)	\$ 39.30	250	\$ 9,825.00	\$ 22.60	250	\$ 5,650.00	\$ 42.00	250	\$ 10,500.00
Escort XP (lb)	\$ 64.38	32	\$ 2,060.17	\$ 98.80	32	\$ 3,161.60	\$ 80.80	32	\$ 2,585.60
Drift Control (Gal)	\$ 25.15	60	\$ 1,508.92	\$ 65.91	60	\$ 3,954.60	\$ 65.67	60	\$ 3,940.20
			\$ 3,569.09			\$ 5,650.00			\$ -

Order Total: **\$ 9,219.09**

Motion by Nagel, seconded by Roskamp to approve the bid from Nutrien Ag Solutions for \$3,569.09 and the bid from Chandler Co-op for \$5,650.00. Yeas: Johnson, Nagel, Roskamp, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

Engineer Bergman requested board approval to purchase a steel drum roller. Quotes were presented at the September 12, 2023 Commissioners Meeting. The Maintenance Superintendent and Mechanic were able to see the unit in person and said the quality looks good and recommend purchase of the used 2018 Bomag roller from United Rentals for \$25,500.00. Motion by Roskamp, seconded by Nagel to purchase the used 2018 Bomag roller from United Rentals for \$25,500.00 from equipment reserves. Yeas: Johnson, Nagel, Roskamp, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

Engineer Bergman reported that during a routine inspection, Engineering staff discovered a failing pier cap on bridge 59520. The MNDOT Bridge Office recommends a timber structural specialist to inspect, test failing member, and re-rate the bridge asap. Cost to hire Stonebrooke Engineering to perform these services is \$5,000.00. Motion by Nagel, seconded by Johnson to hire Stonebrooke Engineering to perform timber structural analysis and load rating on bridge 59520 for an estimated cost of \$5,000.00. Yeas: Johnson, Nagel, Roskamp, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

Engineer Bergman requested approval for the Community Firearm Safety Training to be held at the County Gravel pit on September 30, 2023. There are County staff teaching the class. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nagel to approve the use of the County gravel pit for Firearm Safety Training on September 30, 2023. Yeas: Johnson, Nagel, Roskamp, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

SOUTHWEST CRISIS CENTER PROGRAM UPDATE

Kari Voss-Drost and two of her colleagues from Southwest Crisis Center reviewed the programs and services offered and statistics of the number of people served from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Southwest Crisis Center is a 501c3 nonprofit agency that provides services to individuals experiencing domestic and sexual violence, child abuse, human trafficking and sexual exploitation in Rock, Nobles, Pipestone, Cottonwood, Murray, and Jackson Counties. Commissioners thanked them for their work.

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL REQUEST

EMS Director Casey Sievert is a current member of the Southwest Healthcare Preparedness Coalition (SWHPC) Advisory Board. There is a National Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Conference, and EMS Director Sievert has the opportunity to attend in Las Vegas, Nevada from November 28 through November 30, 2023. All expenses are paid for and reimbursed by the SWHPC. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Roskamp to approve the out-of-state travel request from EMS Director Sievert to attend the National Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada from November 28 through November 30, 2023. Yeas: Johnson, Nagel, Roskamp, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

BRUCE MEYER – FOUR SEASONS ROOFING

Bruce Meyer of Four Seasons Roofing joined the meeting to provide his opinion on the roofing quote and options for the Law Enforcement Center roof replacement. Consensus of the Board to have Bruce Meyer look at the roof and meet with the Building and Grounds Committee to look at replacement options.

MUNICIPAL STATE AID ROAD ALLOTMENT

Pipestone City Mayor Dan Delaney and City Administrator Deb Nelson joined the meeting to inquire about the County’s state aid allotment to the City of Pipestone. Mayor Delaney stated that the City’s allotment has stayed the same for the past 21 years, for a total of \$22,110.45 per year. He questioned why the County’s allotment from the State has increased but the City’s has stayed the same. Consensus of the Commissioners to have the Road and Bridge Committee meet with City Administration to explain and discuss the state aid allotment.

STONE ARCH BRIDGE BID OPENING – 10:30A.M.

Engineer Bergman and County Attorney Damain Sandy opened bids for project SAP 059-599-096 Stone Arch Bridge Reconstruction. Bids received were as follows:

<i>Planholder</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Bid Total</i>
Restoration and Construction Services LLC	Clearwater, MN	\$1,095,671.93
Environmental Associates, Inc.	Willmar, MN	\$1,391,051.95

Engineer Bergman recommended approval of the bid from Restoration and Construction Services LLC of Clearwater, MN at a total of \$1,095,671.93 contingent on the design consultant’s approval. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nagel to approve the bid from Restoration and Construction Services LLC of Clearwater, MN for \$1,095,671.93 contingent on the design consultant’s approval. Yeas: Johnson, Nagel, Roskamp, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT BID

Engineer Bergman opened bids for surplus pickup Unit #6 2000 Chevy K2500. Bids received were as follows:

Nate Stoel	\$2,003.00
Henry Sankey	\$3,525.00

Motion by Nagel, seconded by Roskamp to approve the bid from Henry Sankey for sale of surplus pickup Unit #6 2000 Chevy K2500 for \$3,525.00. Yeas: Johnson, Nagel, Roskamp, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS WARRANTS ADD-ONS

Administrator Ewing requested approval of add-on Commissioner Warrants in the amount of \$1,779.15. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Roskamp to approve the add-on Commissioner Warrants in the amount of \$1,779.15. Yeas: Johnson, Nagel, Roskamp, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

2024 PRELIMINARY LEVY AND BUDGET RESOLUTIONS 59-28-23 AND 59-29-23

Motion by Roskamp, seconded by Johnson to adopt Resolutions 59-28-23 and 59-29-23 setting the 2024 preliminary levy at \$8,588,941.00 and approving the 2024 Preliminary Budget. Yeas: Johnson, Nagel, Roskamp, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

TRUTH AND TAXATION MEETING DATE

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to set the date for the annual Truth in Taxation Meeting for Monday, December 11, 2023 at 7:00p.m. in the Commissioners Room. Yeas: Johnson, Nagel, Roskamp, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

JOHNSON CONTROLS CONTRACT RENEWAL

Johnson Controls representative Dean Schulze gave an update on the Courthouse HVAC project and presented a three-year service agreement for consideration. The service agreement is for September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2026 at a cost of \$41,471.94 in year one, \$43,129.00 in year two, and \$44,855.00 in year three. Motion by Roskamp, seconded by Nagel to approve the Johnson Controls service agreement from September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2026. Yeas: Johnson, Nagel, Roskamp, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste announced that Sheriff's Office Administrative Support Specialist Diane Bucher has submitted her resignation effective October 9, 2023. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to accept Diane Bucher's resignation

effective October 9, 2023. Yeas: Johnson, Nagel, Roskamp, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 59-26-23 BENEFIT CONTRIBUTIONS AND CAFETERIA PLAN

ARRANGEMENT

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste requested approval to renew all current insurance plans and coverages for 2024 and approve Resolution 59-26-23 setting the Single County contribution at \$825 per month with a \$1,600 annual contribution to VEBA or HSA and setting the family County contribution at \$1,236.00 with a \$3,200 annual contribution to VEBA or HSA. Motion by Roskamp, seconded by Johnson to approve renewing all insurance coverages and approving Resolution 59-26-23 Cafeteria Plan Arrangement. Yeas: Johnson, Nagel, Roskamp, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioners reported on the following Committee Meetings:

Commissioner Roskamp: Fair Board, PCMC Executive, Planning Commission, Plum Creek Library.

Commissioner Nagel: AMC 201 Training, SWCD, SWHHS, Building/Grounds, On Line MHA Certification, Budget Meeting.

Commissioner Johnson: Hwy 23, SWCD, PCMC Plant Ops, AMC Planning, AMC Governance, Union Negotiations, Hwy 23 Coalition, Avera Consultants, Special Budget Meeting, Insurance, RCRCA, PCMC Plant Ops, AMC Board, Hwy 23 Executive, LELS Negotiations, Personnel, Regional Solid Waste Commission, MRC Executive Committee.

Commissioner Wildermuth: Prime West, PCMC, Fair Board, SWHHS Finance, Veteran's Memorial, SMOC, SW18 Mental Health Coalition, Pipestone National Monument Water Quality, PCMC Plant Ops, SWHHS, Building/Grounds, Transit, SMOC Board.

Chairman Wildermuth adjourned the meeting at 11:59 a.m.

Dan Wildermuth
Pipestone County Board Chairman

ATTEST:

Steven Ewing
County Administrator