

The Pipestone County Commissioners met with Chairman Dallas Roskamp, Commissioners Chris Hollingsworth, Luke Johnson, Doug Nagel, and Dan Wildermuth. County Administrator Steve Ewing was also present. Chairman Roskamp called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

AGENDA

Motion by Wildermuth, 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: 1/9/2024
2. Approve Commissioners Warrants in the amount of \$107,880.50
3. Approve Auditors Warrants: 1/11/24, 1/16/24,1/19/24
4. Approve Hospital Warrants \$726,980.86

Motion carried unanimously.

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

VENDOR NAME PAYMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
Southwest Health & Human Services	28,272.00
Tritech Software Systems	25,314.07
Counties Providing Technology	5,167.00
Madden Galanter Hansen LLP	4,018.31
Minnesota UI Fund	3,687.51
Tyler Technologies Inc	3,360.00
Integrity Employee Benefits, LLC	3,168.00
Nobles County Auditor Treasurer	2,880.00
EMS MANAGEMENT & CONSULTANTS, INC	2,834.06
MN Sheriffs Assn	2,578.10
Rural Minnesota Energy Board	2,500.00
Hartquist Funeral and Cremation Services	2,244.48
Surplus Warehouse of Willmar Inc	2,055.00
WARRANTS OVER \$2,000	88,078.53
NUMBER OF CLAIMS UNDER \$2,000	50
WARRANTS UNDER \$2,000	19,801.97
TOTAL	107,880.50

ROAD AND BRIDGE ITEMS

County Engineer Nick Bergman requested setting the Annual Road and Bridge Public Meeting date for February 29, 2024. Consensus of the Board was to schedule the meeting as recommended, subject to change.

Discussed advertising for the CSAH 17 as soon as possible, but will not be in February as the Nick and staff are working on the specifications. No board action taken.

Engineer Bergman reported on the State of Minnesota Public Lands Survey Monuments Grant Program. The State would like to restore, maintain and/or update PLSS corner monument throughout the State. More information will be presented at the February 13, 2024 meeting.

Engineer Bergman requested approval of signs from Sign Solutions for \$26,530.38. The order includes both signs and posts. Many of the road signs are in poor shape and a new style of sign, blue in color with white lettering will replace the white with black numbers rectangular signs.

Sign Solutions	\$26,530.38
M-R Sign	\$26,917.64
Newman Sign	\$28,199.50

Motion by Nagel, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the purchase of new signs from Sign Solutions in the amount of \$26,530.38. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Bergman reported the new skid steer was delivered last week and the old dirt bucket from the old unit was traded in.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE VEHICLE PURCHASE

Sheriff Keith Vreeman presented quotes for the purchase of two new pickup trucks for the Sheriff's Office. Dahl Motors of Pipestone presented a quote for a new 2023 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 for a total price of \$32,415.00 with trade. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve the purchase from Dahl Motors with trade in. Motion carried unanimously. Second vehicle is the purchase of a 2025 Bighorn/Lonestar Crew Cab 4X4 pickup truck. Quotes were received from Lockwood Motors, Marshall, Minnesota for \$52,939 with trade and Papik Motors, Luverne, Minnesota for \$52,750.00 with trade. Motion by Nagel, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the purchase from Papik Motors with options and trade. Motion carried unanimously.

CASEY JONES STATE TRAIL SUPPORT

Commissioner Hollingsworth presented a request for board support for the restoration of the Casey Jones Trail 6-mile loop at Lake Shetek State Park which is rated fair to poor condition and a 3-mile segment from the Pipestone trail head 3 miles East which is also rated in fair to poor condition. \$3.15 million in state funding has been approved for the projects with bid letting set for Spring of 2025. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nagel to support the restoration and sponsor the project. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste announced that full-time EMT Morgan Lyman resigned effective January 31, 2024. Advertising is currently in process to fill the open position. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to accept the resignation of Morgan Lyman. Motion carried unanimously.

LETTER OF SUPPORT, ROCKVILLE, MN EV CHARGING STATION

Commissioner Johnson requested that the County Board send a letter of support as members of the Highway 23 Coalition to the Minnesota Department of Transportation for support of an Electric Vehicle Charging Station on Highway 23 in the Rockville, Minnesota area at the Love's Travel Plaza at the intersection of Highway 23 and Interstate 94. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to have Administrator Ewing prepare and send the letter of support to Roslyn Alibin at Trillium Energy. Motion carried unanimously.

2024 PIPESTONE COUNTY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REVIEW

Administrator Ewing presented the board with an updated copy of the 2024 Committee Assignment spreadsheet for review. Erica Volkir replaced Mick Myers on the Southern Minnesota Tourism Committee was the only update.

2024 OFFICE LEASE AGREEMENT SOUTHWEST HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Administrator Ewing presented the 2024 Office Lease Agreement between Pipestone County and Southwest Health and Human Services for use of the Public Services Building on North Hiawatha Avenue for \$58,000. Rent for the year is \$38,000 and \$20,000 for utilities/maintenance. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nagel to approve the 2024 lease agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT REDWOOD RIVER WATERSHED

AGREEMENT

Environment Services Director Kyle Krier presented the Memorandum of Agreement for Pipestone County to approve the Redwood River One Watershed, One Plan. The plan will be managed by the Area II Minnesota River Water Basin Projects. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve the agreement and authorize Chairman Roskamp and Administrator Ewing to sign the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

PLSS MONUMENT GRANT PROGRAM

Environment Service Director Kyle Krier presented additional information on the PLSS (Public Lands Survey System) Monument Grant Program. Local Surveyors will be contacted to gauge interest in providing services to the county for the grant program and present information at the board meetings on February 13, 2024. The application deadline is February 22, 2024. The county will need to choose a Surveying/Engineering Firm to act as County Surveyor for the project.

CLOSED SESSION M.S. 13d Subd. 3 (b) PENDING LITIGATION STONE ARCH

BRIDGE PROJECT

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nagel to close the meeting at 10:00 am. Motion carried unanimously. Present at the closed meeting: Commissioners, Administrator, County Attorney, Highway Engineer. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to come out of closed session at 10:30 am. Motion carried unanimously.

BID OPENING 10:30 AM SEAL COAT AND OVERLAY PROJECTS

County Engineer Nick Bergman and Assistant Engineer Jerid Johnson joined the meeting to open bids for 2024 Seal Coat and 2024 Overlay Projects Bids received were as follows.

Planholder 2024 Seal Coat Projects	Address	Bid Total
Astech Corp	St. Cloud, MN	\$417,594.92
Morris Sealcoat & Trucking Inc.	Morris, MN	\$399,932.59
Allied Blacktop Company	Maple Grove, MN	\$503,495.20

Engineer Bergman recommends awarding the Seal Coat bid to the low bidder. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to award the Seal Coat bid to Morris Sealcoat & Trucking in the amount of \$399,932.59.

Planholder 2024 Overlay Projects	Address	Bid Total
Central Specialties Inc	Alexandria, MN	\$2,747,328.20
Duininck Inc	Prinsburg, MN	\$2,447,288.39
Knife River Corp.	Sauk Rapids, MN	\$2,558,653.40

Engineer Bergman recommends awarding the Overlay bid to the low bidder. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nagel to award the Overlay bid to Duininck Inc. in the amount of \$2,447,288.39.

Motion by Roskamp, seconded by Wildermuth to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:01 am.

 Dallas Roskamp
 Pipestone County Board Chairman

ATTEST: _____
 Steven Ewing
 County Administrator