

The Pipestone County Commissioners met with Chairman Dallas Roskamp, Commissioners, Luke Johnson, Doug Nagel, Dan Wildermuth, and Chris Hollingsworth.

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: 3/12/2024
2. Approve Commissioners Warrants in the amount of \$93,043.88
3. Approve Auditors Warrants: 3/15/24, 3/22/24
4. Approve Hospital Warrants \$923,116.27

Motion carried unanimously.

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

<b>VENDOR NAME AT PAYMENT</b>	<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>
Schumacher Elevator Company	24,061.75
ACE of Southwest MN	16,759.22
WHITE CAP	13,552.50
O'Neill O'Neill & Barduson	5,186.96
Pipestone County Medical Center	3,946.41
Emergency Automotive Technologies Inc	2,991.16
Chandler Co-Op	2,690.41
Interstate Power Systems Inc	2,495.54
Edgerton Enterprise	2,139.00
Stryker Sales Corporation	2,076.00
WARRANTS OVER \$2,000	75,898.95
NUMBER OF CLAIMS UNDER \$2,000	54
WARRANTS UNDER \$2,000	<u>17,144.93</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>93,043.88</b>

**PUBLIC LANDS SURVEY SYSTEM (PLSS) RESOLUTION 59-12-24**

Environment Administrator Kyle Krier presented the Public Lands Survey System Resolution authorizing agreement with re-monumentation surveyor for research and surveying required under the public land surveying system preservation grant program. Motion by Nagel, seconded by Wildermuth to adopt presented Resolution 59-12-24. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADOPT PIPESTONE COUNTY FLOOD PLAIN ORDINANCE**

Environmental Administrator Kyle Krier presented the 2024 Pipestone County Flood Plain Ordinance for County Board Adoption. The Pipestone County Planning Commission recommends County Board approval.

This floodplain ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authorization and policies contained in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103F; Minnesota Rules, parts 6120.5000-6120.6200; the rules and regulations of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) in 44 CFR 59-78; and the planning and zoning enabling legislation in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 394. A copy of the ordinance is available at [www.pipestone-county.com](http://www.pipestone-county.com) for public viewing. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve the 2024 Pipestone County Floodplain Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

**ROAD AND BRIDGE ITEMS**

Engineer Bergman reported that the BNSF Railway will be upgrading signal lights and stop arms at county road crossings at locations in Pipestone, Holland, a township road and in the Ruthton areas. Information only, no board action taken.

Engineer Bergman reported that Maintenance Supervisor Nate Stoel will be on leave for military duty and an Intermittent Maintenance Supervisor has been assigned. Information only, no board action taken.

Engineer Bergman reported Cole Mann has accepted the temporary Summer Engineering Technician position starting in May 2024. Mr. Mann is going to school for engineering. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nagel to approve the temporary position as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Bergman reported on CSAH 17 project. He is planning on tiling the North one mile of the road versus the 6-mile length, unless they get good bid prices on the entire length. The Engineer Department will have test holes drilled to check for issues with the road base.

Engineer Bergman reported that the City of Woodstock would like to have paving done in conjunction with our county project. Consensus of the Board was to draw up an agreement for the project and for payment upon completion. Engineer Bergman will review the recent agreement verbiage with the city of Pipestone on their project as a template.

**TERRY NELSON, GENERAL MANAGER, WOODSTOCK COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Terry Nelson from Woodstock Communications reported that Woodstock Communications was approved for the Hatfield area Fiber to the Home (FTTH) project.

Woodstock will invest \$2,150,576 including \$1,612,932 in state grant funds. The grant will be for a two-year term with the construction beginning on or about August 1, 2025. Pipestone County will provide \$268,822 in local match. There will be 116 total passes in the project area.

**AUDITOR/TREASURER, AMANDA SANDY, HOME TAX ABATEMENT**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Auditor/Treasurer Amanda Sandy appeared to hold a home tax abatement public hearing at 10:00 am. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to open the hearing.

Motion carried unanimously. Auditor Treasurer Sandy reported that the hearing is for the construction of a new home in the City of Edgerton by Mr. Lloyd Zwart. Property address is 570 Hill Crest St. Edgerton. Parcel ID number 13.460.0090. Estimated Tax Abatement amount is \$1,264.00 annually for three years. There was no public in attendance to comment at the Hearing. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nagel to close the hearing at 10:05 am.

Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Johnson to approve Resolution 59-13-24 granting the new home tax abatement. Motion carried unanimously.

**MARI WAGNER, NATIONAL INSURANCE SERVICES**

Mari Wagner and Laura Ledbetter attended the meeting virtually via Zoom to present information to the board regarding cybersecurity insurance coverage. The county participated recently in a NIS cybersecurity insurance assessment. Currently the County has coverage with MCIT for cybersecurity events. This would be additional coverage by Coalition Insurance Solutions which would be primary and MCIT would become excess coverage. The board thanked Ms. Wagner and Ms. Ledbetter for the information.

**NICK BERGMAN, HIGHWAY ENGINEER, BID OPENING**

Engineer Nick Bergman and County Attorney Damain Sandy attended the meeting to open bids for SAP 599-599-139 Culvert Projects

Bids were received as follows:

A&C Excavating, Marshall, MN	\$994,723.20
John Riley Construction, Inc. Morris, MN	\$1,050,391.55
Midwest Contracting, LLC, Marshall. MN	\$1,044,264.20
R&G Construction Co. Marshall, MN	\$1,038,311.20
Engineers Estimate	\$1,364,962.00

County Attorney Sandy reported that the bid bonds were accepted.

Recommendation by Engineer Bergman to accept the low bid from A&C Excavating, Marshall MN in the amount of \$994,723.20. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to accept the low bid of A&C Excavating in the amount of \$994,723.20. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to close the meeting at 11:07 am. Motion carried unanimously. Also present at the closed meeting: County Administrator, County Attorney, and Highway Engineer. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to come out of closed session at 11:25 am. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:26 am.

Dallas Roskamp	ATTEST:
Pipestone County Board Chairman	Steven Ewing
	County Administrator