

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 Nagel 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: 4/9/2024
2. Approve Commissioners Warrants in the amount of \$111,839.04
3. Approve Auditors Warrants:4/12/24, 4/19/24
4. Approve Hospital Warrants \$867,077.96

Motion carried unanimously.

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

VENDOR NAME AT PAYMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
Southwest Health & Human Services	28,272.00
Van Dyke Sanitation Inc	15,575.77
Johnson Controls, Inc	9,289.90
Edgerton Enterprise	6,825.00
Minnesota Unemployment Insurance Fund	6,248.00
Morris Electronics Inc	6,111.08
Alpha Training & Tactics LLC	3,848.20
Penguin Management Inc	2,520.00
Pipestone County Highway Department	2,433.69
Madden Galanter Hansen LLP	2,365.86
Forum Communications Printing	2,219.13
SW Emergency Communications Board	2,195.00
Erickson Engineering Co Inc	2,125.00
WARRANTS OVER \$2,000	90,028.63
NUMBER OF CLAIMS UNDER \$2,000	57.00
WARRANTS UNDER \$2,000	21,810.41
TOTAL	111,839.04

ROAD AND BRIDGE ITEMS

Engineer Bergman presented a request to approve Right of Way Payments for Projects and authorize payment as Auditors Warrant.

<u>Project</u>	<u>Land Owner:</u>	<u>Payment:</u>
SAP 059-625-002	Steven Hagedorn	\$2,920.80
SAP 059-625-002	Honee Lee and Robert Longstreet.....	\$ 973.60
SAP 059-625-002	William and Carol Hagedorn	\$ 973.60

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve the presented Right of Way Payments and authorize payment as Auditors Warrant. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Bergman reported that MnDot will place a detour on CSAH 10 from Highway 75 to Highway 23 due to road work this summer on Highway 23, there will be no payment for use of county roads as haul roads. Information only, no board action taken.

Engineer Bergman reported that the Edgerton motor grader could cost approximately \$27,000 for repairs and should last another 10,000 to 12,000 hours. There is a possibility that the engine may require a total overhaul depending on the internal damages costing approximately \$60,000. The grader currently has approximately 6,500 hours of use time. Information only, no board action taken.

Engineer Bergman reported on the Stone Arch Bridge Project time capsule that may be found during the bridge work this summer. Bergman would prefer to re-install the existing time capsule and possibly add some additional items to it or donate the capsule to the museum. Approximate start date on the bridge projects is May 15, 2024. Information only, no board action taken.

Engineer Bergman presented a follow up Power Point slide show from the Annual Road and Bridge Public Meeting that was held in February. He reviewed dust control and paving CSAH 17 and dust control on CR 84 from the county gravel pit to the corner; a distance of one mile. Discussed adjusting the cost share for the dust control program on county-maintained gravel roadways using calcium chloride or magnesium chloride at farmsteads. Current cost is 50% up to \$250. Discussed paving CSAH 17 and it was noted that there are two other paved roads, CSAH 16 West and CSAH 18 to the East. Also, he presented possible future projects CSAH 1 widen, CSAH 2 widen narrow points, CSAH 4 regrade/pave, CSAH 8 widen, CSAH 10 regrade, CSAH 15 pave, CSAH 17 pave, CSAH 20 widen shoulder, CSAH 55 widen/pave,

CSAH 56 widen. These projects will be in a 5 to 10-year window for work. Commissioners liked the idea of widening and paving CSAH 55, which is located West of the Pipestone Area School and would be from the intersection of CSAH 15/5 to Highway 30. Also discussed was CSAH 56/7th 8th Avenue SE adjacent to the Kwik Trip and South past the Pipestone Golf Course for future work. Engineer Bergman will bring back an updated Dust Control Agreement for board approval.

Engineer Bergman reported on the department staff shortage. The front office is short a part time accountant and there may be times that the office may be closed.

BRAD ODEGARD, MN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Mr. Brad Odegard presented the Pipestone and Murray Counties Comprehensive Plan for board review. He reported that Pipestone and Murray Counties are state operated probation departments. Pipestone and Murray pay for support staff in their offices and the Probation Agents are state employees. During the 2023 legislative session the state authorized additional payments to counties to pay for cost of agent supervision of persons in the counties that are in the probation program. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the presented Pipestone/Murray Comprehensive Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY ASSESSOR, CHIRS MCCHESENEY, RECYCLING FEE/SOLID WASTE ASSESSMENT ABATEMENT

Assessor McChesney presented a request to abate the recycling/solid waste assessment for the city of Ruthton on the former RTR School property. The school has been demolished, and the playground equipment is on the site. The abatement is for \$162.00 for taxes payable in 2024 and will be removed from the tax system for payable 2025. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Johnson to approve the abatement as requested on parcel 19.400.0005, City of Ruthton. Motion carried unanimously.

CYBER INSURANCE COVERAGE POLICY

IT Director Bill Folger presented information on the purchase of cyber insurance for Pipestone County. The recommendation is to approve the purchase of \$3,000,000 of coverage from Coalition for an annual fee of \$9,400.34. The fee includes \$500 broker fee and taxes.

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nagel to approve the purchase. Motion carried unanimously.

NICK BERGMAN, HIGHWAY ENGINEER, BID OPENING

Engineer Nick Bergman and County Attorney Damain Sandy attended the meeting to open bids for CP 2024-17 Gravel Projects

Bids were received as follows:

	Alternate 1	Alternate 2
Central Specialties, Alexandria, MN	\$765,810.86	\$621,422.70
Sweetman Sand& Gravel. Currie, MN	\$694,422.04	No Bid
Wm. D. Scepaniak Inc., Holdingford. MN	\$650,356.11	\$452,142.81
Engineers Estimate	\$1,099,876.00	\$807,526.00

Alternate bid 1 is for contractor supplied product, Alternate bid 2 is for county provided product.

County Attorney Sandy reported that the bid bonds were accepted.

Recommendation by Engineer Bergman to accept the alternate 2 low bid from Wm. D.

Scepaniak, Holdingford, MN in the amount of \$442,142.81. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to accept the alternate 2 low bid of Wm. D.Scepaniak, Holdingford, MN in the amount of \$442,142.81 Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL

Administrator Ewing requested board approval for FMLA leave for employee Heather Sperl for 8 weeks, effective April 24, 2024. Motion by Nagel seconded by Wildermuth to approve the leave. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Ewing reported that Hailey Tyng has been hired as full time Correctional Officer/Public Safety Telecommunicator at Step A effective April 22, 2024.

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.

INTERAGENCY ROCK/PIPESTONE FAMILY SERVICES COLLABORATIVE

AGREEMENT

Administrator Ewing presented the agreement. This Agreement is made and entered into effective when executed and signed by all the parties hereto, by and between Southwest Health

and Human Services - Social Services, Southwest Health and Human Services - Public Health, Rock Nobles Community Corrections, Southwestern Mental Health, Independent School District No. 2184 (Luverne), Independent School District No. 671 (Hills-Beaver Creek), University of Minnesota Extension - Rock County & Pipestone County, Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council, Southwest Minnesota Private Industry Council, Rock County, Independent School District No.581 (Edgerton), Independent School District No. 2689 (Pipestone Area), Minnesota Department of Corrections, and Pipestone County, hereinafter or individually referred to as "Parties" or "Party". Motion by Hollingworth, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

KYLE KRIER, HEARTLAND COLONY CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

Zoning Administrator Kyle Krier presented the Conditional Use Permit for Midwest Truck and Trailer LLC on land owned by Heartland Hutterian Brethren for a used truck and trailer sales business. The Pipestone County Planning and Zoning Commission met and recommended that the application be granted for Midwest Truck and Trailer LLC and the conditions that the business be operated as proposed and that the applicant shall comply with all other Federal, State, and local permitting requirements. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the presented Conditional Use Permit. Motion carried unanimously.

KYLE KRIER, 2023 FEEDLOT REPORT

Feedlot Officer Kyle Krier presented the 2023 Feedlot Officer Annual Report for board Approval. 416 feedlots are currently registered. The report and the department are following state requirements. Motion by Nagel, seconded by Johnson to approve the Annual Feedlot Officer Report. Motion carried unanimously.

2024 YEARS OF SERVICE EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION CEREMONY

Administrator Ewing presented the awards for years of service to county employees as follows:

5 Years: Susan Gorter, Emerson Winter, Renae Schuch, Tony Sievert, Troy Manzy

10 Years: Dustin Seiler, Christine McChesney, Eric Haak, Trevor Erickson, Lisa Braun

15 Years: Rita Hazelton

20 Years: Steve Sneller, Mike Appel, Melanie VerHey

25 Years: Damain Sandy, Candy Whipple.

Commissioners thanked the employees for their years of service.

Highway Department employee Dar Slinger is retiring from service effective May 1, 2024. He has worked for the county providing 23 years of service. Commissioners thanked Dar for his years of service and wished him well on his retirement.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:41 am.

Dallas Roskamp
Pipestone County Board Chairman

ATTEST:

Steven Ewing
Administrator