

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 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**AGENDA**

Request to remove the Rock/Pipestone Family Services Collaborative Interagency Agreement and move it to April 23, 2024 meeting. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve the agenda with removal of the Rock /Pipestone Agreement and move it to April 23, 2024 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Approve Commissioners Minutes: 03/26/2024
2. Approve Auditors Warrants: 03/29/24, 04/05/24
3. Approve Commissioners Warrants in the amount of \$214,205.08
4. Approve Hospital Warrants \$200,288.99
5. Approve Treasurers Report March 2024

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>
Motorola Solutions Connectivity, Inc	54,300.00
Regents Of The University Of Minnesota	29,070.50
Chandler Co-Op	21,377.85
Visa-First Bank & Trust	16,549.08
ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE, INC	12,902.55
Pipestone County Auditor-Treasurer	7,352.00
Southwest Health & Human Services	6,374.49
Pipestone County Highway Department	6,308.90
Counties Providing Technology	5,167.00
O'Neill O'Neill & Barduson	5,125.00
Prairie Construction LLC	3,876.71
SeaChange Print Innovations	3,147.73
Surplus Warehouse of Willmar Inc	2,950.00
EMS MANAGEMENT & CONSULTANTS, INC	2,384.84
Forum Communications Printing	2,127.67
Edgerton Enterprise	2,051.25
Pipestone County Medical Center	2,016.45
WARRANTS OVER \$2,000	183,082.02
NUMBER OF CLAIMS UNDER \$2,000	76
WARRANTS UNDER \$2,000	<u>31,123.06</u>
TOTAL	214,205.08

**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. 2024 Overlay Projects will be first job of the year for Duinck Inc. 8 projects are on the schedule. The bituminous batch plant will be at a gravel pit on CSAH 17 North of Edgerton. Dust control on the road is included on the projects. The bids from A&C Excavating checked out for the 2024 box culvert projects. Contracts have been sent out for signatures. The MnDOT Highway 23 resurfacing project is projected to begin mid-summer and run through the fall of 2024.

Engineer Bergman requested approval of Right of Way payments for projects:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Land Owner:</b>	<b>Payment:</b>
SAP 059-625-002	Larry Lingen	\$5,880.00
SAP 059-625-002	Steven Hagedorn	\$1,936.44
SAP 059-625-002	Honee Lee and Robert Longstreet	\$1,912.28
SAP 059-625-002	William and Carol Hagedorn	\$1,912.28
SAP 059-599-138	Philip M. and Laurel J. Berg	\$680.00
SAP 059-599-139	Ronald H. and Nancy J. Boeke	\$250.00
SAP 059-599-133	Dustin L. and Nalissa M. Seiler	\$1,090.00

Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Nagel to approve the Right of Way Payments as Auditors Warrants. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Bergman requested approval to purchase steel culverts from Contech Engineered Solutions at a cost of \$13,952.00. The order is to restock the inventory of culverts. Pricing was noted to be government bid prices. A second quote was received from True North Steel for \$17,088.00. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve the purchase from Contech for the culverts. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Bergman discussed the time capsule that is at the Stone Arch Bridge near Ihlen whether the capsule will be replaced or not once the construction is in progress. No action was taken.

Engineer Bergman reported on the worker shortage at the Maintenance Department, he is short two truck operators and one grader operator. The application period will be open from April 15 to May 31, 2024. He noted that there may be reduced production, including ditch cleans, maintenance gravel. The Engineering Department is short one person so he may need to hire out some of the design work. The recently hired Engineering Intern will be starting soon.

Engineer Bergman reported on maintenance updates, crack filling, had an engine failure on the Edgerton grader, rollers have been installed on the graders, BNSF railroad will be temporarily closing crossings on 13th Street SW and South Hiawatha Avenue in Pipestone for maintenance work.

**SPLIT ROCK BRIDGE PROJECT LAWSUIT SETTLEMENT**

County Attorney Damain Sandy reported that the law suit from Restoration and Construction Services (RCS) LLC has been settled. Fifth Judicial District Judge Terry S. Vajgrt, Order For Dismissal Court File 59-cv-24-14. Is hereby ordered that pursuant to the parties' Stipulation, the above entitled action is hereby dismissed in its entirety with prejudice and without costs or disbursements to any party. Dated April 9, 2024. Commissioners thanked County Attorney Sandy for all his hard work on this suit.

**HOME TAX ABATEMENT PUBLIC HEARING**

Auditor/Treasurer Amanda Sandy appeared for the Home Tax Abatement Public Hearing for Ryan and Stephanie LaBrune, Aetna Township, Section 34, Parcel ID 01-034-0200. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hollingsworth to open the hearing at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried unanimously. No members of the public were in attendance to comment on the requested home tax abatement. Auditor Treasurer Sandy reported that the estimated value of the county tax abatement would be \$595 per year for three years. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to close the Public Hearing at 10:04 a.m. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Johnson to approve Pipestone County Resolution 59-14-24, Home Tax Abatement for Ryan and Stephanie LaBrune. Motion carried unanimously.

**PERSONNEL**

Administrator Ewing presented a request to approve the resignation of Trevor Locher, Highway Engineering Department effective March 29, 2024 and to advertise to fill the vacancy.

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nagel to approve the resignation and fill the vacancy. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Ewing presented a request to approve the resignation of Troy Haman, Highway Maintenance Department effective April 11, 2024 and to advertise to fill the vacancy. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the resignation and fill the vacancy. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Ewing presented a request to approve the resignation of Dar Slinger, Highway Maintenance Department effective April 30, 2024 and to advertise to fill the vacancy. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nagel to approve the resignation and fill the vacancy. Motion carried unanimously. A retirement recognition with Dar Slinger, along with the annual years of service recognition of five, ten, fifteen, twenty- and twenty-five -year employees will be held during the April 23, 2024 Board Meeting.

Administrator Ewing reported that interviews for Human Resources Director are tentatively set the weeks of April 15th, April 22nd and if necessary April 29th.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS MARCH 2024**

Commissioner Johnson: SWCD, PCMC Education, AMC Update, Highway 23 Coalition, Road & Bridge, Hospital board, AMC Leadership Conference, MRC, Missouri River 1W/IP, MHA Council, PCMC Plant Ops, Redwood River 1W/IP.

Commissioner Nagel: Annual Road and Bridge Meeting, Prime West, SWCD, Avera Education, PIC, MHA Training, SWHHS, Extension, Radio Board, Regular Board and Hospital Meetings.

Commissioner Roskamp: Election Canvassing Board, SW-18 Mental Health, Opioid Settlement, Planning Commission, Plum Creek Library, MHA, RMEB, Regular County Board and PCMC meetings.

Commissioner Hollingsworth: Law Liaison, SRDC, Extension, Road & Bridge, PCMC Education, CPT.

Commissioner Wildermuth: Annual Road & Bridge Meeting, PCMC Plant Ops, Law Enforcement, City Zoning, Casey Jones Trail, Pipestone Area Coalition, Avera Education, AMC, SWHHS Planning Session, SMOC, Veterans Memorial, PACE, Regular meetings and PCMC Meetings.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nagel to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:04a.m.

Dallas Roskamp

Pipestone County Board Chairman

ATTEST:

Steven Ewing

County Administrator