

# **Pipestone County Commissioner Meeting**

**July 9, 2024**

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**

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

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. Approve Commissioners Minutes: 6/25/2024
2. Approve Auditors Warrants: 6/28/24, 7/5/24
3. Approve Commissioners Warrants in the amount of \$326,667.04
4. Approve Hospital Warrants \$567,267.16

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Southwest Health & Human Services (vendor name at payment),  
53,974.04 (total amount)

Ziegler Inc, 41,158.28

MURRAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, 29,551.48

Regents of The University Of Minnesota, 29,070.50

Pictometry International Corp, 22,309.15

Tyler Technologies Inc, 16,058.69

Visa-First Bank & Trust, 15,408.31

Van Dyke Sanitation Inc, 15,377.06

Pipestone County Sheriff's Office, 14,468.97  
Lincoln County Sheriff, 11,500.00  
Commissioner Of Transportation, 10,797.63  
Pipestone County Highway Department, 7,825.50  
Tim Rustad Construction LLC, 5,963.67  
EMS MANAGEMENT & CONSULTANTS, INC, 5,180.28  
Callyo 2009 Corp, 3,540.00  
Hillyard Inc, 2,879.18  
Pipestone County Medical Center, 2,769.50  
Midwest Alarm Company, Inc, 2,653.47  
USIC Receivables LLC, 2,511.30  
Pipestone Publishing Co Inc, 2,473.13  
WARRANTS OVER \$2,000, 295,470.14  
NUMBER OF CLAIMS UNDER \$2,000, 74  
WARRANTS UNDER \$2,000, 31,196.90  
TOTAL, 326,667.04

### **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 have been completed, 2024 Box Culvert Projects, Contract 1 have been completed, 2024 Sealcoat Projects have been completed, Stone Arch Bridge Project has been delayed due to damage to floating work platform from June flooding, 2024 Gravel Crushing Project has been completed, CSAH 17 gravel project has not started, Holland Utility project is in consultation phase with engineering on their plans.

Engineer Bergman requested approval of Right Of Way Payment on SAP 059-599-139 to William and Heidi Thomssen for \$250.00 and to pay as Auditor's Warrant. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Nagel to approve the payment as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Bergman presented a request to purchase 4 used Motorola APX 9000 portable radios for a total of \$7,200.00 and to pay as Auditor's Warrant. The radio purchase was facilitated by Alpha Wireless, Mankato, Mn from a fire department that did not need the radios and are virtually brand new. All accessories and programming are included with the price. Motion by Nagel, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the purchase as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Bergman presented a request and letter of agreement for temporary stipend pay for Highway Department Maintenance Worker Josh Kooiman as Temporary Maintenance Supervisor in the absence of Maintenance Supervisor Nate Stoel during the flood emergency from June 22 to June 27, 2024 in the amount of \$8.00 per hour. After discussion the board tabled and request and took no action.

Engineer Bergman reported on maintenance updates in the month of June. Crews are hauling gravel, mowing and spraying ditches.

Engineer Bergman presented 2024-2028 Tentative 5 Year Plan. Projects during the period include, Overlays, Bridge/Culvert Replacements, Roadwork-Sealcoats, and Tiling and gravel. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Johnson to accept the plan as presented. Motion carried unanimously. A copy of the plan is available on the county's website at [www.pipestone.county.com](http://www.pipestone.county.com)

## **ZEINSTR A FEEDLOT PUBLIC MEETING**

Zoning Administrator, Kyle Krier appeared to present information for the public meeting for Merle Zeinstra for the construction of a new feedlot located in the SW Quarter of Section 25, Fountain Prairie Township. The feedlot proposed modifications will consist of the closure of existing open lots and construction of two total confinement barns with concrete manure storage stockpile areas. The new barns will house 999 beef steers for a total of 999 animal units. Merle Zeinstra attended the meeting and spoke to the board on the project. This project will increase his head of cattle by 99. There are no residences within one-half mile of the site. No members of the public were in attendance. No action was required by the board.

## **COURTHOUSE ANNEX/LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER ROOF PROJECT**

Wayne Drew, Building and Ground Supervisor presented quotes for the replacement of the Law Enforcement Center roof system.

All Elements Inc. Monticello, MN non ballasted roof system, includes sheet metal work. \$164,550.00, 20 year warranty option \$2,915.00 Total \$167,465.00.

Dalsin Roofing & Sheetmetal, Sioux Falls, S.D. ballasted roof system, does not include sheet metal work. \$122,631.00.

Motion by Nagel, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve written quote from All Elements Inc. for \$167,465.00. Motion carried unanimously.

## **JASON OVERBY, LINCOLN PIPESTONE RURAL WATER ANNUAL REPORT**

Executive Director, Jason Overby from Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System presented the 2023 annual report to the Commissioners. Five new Pipestone County customers were added in 2023, a new office complex in Lake Benton is under construction as they have outgrown their current location, Rushmore, Minnesota was hooked up to the system, obtained pledges from Iowa rural water system for 500,000 gallons of water and 650,000 gallons from Lewis and Clark Water System. Commissioners thanked Mr. Overby for the report.

## **PERSONNEL**

HR Director Carrie Mennis requested approval to offer the Highway Maintenance Worker position to Brian Niehus at B21, Step C, \$25.05 per hour. Motion by Johnson seconded by Wildermuth to approve the offer to Mr. Niehus at Step C. Motion carried unanimously.

## **SWHHS LICENSING STANDARDS FOR FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDER LETTER**

Commissioner Wildermuth presented a draft letter to Representative Schomacker on concerns over proposed draft licensing standards for in-home family child care providers. The standard would cause additional cost-prohibitive expenses causing unnecessary financial strain on rural providers where a growing provider shortage is already economically impacting families and employers. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nagel to send the letter to our state elected officials and other state officials. Motion carried unanimously. Administrator Ewing will contract Beth Wilms, Southwest Health and Human Services Director for names and addresses of state officials that should also receive the letter.

## **REBUILDING TOGETHER MINNESOTA**

Kimberly Peterson from Rebuilding Together Minnesota attended the meeting virtually via Zoom to provide information to the board on their program. Rebuilding Minnesota was established in 1997 and has been working to sustain healthy neighborhoods, ensuring that people in need can live independently, safely and with dignity in their homes and communities. In Pipestone County 6 homes and 8 residents have been assisted through the program and they are looking to increase their presence in Pipestone County by working with the county utilizing a portion of Statewide Affordable Housing grant funds that the county is receiving in years 2024-2027. They requested a letter of support for and application to the USDA Housing Preservation Grant Program for funding to complete home repair projects in

Cottonwood, Jackson, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone and Rock Counties. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Wildermuth to have Administrator Ewing send the letter of requested support. Motion carried unanimously.

## **JANUARY THROUGH JUNE 2024 BUDGET REPORT**

Administrator Ewing presented the January through June 2024 Budget Report for review and approval. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nagel to approve the 6-month 2024 Budget Report. Motion carried unanimously.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioner Nagel, PCMC, AMC District 8, CBAE, BRDTF, MHA, U of M Extension, PCMC Board, Building/Grounds, SWHHS.

Commissioner Johnson, Morris U of M Renewable Energy, Hwy 23 Coalition, Area II/RCRCA, PCMC Plant Ops, Personnel, AMC, CBAE, AMC, MRC, PCMC, 1W1P Redwood River, AMC, Plant Ops, PCMC Board.

Commissioner Hollingsworth, Personnel, CBAE, Employee Grill Out, CPT Executive Board.

Commissioner Wildermuth, Law Liasion, SW18 Mental Health, PCMC Plant Ops, Prime West Quality Control, PrimeWest, SW18 Mental Health, CBAE, Veterans Memorial, PCMC, Employee Grill Out, Western Mental Health, SWHHS, ACE.

Chairman Roskamp, CBAE, PCMC Board, RCRCA.

Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Nagel to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Dallas Roskamp

Pipestone County Board Chairman

ATTEST:

Steven Ewing

County Administrator