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Pipestone County Commissioner Meeting  
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The Pipestone County Commissioners met with Chairman Dallas Roskamp, Commissioners, Luke Johnson, Doug Nagel, Dan Wildermuth, 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 Hollingsworth to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Approve Commissioners Minutes: 9/24/2024

1. Approve Auditors Warrants: 8/30/24, 9/6/24
2. Approve Commissioners Warrants in the amount of \$164,149.96
3. Approve Hospital Warrants \$884,582.23
4. Approve Treasurers Report September 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>
Meinders Community Library	23,505.00
Edgerton Public Library	15,670.00
Van Dyke Sanitation Inc	15,541.87
WW Tire Service	14,575.20
ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE, INC	13,083.84
Visa-First Bank & Trust	12,778.33
Regents Of The University Of Minnesota	10,024.02
Pipestone County Highway Department	7,540.05
Alpha Wireless Communications Co	7,212.00
Christensen Broadcasting	4,480.00
Nobles County Auditor Treasurer	3,060.00
Ryswyk Repair	2,949.35
Penguin Management Inc	2,520.00
EMS MANAGEMENT & CONSULTANTS, INC	2,302.30
Kjergaard Sports	2,139.96
WARRANTS OVER \$2,000	137,381.92
NUMBER OF CLAIMS UNDER \$2,000	58
WARRANTS UNDER \$2,000	26,768.04
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>164,149.96</b>

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**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.

The Stone Arch Bridge project bridge deck will be poured today.

The 2024 Box culvert, Contract #2 for SAP 059-599-133, Troy Township, 50<sup>th</sup> Ave 1/2 mile South of Cazenovia, SAP 059-615-043, CSAH 15, 1/2 mile South of Lincoln County border and SAP 059-625-001 CSAH 2,5 county ditch crossing. Bid opening is scheduled for October 22, 2024.

Engineer Bergman reported that he may need to delay the North segment of the Edgerton Main Street overlay project to accommodate more utility work near the school, the South segment overlay will still be done by the county as scheduled.

Engineer Bergman informed the board that Federal Overlay project for 2025 will require a title VI program. He will research the program and will report at a later date.

Highway 75 sign update. The District sign engineer was contacted and he was invited to a meeting. He would be available in January for an in-person meeting or can meet remotely by Zoom in November. Commissioners requested an in-person meeting as their time allows. Engineer Bergman will set up the in-person meeting.

Stone Arch Bridge project will be wrapping up soon. Discussed a ribbon cutting celebration. Commissioner Wildermuth offered to contact the Pipestone Chamber of Commerce to see if they can assist. Date of the ribbon cutting would be in November. Engineer Bergman will work on setting up the event.

Unidentified artifacts were found at the Stone Arch Bridge site. An old park bench was found in the water and mud, possibly since the flood of 1993. It was retrieved and cleaned. An approximately 50 pound metal counter weight, possibly from a lift mechanism when the original bridge was constructed, was found in the mud. The weight is at Nick's office.

Maintenance updates for the month included bituminous patching, maintenance graveling, ditch cleanout on CSAH 17, and FEMA paperwork. Murray County is selling their used shouldering machine for \$1,500. Engineer Bergman wishes to purchase the unit, it will mount to a payload. We currently had a small machine, and this would do larger projects. It

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runs and works as it should. Consensus of the board was to purchase the unit if it is still available.

### **PERSONNEL**

Human Resources Director Carrie Mennis reported that three offers for positions have been filled. Daniel Guardado started October 7<sup>th</sup> as Jailer/Disptacher, Amy Erks will start on October 14 as EMT, and Brett Stueven will start on October 28 as Highway Maintenance Worker. The open enrollment program for 2025 employee insurance benefits is being tested and will be ready to accept enrollments on or about October 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **KYLE KRIER ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

Administrator Krier presented the Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Resources Fiscal Year 2025 State of Minnesota MPCA SSTS Program Grant Agreement for board action. Pipestone County will receive grant funds for 2025 Septic Treatment Systems-NRBG \$21,200.00 and from the 2025 Septic Treatment Systems Upgrade-NRBG \$50,000.00. Total grant award is \$71,200.00. Expiration date of this grant cycle is December 31, 2027. The program will allow cost share upgrades up to \$10,000 and low interest loans for installation of individual septic systems. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the SSTS Grant program as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Krier presented the Order of Granting Conditional Use Permit in the matter of Magellan Pipeline Company, LP and SMA Farms LLP to install a pipeline valve site on land owned by SMA Farms LLP in Grange Township, Section 9, Southeast Quarter. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the presented permit as recommended by the Pipestone County Planning and Zoning Commisison dated September 24, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioner Wildermuth, RCCIP Child Care, Prime West, Ribbon Cutting Casey Jones Trail Extension, Explore Southwest Minnesota, AMC Board, SMOC, Law Enforcement Budget, RMEB, PCMC Board, Transportation Task Force UCAP.

Commissioner Hollingsworth, Law Liasion, Law Enforcement Budget, Personnel, SRDC, CPT, PCMC Board.

Commissoner Nagel, Prime West Health, BRDTF, SWCD, SWPIC, SWHHS, SW Radio Board, PCMC Board.

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Commissioner Johnson, AMC Board, MRC Board, AMC Research, AMC Environmental and Natural Resources, Highway 23 Coalition, PCMC Board, Area II/RCRCA, MRC/BWSR Joint meeting, Annual Landfill, MRC/DNR Webinar, Area II/RCRCA, MRC Annual Meeting.

Chairman Roskamp, Casey Jones Trail Ribbon Cutting, Murray County Highway Department Open House, Plum Creek Library System, RMEB, PCMC Board, MHA Zoom Fast Track.

**AMANDA SANDY, AUDITOR/TREASURER, JAMIE FAY, EIDE BAILLY 2023 FINANCIAL AUDIT**

Amanda Sandy, Auditor/Treasurer and Jamie Fay, Audit Partner from Eide Bailly presented the 2023 year-end financial audit and financial statements. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Johnson to approve the 2023 Financial Audit and Financial Statements. Motion carried unanimously.

Copies of the audit will be available on the county website at [www.pipestone-county.com](http://www.pipestone-county.com)

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nagel to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

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Dallas Roskamp  
Pipestone County Board Chairman

ATTEST: 

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Steven Ewing  
County Administrator

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