

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 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: 9/10/2024
2. Approve Commissioners Warrants in the amount of \$169,979.04
3. Approve Auditors Warrants:9/13/24, 9/20/24
4. Approve Hospital Warrants \$586,146.62

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	26,629.64
AutoClear LLC	26,536.00
Lincoln County Sheriff	25,000.00
ACE of Southwest MN	14,750.00
Minnesota Unemployment Insurance Fund	7,794.24
Pipestone County Sheriff's Office	6,640.00
Election Systems & Software, Inc	6,594.00
ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE, INC	6,494.96
Hulstein Excavating Inc.	6,210.00
Pipestone County Medical Center	5,246.86
O'Neill O'Neill & Barduson	5,125.00
Pipestone County Highway Department	4,822.22
Prairie Construction LLC	3,541.21
Bolton & Menk Inc	2,185.00
WARRANTS OVER \$2,000	147,569.13
NUMBER OF CLAIMS UNDER \$2,000	53
WARRANTS UNDER \$2,000	22,409.91
TOTAL	169,979.04

ROAD AND BRIDGE ITEMS

Engineer Bergman requested approval to purchase 10 plow truck tires (11R22.5 Michelin XDN2 14 ply) from the State of Minnesota Contract. Quotes were received from W.W. Tire \$5,063.30 and Pomp's Tire Service Inc. \$5,263.30. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the purchase from W.W Tire for \$5,063.30. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Bergman requested approval to purchase culverts to restock inventory. Government bid pricing pertains to this quote. Quotes were received from Tru North Steel \$24,436.04 and Contech Engineered Solutions \$30,000.00. Motion by Nagel, seconded by Wildermuth to purchase the culverts from Tru North Steel for \$24,436.04. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Bergman presented follow-up information from the recent meeting with Minnesota Department of Transportation regarding the removal of way-finder signs on State Highway 75 in the county. He received information from the representative that signs have been removed and not replaced to save money. Commissioners requested that Engineer Bergman invite the MNDot representative to attend a future board meeting to discuss the sign issue.

Engineer Bergman reported that he would like to change from three Engineer Technicians to two and then hire some of the work out as needed to a professional engineering company. He noted difficulty in hiring qualified individuals for the positions. He would hire a consultant as needed for grading plans. Department staff would continue to survey/design sealcoats, overlays, and culvert projects. Engineer Bergman would like to trial this proposal. He is confident that it would save money and if for some reason it doesn't he would switch back to three technicians. Consensus of the board was for Engineer Bergman to move ahead with the plan.

Engineer Bergman requested approval of permanent Right of Way Payments on project SAP 059-599-112 to Kendra L. Halushka \$620.00 and Nicolai D. Quinn \$620.00 and to pay as Auditor Warrants. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the payments. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Bergman reported that a frame on a pup dump trailer broke yesterday requiring the purchase of a new frame due to amount of damage and age. Also, the box was noted to be in

poor shape. The department has a spare box that can be mounted on the new frame.

Commissioners were in favor of using the spare box on a new frame.

Engineer Bergman reported that the Stone Arch Bridge project at Ihlen has a possible completion date of November 1, 2024.

SHERIFF OFFICE VEHICLE PURCHASES

Chief Deputy Mike Hamann presented quotes for the purchase of two, 2025 Dodge Durango Pursuit Vehicles, 5.7L V8, Hemi, AWD.

Billion Chrysler Jeep Dodge, Sioux Falls SD \$46,000 each, totaling \$92,000.

Papik Motors, Luverne MN. \$44,800 each, totaling \$89,600.

Two 2019 Ram Trucks will be traded in on the purchase. Estimated trade amount is \$15,000 each. Delivery will be made in 2025. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve the purchase from Papik Motors, Luverne. Motion carried unanimously.

LAW ENFORCEMENT RESOURCE OFFICER CONTRACT SCHOOL DISTRICT 2689

Chief Deputy Mike Hamann presented the contract extension agreement effective November 1, 2024 through October 31, 2026 for the service of a Pipestone County Deputy to provide five days per week Resource Officer duties when school is in session. Cost for the school year 2024/2025 will be \$57,750. Cost for school year 2025/2026 will be \$61,215.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the contract and to send the agreement to the school district for ratification. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL

HR Director Carrie Mennis presented a request to approve an offer for a fluent bilingual candidate for Jailer/Dispatcher at B22, Step C, \$26.79 per hour. Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the hiring recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Mennis presented a request to offer to a candidate for Highway Maintenance Worker at B21, Step C, \$25.05 per hour. Basis of request is that applicant has a current CDL and experience working for MNDOT as a maintenance worker. Motion by Nagel, seconded by Johnson to approve the hiring recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Mennis presented a request to offer a full-time EMT position to Amy Erks from a part-time position with Pipestone County Ambulance at B21, Step C, \$25.05 per hour based on

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years of medical experience. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve the hiring recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 59-25-24 BENEFIT CONTRIBUTIONS AND CAFETERIA PLAN

ARRANGEMENT

Human Resources Director Carrie Mennis requested approval to renew all current insurance plans and coverages for 2025 and approve Resolution 59-25-24 setting the Single County contribution at \$860.00 per month with a \$1650 annual contribution to VEBA or HSA and setting the family County contribution at \$1,286.00 with \$3,300.00 to VEBA or HSA.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to approve renewing all insurance coverages and approving Resolution 59-25-24 Cafeteria Plan Arrangement. Motion carried unanimously.

HOME TAX ABATEMENT PUBLIC HEARING RESOLUTION 59-24-24

Commissioners held a Public Hearing for a Home Tax Abatement for Brett and Kelly Kroeze. Motion by Nagel, seconded by Wildermuth to open the public hearing at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Auditor/Treasurer Amanda Sandy presented Resolution 59-24-24 relating to a tax abatement on property being developed by Brett and Kelly Kroeze, Edgerton, Minnesota. The estimated start date for construction is October 1, 2024. The house is approximately 2,000 square feet with a finished basement and a three-stall garage. Jesse Post with Cornerstone Construction is the project manager. Estimated cost is \$750,000. No members of the public attended the hearing.

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nagel to close the public hearing at 10:06 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve Resolution 59-24-24 approving the new home tax abatement. Motion carried unanimously.

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL TRAILS PLAN

Mr. Chris Webb from Southwest Regional Development Commission presented information to the board on the Southwest Minnesota Regional Trails Plan. Work began on the plan in the fall of 2022 on a two-year process to create a Regional Trails plan in the nine counties of Southwest Minnesota. Their goal was to establish a shared, regional vision of trail networks in Southwest Minnesota that leverages local trail group success on a regional level and helps to promote and increase outdoor tourism and recreation opportunities within the region.

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Next steps will need to be determined by counties, cities and trail organizations in the region.

Commissioners thanked Mr. Webb for the information.

RECYCLING ROLLOFF CONTAINER PURCHASE

Solid Waste Administrator Krier requested authorization to purchase a new 40 cubic yard standard duty rectangular roll off, slope front container 22 feet long 8 feet tall for the storage of used plastic agricultural chemical containers that have been cleaned and rinsed for recycling.

Quotes were received from Wastequip, Rosemount, Minnesota for \$7,072.12 including shipping; and Roll-Offs USA, Durant, Oklahoma for \$8,900.00, shipping included from Oklahoma.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the purchase from Wastequip, Rosemount Minnesota for \$7,072.12. Motion carried unanimously.

MCCC/TRIMIN CONTRACT FOR BOARD RATIFICATION

Administrator Ewing presented the TriMin contract for board ratification. The contract period is from 2025 through 2027. The cost to Pipestone County for Auditor-Treasurer maintenance and support for the Integrated Financial System (IFS) program and the enhancement fund totals \$8,245.58 per year.

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to approve the ratification statement and authorize the Chairman and Administrator to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

SOUTHWESTERN MINNESOTA ADULT MENTAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM

(SMAHC)

Administrator Ewing presented the Southwestern Minnesota Adult Mental Health Consortium (SMAHC) Governing Board Bylaws, Joint Powers Agreement, and Executive Committee Bylaws for board adoption. County Attorney Damain Sandy reviewed the documents and has no issues with the form and purpose of the agreements.

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nagel to authorize the Chairman and Administrator to sign the agreements. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Wildermuth recommended to Chairman Roskamp to appoint Commissioner Nagel as the Alternate Member to the Southwestern Minnesota Adult Mental Health Consortium. Chairman Roskamp appointed Commissioner Nagel to the consortium as the Alternate Pipestone County Board Representative.

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LINCOLN PIPESTONE RURAL WATER SYSTEM BOARD APPOINTMENTS

RESOLUTION 59-23-24

Administrator Ewing presented a request from the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System Board of Commissioners to adopt Resolution 59-23-24 for the appointment of Janice Moen, Ryan Blom, and Jeff Davis to the Board of Commissioners commencing January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2028.

Motion by Hollingsworth, seconded by Johnson to approve Pipestone County Resolution 59-23-24 for the board appointments. Motion carried unanimously.

2025 PRELIMINARY LEVY AND BUDGET RESOLUTIONS 59-21-24 AND 59-22-24

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Hollingsworth to adopt Resolutions 59-21-24 and 59-22-24 setting the preliminary county levy at \$9,829,595 and approving the 2025 Preliminary Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

TRUTH AND TAXATION PUBLIC MEETING DATE

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Johnson to set the date for the annual Truth in Taxation Meeting for Tuesday December 3, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the Commissioners Room. Motion carried unanimously.

SET DATE TO APPROVE 2025 FINAL LEVY AND BUDGET AND CHANGE

DECEMBER 2024 COMMISSIONERS MEETING DATES

Motion by Wildermuth seconded by Johnson to change the dates of the December 2024 board meetings due to scheduling conflicts and the Christmas Eve Holiday. Board meetings will be on December 3, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. and December 17, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. and to approve the 2025 Final Levy and Budget at the board meeting on December 17, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hollingsworth seconded by Wildermuth to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Dallas Roskamp
Pipestone County Board Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Steven Ewing
Administrator

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