

Pipestone County Commissioner Meeting
October 22, 2024

The Pipestone County Commissioners met with Chairman Dallas Roskamp, Commissioners, Luke Johnson, Doug Nagel. Commissioners Dan Wildermuth and Chris Hollingsworth were absent. 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 Nagel, seconded by Johnson to approve the agenda. Ayes, Roskamp, Johnson, Nagel. Absent, Wildermuth, Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

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

1. Approve Commissioners Minutes: 10/9/2024
2. Approve Commissioners Warrants in the amount of \$240,332.00
3. Approve Auditors Warrants: 10/11/24, 10/18/24
4. Approve Hospital Warrants \$969,885.14

Ayes, Roskamp, Johnson, Nagel. Absent, Wildermuth, Hollingsworth. Motion carried. As per Minnesota Statute 375.12 the following Commissioner Warrants information is presented:

VENDOR NAME AT PAYMENT TOTAL	AMOUNT
All Elements Inc	\$85,678.84
Regents Of The University Of Minnesota	\$29,070.50
TrueNorth Steel	\$24,436.04
SeaChange Print Innovations	\$11,488.20
Morris Electronics Inc	\$ 6,865.85
Edgerton/City Of	\$ 6,210.00
Election Systems & Software, Inc	\$ 5,333.78
O'Neill O'Neill & Barduson	\$ 5,224.21
Counties Providing Technology	\$ 5,167.00
D & M Masonry	\$ 4,700.00
Sando Weed & Brush Control	\$ 4,308.35
EasiFile	\$ 3,261.14
Erickson Engineering Co Inc	\$ 3,112.84
Pipestone County Medical Center	\$ 2,873.68
Surplus Warehouse of Willmar Inc	\$ 2,575.00
Runchey, Louwagie & Wellman	\$ 2,527.00
Goldfield Telecom LC	\$ 2,451.84
Texas Refinery Corp	\$ 2,142.90
WARRANTS OVER \$2,000	\$207,427.17
NUMBER OF CLAIMS UNDER \$2,000	67
WARRANTS UNDER \$2,000	\$32,904.83
TOTAL	\$240,332.00

ROAD AND BRIDGE ITEMS

Engineer Bergman requested approval to purchase a new pup trailer frame from Towmaster in the amount of \$26,355.00 and to pay as an Auditor's Warrant. He received only one quote. No other vendors provided prices. The new frame will have the salvaged box from the 2019 pup installed on it. The hitch from unit #2 will be mounted on unit #44. They will sell unit #52 as surplus and retain unit #44 as a spare. This would leave the department with three good pup trailers and two old ones. A new pup trailer will be budgeted for in the next few years. The department would have four good ones in service. Motion by Nagel, seconded by Johnson to approve the purchase from Towmaster for \$26,355.00. Ayes, Roskamp, Johnson, Nagel. Absent, Wildermuth, Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

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. A representative from MNDot will attend the January 14, 2025 board meeting to discuss the way finder sign removal and non-replacement issue on State Highway 75 in Pipestone County.

Engineer Bergman has been receiving dust complaints on CSAH 17. Due to the dry conditions due to drought, there is no action that the county can take to mitigate the dust issue. Commissioners and Engineer Bergman encouraged the public to slow down and use caution while driving on all gravel roads and when approaching intersections. Commissioners commented that a good rain would help the situation.

Engineer Bergman reported that he will be holding training for blade operators on November 8th due to the number of new operators that have been hired. The Split Rock Creek Bridge at Ihlen public ribbon cutting and official opening will be held on Monday November 4th at the bridge on County Road 20, South of the entrance to the Split Rock Creek State Park. Tentative time for the official ceremony will be at 11:30 a.m.

Engineer Bergman reported that he will bring a recommendation to the board at a future meeting moving to electronic bidding for projects. Many counties, cities, and the State of Minnesota are using the process instead of mailing in or hand delivering project bids. Engineer Bergman reported that the deck on the Split Rock Creek, Stone Arch Bridge Project will be poured on Wednesday October 23, 2024 weather permitting.

SHERIFF VREEMAN CIVIL COMMITMENT TRANSPORTATION

Sheriff Keith Vreeman reported on transportation of civilly committed mental health persons and who pays for the transportation and staff costs. A letter from Southwest Health and Human Services Director, Beth Wilms indicated that individual counties served by Southwest Health and Human Services will be responsible for the transportation costs of the court ordered civil commitment cases. The governing board agreed with the position of Director Wilms and voted to bring the issue back to each individual county with express intent that the full responsibility of mental health transports is with each county. Motion by Nagel, seconded by Johnson that Pipestone County will pay the costs through the Sheriff's Department budget for court ordered civil commitment transportation expenses. Ayes, Roskamp, Johnson, Nagel. Absent, Wildermuth, Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

LEAF FILTER GUTTER PROTECTION QUOTE

Maintenance Director Wayne Drew presented a quote from Leaf Filter, North, LLC, Sioux Falls, SD for the purchase and installation of a leaf and debris filter system for the rain gutters at the Pipestone County Government Center Southwest. Due to a large number of trees with leaves and pine needles on the property the gutters will become clogged and cause damage to the building and drainage system. Director Drew recommended the quote from Leaf Filter in the amount of \$7,845.00. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nagel to approve the purchase as recommended and to pay from the Building and Grounds budget. Ayes, Roskamp, Johnson, Nagel. Absent, Wildermuth, Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL

Director Mennis reported that all open positions have been filled. The annual work appropriate Halloween employee costume contest will be on October 31st. Open enrollment for health insurance and ancillary benefits is now open for employees for 2025. She will be updating the employee handbook and policy manual to make the information easier to find and will be searchable by topic.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BID OPENING

Engineer Nick Bergman and County Attorney Damain Sandy appeared for the 10:30 a.m. bid opening of county highway culvert and bridge projects SAP 059-599-133, SAP 059-615-043 and SAP 059- 625-001.

Plan Holder	Address	Bid Total
Midwest Contracting LLC	Marshall, MN	\$ 919,995.20
R & G Contracting Co.	Marshall, MN	\$1,081,918.20
A & C Excavating	Marshall, MN	\$ 960,209.20
Engineers Estimate		\$1,398,420.00

County Attorney Sandy reported that bid bonds were in order and board may award the project contingent on bonding documents and required certificates.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nagel to approve the bid of Midwest Contracting, Marshall, Minnesota for \$919,995.20 contingent on approval of bonding documents and required certificates. Ayes, Roskamp, Johnson, Nagel. Absent, Wildermuth, Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson seconded by Nagel to adjourn. Ayes, Roskamp, Johnson, Nagel. Absent, Wildermuth, Hollingsworth. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Dallas Roskamp, Pipestone County Board Chairman

ATTEST: Steven Ewing, Administrator