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Pipestone County Commissioner Meeting  
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The Pipestone County Commissioners met with Chairman Chris Hollingsworth, Commissioners Luke Johnson, Bruce Kooiman, Les Nath, and Dan Wildermuth. County Administrator Steve Ewing was also present. Chairman Chris Hollingsworth called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**AGENDA**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. Approve Minutes of April 23, 2019 Commissioner Meeting
2. Auditors Warrants 4/26/19, 5/3/19

Motion carried unanimously.

**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.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Kooiman to approve the following right-of-way payments for projects SAP 59-599-99, SAP 59-599-100, SAP 59-603-06, SAP 59-616-36, and SAP 59-616-34.

<i>Project</i>	<i>Land Owner</i>	<i>Payment</i>
SAP 59-599-99	Monte & Joy Owens	\$710.00
SAP 59-599-99 & SAP 59-599-100	Dennis Peterson	\$2,980.00
SAP 59-603-06	Payne MN Farm Trust	\$620.00
SAP 59-616-36	Cal & Cheryl Brouwer	\$450.00
SAP 59-616-36	Tom & Barb Griebel	\$460.00
SAP 59-616-34	John Dethmers	\$340.00

Motion carried unanimously.

Bids received for new sign posts were as follows:

Newman Signs            \$11,392.50

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MR Signs \$11,700.50

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nath to approve the purchase of sign posts from Newman Signs for \$11,392.50. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Bergman announced that MNDOT is pulling road postings effective May 10, 2019. Bergman stated that the County road postings are not quite ready to be removed and will stay on until at least May 17, 2019.

**2018 ANNUAL ROAD AND BRIDGE REPORT**

Engineer Bergman answered questions on the 2018 Annual Road and Bridge Report.

**MAINTENANCE UPDATES**

Engineer Bergman reported on maintenance activities in the Highway department including flood repairs, ice/snow event cleanup, culvert repairs, sweeping, and receiving a new payload.

**REDWOOD-COTTONWOOD RIVERS CONTROL AREA (RCRCA) JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT RENEWAL**

Motion by Nath, seconded by Kooiman to approve the RCRCA Joint Powers Agreement and Amendments effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021 and authorizing the signature of Commissioner Johnson as the RCRCA Board representative. Motion carried unanimously.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE PURCHASES**

Building and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor Wayne Drew presented the following quotes for purchase of a Hustler Super Z Hyper Briggs EFT Side Discharge lawnmower:

<i>Company</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Base Price</i>	<i>Freight</i>	<i>Total</i>
Turf & Earth Equipment	Pipestone, MN	\$11,999.00	\$385.00	\$12,384.00
Wayne's Tractor Repair	Marshall, MN	\$11,999.10	0	\$11,999.10

Supervisor Drew stated he would prefer to purchase locally and pay the freight costs. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nath to authorize the purchase of a Hustler lawnmower from Turf and Earth Equipment in Pipestone, MN at a cost of \$12,384.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Building and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor Wayne Drew stated that they would like to add the maintenance and repair of the north steps of the Courthouse to the current work being done on the east and west steps. Michael Johnson Contracting, Inc. submitted a bid in the amount of \$5,825.00 to complete the work on the north steps, which includes removing and

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replacing (tuck point) mortar joints in quartzite blocks, and removing and replacing caulking between stair steps. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Kooiman to authorize the completion of work on the north steps of the Courthouse in the amount of \$5,825.00 to Michael Johnson Contracting, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

**ONE WATERSHED ONE PLAN SUBMITTAL**

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nath to approve the submittal of the Missouri River Watershed Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan to the Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Resources (BWSR). Motion carried unanimously.

**PERSONNEL**

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste announced that Cole Nordmeyer has resigned as a full-time Deputy Sheriff effective May 6, 2019 but will continue to stay on as a part-time Deputy Sheriff.

HR Coordinator Feste announced the following employee resignations effective May 31, 2019: Office Assistant/Paramedic Christy Johnson, Paramedic Zachary Fehl, and Paramedic Mikayla Ramos. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Kooiman to accept the resignations of Office Assistant/Paramedic Christy Johnson, Paramedic Zachary Fehl, and Paramedic Mikayla Ramos effective May 31, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioners reported on the following committee meetings:

Commissioner Johnson: Avera Health Board of Consultants, Highway 23 Coalition, One Watershed One Plan, PCMC Board Meeting, AMC District 8 Land Use, One Watershed One Plan, Soil and Water District, RCRC, Highway 23 coalition, Prime Health, Edgerton Public Hearing for One Watershed One Plan, Lake Benton II Construction Meeting.

Commissioner Wildermuth: Building and Grounds (2), PrimeWest, Law Enforcement Liaison, SWHHS, Friends of Casey Jones, Pipestone Area Coalition.

Commissioner Nath: PCMC Plant Operations, Drug Task Force, Building and Grounds, PrimeWest, Southwest Mental Health Annual Meeting, SWHHS, Soil and Water, Caring Hands Dental, Fair Board, CPT.

Commissioner Kooiman: PCMC Plant Operations, Executive Meeting at PCMC, SRDC, Plum Creek Library, Fair Board.

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Commissioner Hollingsworth: Law Enforcement Liaison, PCMC Executive Meeting,  
Friends of Casey Jones Trail, Personnel.

**TAX ABATEMENT PUBLIC HEARING – 10:00AM RESOLUTION 59-17-19**

A Tax Abatement Public Hearing was held for a proposed property tax abatement request from Lloyd Zwart. No public comment was received. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Kooiman to adopt Resolution 59-17-19 whereas Lloyd Zwart, for Parcel ID 13.460.0050 located in the City of Edgerton, Pipestone County, has applied for a home tax abatement pursuant to the County’s Home Tax Abatement Initiative. The County Board of Commissioners grants abatement of property taxes levied for property by the County for three (3) years, commencing with taxes payable for the assessed value related to the capital improvements outlined. The abatement may be modified or terminated at any time by the Board of Commissioners. Motion carried unanimously.

**TAX ABATEMENT POLICY-HOME TAX ABATEMENT INITIATIVE EXTENSION**

Auditor/Treasurer Tyler Reisch requested board consideration to approve the extension of the Home Tax Abatement Initiative. Minnesota Statutes 469.1812 – 469.1815 grant counties the authority to abate property taxes for economic development purposes. The Pipestone County Home Initiative exists to provide incentives to encourage the construction of new single family housing units, and to encourage replacement of dilapidated housing structures in Pipestone County. The current policy expires on December 31, 2019. Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Nath to approve the extension of the Home Tax Abatement Initiative from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

**BID OPENING - 10:30 A.M.**

County Attorney Damain Sandy and County Engineer Nick Bergman joined the meeting to conduct the bid opening for 2019 Overlays and Projects SAP 059-598-027, SAP 059-608-024, SAP 059-599-099, and SAP 059-599-100.

Engineer Bergman opened and read the following bids for 2019 Overlays.

<i>Planholder</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Bid Total</i>
Central Specialties	Alexandria, MN	\$899,997.66
Duininck, Inc.	Prinsburg, MN	\$939,192.80

Engineer Bergman opened and read the following bids for projects SAP 059-599-099 and SAP 059-599-100:

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A & C Excavating	Marshall, MN	\$142,305.08
Midwest Contracting	Marshall, MN	\$220,978.00
R & G Construction	Marshall, MN	\$165,229.58

Engineer Bergman opened and read the following bids for projects SAP 059-598-027 and SAP 059-608-024:

<i>Planholder</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Bid Total</i>
A & C Excavating	Marshall, MN	\$249,350.72
Midwest Contracting	Marshall, MN	\$312,413.00
R & G Construction	Marshall, MN	\$251,576.22

County Attorney Sandy stated the bid bonds were acceptable. Engineer Bergman and engineering staff took the bids for review.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Kooiman to approve the bid from Central Specialties in the amount of \$899,997.66 for 2019 Overlays. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the bid from A & C Excavating in the amount of \$142,305.08 for projects SAP 059-599-099 and SAP 059-599-100. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Nath to approve the bid from A & C Excavating in the amount of \$249,350.72 for projects SAP 059-598-027 and SAP 059-608-024. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nath to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:01a.m.

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Chris Hollingsworth  
Pipestone County Board Chairman

ATTEST:

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Steven Ewing  
County Administrator

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