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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

Additions to agenda.

1. Add Auditor Treasurer Tyler Reisch to Agenda.
2. Approve Auditors Warrant for partial payment to Martinez Concrete for courthouse parking lot project.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approve Minutes of Commissioners Meeting 07/09/2019
2. Auditors Warrants 07/12/19, 7/19/19,
3. Hospital Warrants \$251,853.42

Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULE HOME TAX ABATEMENT PUBLIC HEARING

Auditor/Treasurer Tyler Reisch requested approval to schedule a home tax abatement public hearing on August 13, 2019 at 9:30 AM for Sandra Burke, Troy Township Section 2, parcel ID# 12.002.0100. Motion by Kooiman, seconded by Nath to set August 13, 2019 at 9:30 AM for the home tax abatement public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

DAN LARSON, MINNESOTA RURAL COUNTIES

Mr. Dan Larson, Executive Director of Minnesota Rural Counties presented information to the board about the organization and requested that Pipestone County consider becoming a member of the organization. Currently 30 counties in Minnesota are members. Annual dues would be \$2,200.00. Commissioners thanked Mr. Larson for the information. No action was taken.

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NICK BERGMAN, HIGHWAY ENGINEER

County Engineer Bergman requested to add the purchase of culverts and road grader cutting edges to the Auditors Warrant Resolution for payments that are considered routine in nature. Auditor Treasurer Reisch stated that given the type of purchases they could be added and updated county board resolution would require board approval. The updated resolution will be brought to the August 13, 2019 meeting for action.

Engineer Bergman reported that he has been in contact with Mr. Dave Rettman from DRC regarding purchasing crushed concrete from the demolition of Central School in Pipestone. The material would be used in soft areas of county roads to fill holes and then good gravel material would be used on top. Engineer Bergman will work with Mr. Rettman on the material. No board action was taken.

FEEDLOT PUBLIC MEETING – 10:00AM

Environmental Administrator Kyle Krier joined the meeting. A public feedlot meeting was held for the following feedlot application: Modification of the David Veldhuizen feedlot located in the SW Quarter of Section 21 in Burke Township. The existing feedlot consists of 965 beef finishers in one total confinement barn and one open lot with runoff controls. Manure storage consists of manure bed pack. The existing feedlot has a total of 965 animal units. The proposed expansion will consist of the addition of one open lot and one solid manure stacking area. The new open lot will house 30 beef finishers. After expansion, the site will consist of 995 total animal units. No public comment was received.

BID OPENING COUNTY STATE AID PROJECT SAP 059-603-006 and SAP 059-599-097, FEDERAL PROJECT SP 059-602-026

Engineer Bergman and County Attorney Damain Sandy joined the meeting at 10:30 for two bridge project bid openings. Engineer Bergman called for any further bid packets, no more bids were presented.

Bids were opened on SAP 059-603-006 and SAP 059-599-097 bridge projects.

A&C Excavating, Marshall, MN	\$907,913.00
Midwest Contracting, Marshall, MN	\$902,063.00
Henning Construction, Adrian, MN	\$778,313.00
Engineers Estimate	\$560,454.20.

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County Attorney Sandy reported that the bid bonds were in order. Engineering staff took the bids to review the pricing.

Bids were opened on Federal Project SP 059-602-026.

A&C Excavating, Marshall, MN	\$481,132.00
Midwest Contracting, Marshall, MN	\$495,354.00
R&G Construction Co. Marshall, MN	\$482,303.28
Henning Construction, Adrian, MN	\$429,834.75
Engineers Estimate	\$335,923.25

County Attorney Sandy reported that the bid bonds were in order. Engineer Bergman stated that the bids will be sent to the State of Minnesota for review before a recommendation for award of the contract could occur. This bid will be awarded at a later date.

Engineer Bergman reported that the bid review was accurate and recommended that the bid for project SAP 059-603-006 and SAP 059-599-097 be awarded to Henning Construction, Adrian, MN. Motion by Johnson seconded by Nath to award the bid to Henning Construction in the amount of \$778,313.00. Motion carried unanimously.

JASON OVERBY, LINCOLN PIPESTONE RURAL WATER SYSTEM

Mr. Jason Overby joined the meeting to present the annual financial report and audit recap as prepared by the firm Adbo, Eick and Meyers, LLP. He reported that 42 new customers joined the system in 2018, a new pump station at Verdi, MN with 1 million gallons storage capacity is being constructed. Edgerton, MN will be connected this fall, the Chandler tower will be repainted and the electronic meter reading program is moving forward. A draft letter of support was presented to the board on behalf of LPRW requesting state funding for water source development, treatment and distribution. Motion by Johnson seconded by Kooiman to authorize Chairman Hollingsworth to sign the draft letter as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioners thanked Mr. Overby for the presentation.

PERSONNEL

Administrator Ewing reported that Assessors Office Appraiser Nate Stoel has resigned his position effective July 26, 2019.

PIPESTONE COUNTY MUSEUM REPORT

Motion by Kooiman seconded by Johnson to accept the Pipestone County Museum second quarter 2019 report. Motion carried unanimously. Administrator Ewing reported that

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Director Susan Hoskins will give the board a more detailed report of activities during the past year at a future board meeting to request funding for 2020.

AUDITORS WARRANT REQUEST MARTINEZ CONCRETE

Administrator Ewing requested that an Auditors Warrant be authorized for partial payment on July 26, 2019 to Martinez Concrete in the amount of \$5,920.64 for work completed on the courthouse parking lot project during the week of July 15th and to authorize subsequent partial payments be paid as Auditors Warrants. Final payment on the project will not occur until the County Highway Department determines that all conditions have been met on the project. Motion by Wildermuth seconded by Nath to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously.

SECOND QUARTER BUDGET REVIEW

Administrator Ewing presented the second quarter budget report for board review. Motion by Nath seconded by Kooiman to approve the 2019 second quarter budget report. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Nath seconded by Wildermuth to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Chris Hollingsworth
Pipestone County Board Chairman

ATTEST:

Steven Ewing
County Administrator

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