

The Pipestone County Commissioners met with Vice-Chairman Bruce Kooiman, Commissioners Luke Johnson, Les Nath, and Dan Wildermuth. County Administrator Steve Ewing was also present. Chairman Chris Hollingsworth absent. Vice-Chairman Kooiman 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. Ayes: Johnson, Kooiman, Nath, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. Approve Minutes of September 24, 2019
2. Auditors Warrants 9/27/19, 10/4/19, 10/7/19
3. Commissioners Warrants/Meal Reimbursements in the amount of \$192,539.54.
4. Hospital Warrants \$475,986.27
5. September 2019 Treasurers Report

Ayes: Johnson, Kooiman, Nath, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Hollingsworth.

Motion carried.

As per Minnesota Statute 375.12 the following Commissioner Warrants information is presented:

<b>Vendor Name</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>
CONTECH ENGINEERED SOLUTIONS LLC	\$24,874.55
JOHNSON CONTROLS INC	\$16,415.00
VAN DYKE SANITATION INC	\$13,049.56
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	\$9,048.00
TITAN MACHINERY GROUP	\$8,688.15
PIPESTONE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	\$8,446.64
EIDE BAILLY LLP	\$5,250.00
O'NEILL O'NEILL & BARDUSON	\$4,792.00
PIPESTONE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER	\$4,771.78
ERICKSON ENGINEERING CO INC	\$4,490.00
JER'S ELECTRIC INC.	\$3,912.69
CHRISTENSEN BROADCASTING	\$3,900.00
STOUT & EVINK PLUMBING & HEATING INC.	\$3,805.26
JUSTICE FIRE & SAFETY LLC	\$3,732.82
AMAZON MKTPLACE/PMTS	\$3,516.82
RUNCHEY LOUWAGIE & WELLMAN	\$3,457.88
EMERGENCY AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGIES INC	\$2,620.22
STONEBERG GILES & STROUP PA	\$2,475.00
PIPESTONE PUBLISHING CO INC	\$2,333.49
COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION	\$2,310.16
MORRIS ELECTRONICS INC	\$2,035.30

EVERETT TIRE & AUTO \$2,014.65  
 FIALA P.E./ERNEST \$2,000.00

Warrants over \$2,000 \$137,939.97  
 Number of Claims under \$2,000 176  
 Warrants under \$2,000 \$54,599.57  
 Total \$192,539.54

**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 Wildermuth, seconded by Nath to approve the following right-of-way payments for project SAP 59-618-36:

<i>Project</i>	<i>Land Owner</i>	<i>Payment</i>
SAP 59-618-36	Arwin G. Spronk Living Trust	\$495.00
SAP 59-618-36	LuAnn K. Spronk Living Trust	\$495.00
SAP 59-618-36	Annetta Legler	\$810.00

Yeas: Johnson, Kooiman, Nath, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Hollingsworth.

Motion carried.

Engineer Bergman reported that Sheriff Keith Vreeman, Chief Deputy Mike Hamann, and himself met with Edgerton city personnel and the public school principal to discuss solutions to the speed problem by the Edgerton School on County Road 9. They are considering crosswalk lights and signs in the middle of the road while school is in session. Engineer Bergman hopes to have a proposal to bring to the Board in November.

Engineer Bergman presented the following priority list to be submitted to the Highway 23 coalition for the 2020 legislative session:

County	MNDOT District	Description	Priority
Pipestone/Lyon	8	Concrete Surfacing - Pipestone to Russell	1
Pipestone	8	Construct Turn Lanes, etc. at Hwy 23 & U.S. Hwy 75	2
Pipestone	8	Convert entire length to 4 lane	3

This was the same priority list that was submitted in 2018. Consensus of the board to submit the proposed priority list as presented.

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Engineer Bergman presented pictures of County Road 86 East of Holland showing the flooding over the road. A section of road has been flooded since April. Bergman reported that they could tile through an adjacent landowners' land for a cost but would like to wait until next spring before deciding on a plan.

Bergman reported on maintenance activities in the Highway department in the last month, including working on shoulders, treeing, and a lot of flood repairs.

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE SQUAD CAR VIDEO SYSTEM PURCHASE**

Sheriff Keith Vreeman and Chief Deputy Mike Hamann requested approval to purchase new cameras for patrol vehicles. Quotes received were as follows:

Axon - \$83,190.00

Watch Guard with body cams - \$87,405.00

Watch Guard without body cams - \$73,180.00

Sheriff Vreeman and Chief Deputy Hamann recommended purchasing the Watch Guard system without body cams which includes 11 cameras for patrol vehicles, and 3 cameras for interview rooms and the squad room. This is a budgeted item in 2020 so the product would be ordered now for delivery and payment in January of 2020. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nath to approve the quote from WatchGuard for \$73,180.00. Yeas: Johnson, Kooiman, Nath, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

**DITCH COMMITTEE ASSESSMENT**

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the 2020 Ditch Assessment at \$31,180.00. Yeas: Johnson, Kooiman, Nath, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

**K-9 DONATIONS**

Auditor/Treasurer Tyler Reisch reported that Pipestone Grain donated \$1,500.00 and Coborn's donated \$500.00 for the K-9. An authorization from the Board to accept donations is required per Statute. Motion by Nath, seconded by Wildermuth to accept a \$1,500.00 donation from Pipestone Grain and \$500.00 donation from Coborn's for the K-9. Yeas: Johnson, Kooiman, Nath, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

**2020 ANCILLARY BENEFITS / PERSONNEL**

Human Resources Coordinator Cathy Feste requested approval to renew benefits for 2020 for the Life, Dental, Vision, and Long Term Disability benefits with the current carriers and

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to offer a new group Short Term Disability option from The Hartford. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wildermuth to approve the 2020 ancillary benefits offering including the new group Short Term Disability plan. Yeas: Johnson, Kooiman, Nath, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

HR Coordinator Feste requested approval to issue IT Technician Bridget Hartman a County credit card. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nath to approve the issuance of a County credit card to IT Technician Bridget Hartman. Yeas: Johnson, Kooiman, Nath, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

HR Coordinator Feste announced that Cullen Clipper will be starting on October 14, 2019 as a Mechanic in the Highway department.

**PRIMEWEST HEALTH UPDATE**

Commissioner Nath announced that PrimeWest voted to renew the joint powers with all the Counties interested in participating in PrimeWest, with a differentiation between existing members and entry members, in which existing members are the only ones allowed to vote on financial matters that impact PrimeWest until the entry members are procured by the State. County Administrator Ewing reported that the formal Joint Powers Agreement will be presented to the Board at an upcoming board meeting.

**PIPESTONE COUNTY CITIZEN CONCERNS**

John Landgren and Greg Friese joined the meeting to discuss concerns relating to water drainage in Section 3 of Altona Township. According to Landgren and Friese, the drainage problems began after a County road project in 2009, when a waterway was removed. Other contributing factors are erosion in a neighbor's soil, which is filling a waterway with sediment. Environmental Administrator Krier stated that the legislature is working on a Soil Loss bill and could also contact the landowner to see if they would voluntarily add a buffer. The Highway department is also currently surveying the area. Engineer Bergman will follow up with Mr. Landgren and Mr. Friese on survey findings and possible solutions.

**2019 BOX CULVERT AND GRAVEL CRUSHING BIDS-10:30 A.M. BID OPENING**

County Attorney Damain Sandy and County Engineer Nick Bergman joined the meeting for the 2019 Box Culvert and Gravel Crushing Bid Openings. Engineer Bergman opened and read the following Box Culvert bid amounts received:

<i>Planholder</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Bid Total</i>
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A&C Excavating	Marshall, MN	\$750,144.00
Henning Construction, Inc.	Adrian, MN	\$820,847.65
Midwest Contracting	Marshall, MN	\$764,898.00
R & G Construction Co.	Marshall, MN	\$760,205.15

Engineer Bergman opened and read the following Gravel Crushing bid amounts received:

<i>Planholder</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Bid Total</i>
Ferguson Brothers Excavating, Inc.	Alexandria, MN	\$145,900.00
Wm. D. Scepaniak	Holdingsford, MN	\$149,680.00

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

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioners reported on the following committee meetings:

Commissioner Johnson: Insurance Committee, Highway 23 Coalition Legislative Committee, Minnesota Rural Counties, AMC Legislative Conference, Special Meeting for Flood Disaster Declaration, Landfill Annual Meeting, Hospital Board and Provider Open House, Highway 23 Coalition General Meeting, Highway 23 Coalition Projects Committee, MHA Trustee Council, Ditch Committee, Prime Health Audit Phone Conference, AREA II, RCRCA, Minnesota Rural Counties Annual Meeting.

Commissioner Wildermuth: Building Committee, AMC Legislative Conference, Special Meeting for Flood Disaster Declaration, SMOC, Building Committee, SWHHS, Rural Minnesota Energy Board.

### **2019 BOX CULVERT AND GRAVEL CRUSHING BID AWARD**

Engineer Bergman returned to the meeting and announced that the corrected box culvert bid amount from R&G Construction was \$760,205.65. Bergman recommended awarding the project to the low bidder. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nath to award the bid to A & C Excavating of Marshall, MN for \$750,144.00. Yeas: Johnson, Kooiman, Nath, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

Engineer Bergman recommended rejecting the bids for the gravel crushing. Bergman plans to change the bid specifications and advertise for new bids for the project. Motion by Wildermuth, seconded by Nath to reject all bids. Yeas: Johnson, Kooiman, Nath, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Hollingsworth. Motion carried.

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Commissioner Nath: PrimeWest, PCMC Plant Operations, SW PIC, SWHHS, Southwestern Mental Health Building Meeting, Building Committee (2), Radio Board.

Commissioner Kooiman: PCMC Plant Operations, Planning and Zoning Commission, Insurance Committee, Flood Disaster Declaration, SRDC, Plum Creek Library, PCMC Provider Open House.

Motion by Nath, seconded by Kooiman to adjourn. Yeas: Johnson, Kooiman, Nath, Wildermuth. Nay: None. Absent: Hollingsworth. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:45a.m.

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Bruce Kooiman  
Pipestone County Board Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:

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Steven Ewing  
County Administrator

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