

**RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
January 3, 2006**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, January 3, 2006. Chairman Swigerd called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Janssen, Olson and Tomschin present. Also present were HR/EM Director Darlene Nichols-Born, County Auditor Michelle Knutson, Mike Swenson of the Ortonville Independent and Clerk Laura Berger. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Upon call for nominations for Board Chairman, motion by Olson, seconded by Tomschin and carried to elect Commissioner Athey as Chairman. Upon call for Vice Chairman, motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to elect Commissioner Tomschin as Vice Chairman.

Motion by Swigerd, seconded by Janssen and carried to approve the agenda with noted addition.

The bids received from the Ortonville Independent and the Northern Star for publishing those notices as legally required were reviewed. Motion by Swigerd and seconded by Olson and carried to accept the bid and surety bond of the Ortonville Independent as the official newspaper of the County for 2006. The Northern Star will publish second notices as required by law.

The following 2006 board committee appointments were established:

- Audit Committee**.....Commissioner Swigerd
One Representative from Revenue, Family Services & Highway
- Agricultural Committee**..... Commissioners Athey & Olson
- Bois de Sioux Watershed District**..... Commissioner Tomschin
Engineer
- Countryside Public Health**..... Commissioner Janssen
- Main Street Industries Board** Commissioner Athey
- Ditches & Roads**.....All Commissioners
- Joint Ditch 7/24 Authority**..... Commissioners Olson, Swigerd & Janssen
- Joint Ditch 4/10/11 Authority**..... Commissioners Tomschin, Athey & Olson
- Environmental Committee**..... Commissioners Swigerd & Janssen
Environmental Officer
- Extension Committee**..... Commissioners Tomschin & Janssen
- Food Shelf**..... Commissioner Tomschin
- Historical Society**Commissioner Swigerd
- Insurance Committee**..... Commissioners Athey & Swigerd
No more than two representatives from
General, Family Services & Highway
- Investment Committee**.....Commissioner Swigerd
Treasurer, Family Services Director & Engineer
- Juvenile Corrections Committee**Commissioners Tomschin & Athey
Family Services Director, Sheriff, County Attorney, Probation Officer & Judge
- Law Library Committee**..... Commissioner Athey
County Attorney
- Legislative Committee**All Commissioners

MN River Board	Commissioner Janssen Athey the alternate
Personnel & Labor Relations Committee	Commissioners Athey & Tomschin
Pioneerland Library Board	Commissioner Olson
Planning & Zoning	Commissioners Athey & Olson
Pomme de Terre River Association	Commissioner Janssen
Prairie Country RC&D Council	Commissioner Tomschin Swigerd the alternate
Prairie Five Community Action Council	Commissioner Swigerd
Prime West Central County-Based Purchasing Initiative	Commissioner Olson Tomschin the alternate
Private Industry Council	Commissioner Tomschin Chief Elected Officials Board Athey the alternate
Public Safety Committee	Commissioners Tomschin & Athey
Purchasing & Property Management	Commissioners Swigerd & Janssen
Regional Development Commission (RDC)	Commissioner Swigerd Olson the alternate
Safety Committee	Commissioner Janssen Safety Director, Engineer, Sheriff, Custodian Sue Kaess & Ed Roeder
Sentence to Service Advisory Board (STS)	Commissioner Tomschin Sheriff
Soil & Water Conservation District	Commissioner Olson Athey the alternate
Toqua Park Committee	Commissioners Athey & Swigerd
Upper MN River Community Based Planning	Commissioners Tomschin & Olson
WACCO	Commissioner Athey Swigerd the alternate
West Central Regional Juvenile Center	Commissioner Athey Sheriff
Western MN Prairie Waters Board	Commissioner Olson
WesMN Revolving Loan Fund	Commissioner Tomschin
AMC Voting Delegates	All Commissioners Auditor, Engineer & HR Director
CERT	Commissioner Olson
Appeals Committee (relating to the Ag Inspector)	Commissioners Athey & Olson Tomschin the Alternate John Cunningham
911 Advisory Board	Commissioner Tomschin Joe Berning, David Hills, Janet Messmer & Michelle Knutson
Emergency Preparedness Advisory Group	Commissioner Tomschin
MN Counties Insurance Trust Voting Delegate	Chair Vice Chair the Alternate

Committee reports were presented.

Motion by Swigerd, seconded by Janssen and carried to ratify payment of the following claims paid on December 30, 2005:

General	\$12,858.98
Highway	\$ 4,649.61
Taxes & Penalties	<u>\$ 6.64</u>
Total	\$17,515.23

Motion by Tomschin, seconded by Janssen and carried to authorize payment of the following claims.

General	\$12,587.95
Ditch	<u>\$17,782.50</u>
Total	\$30,370.45

Motion by Janssen, seconded by Swigerd and carried to authorize a transfer of \$18,130.01 from Family Services to General.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Tomschin and carried to approve the 2006 aggregate gravel tax budget with revenues estimated to be \$50,000.

Motion by Swigerd, seconded by Janssen and carried to adopt the following resolution:

2006-01

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2006 County Ditch Assessments be established as follows:

<u>Ditch Number</u>	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Ditch Number</u>	<u>Assessment</u>
2	\$2,500	18	\$1,000
4	\$ 500	19	\$ 500
8	\$ 500	20	\$ 500
12	\$ 500	20 Lat A	\$ 500
15	\$ 500	28	\$ 500
17	\$ 500	30	\$ 500

Motion by Tomschin, seconded by Janssen and carried to execute the Memorandum of Understanding Concerning Regional Jail Feasibility Study.

The Board reviewed the formal response from the Stevens County Board of Commissioners respectfully declining the sharing of a Human Resources Director.

Motion by Swigerd, seconded by Janssen and carried to set the assessed value of tax forfeited parcel 22-0663-000 at \$25 for purchase by the City of Ortonville.

Auditor Knutson presented the 2004 Financial Statements for the Board's review.

Chairman Athey declared the public hearing open at 9:00 AM to take public comment on the Big Stone County Election Equipment Plan. Big Stone Township Clerk Holly Wellendorf and Deputy Auditor Heather Henrich were present for the hearing. Following discussion, Chairman Athey adjourned the hearing. Motion by Swigerd, seconded by Olson and carried to adopt the Plan as presented.

The July 4th board date was rescheduled to Wednesday, July 5th. The December board dates were rescheduled to December 12th and 26th.

There was discussion concerning mileage reimbursement for the Commissioners. It was decided to leave it as is.

The Board of Appeal & Equalization meeting was set for Monday, June 12th at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners room.

County Assessor Sandy Vold reported that a list of market value changes made to the 2005 assessment is on file in her office.

Discussion was held concerning other options for the HR position. Motion by Olson, seconded by Janssen and carried to send a new job description for HR/PC Network Coordinator in to Government Management Group for classification.

There was discussion concerning DNR purchasing land in Big Stone County, and whether the Planning and Zoning Committee should become involved again.

Following a break, County Engineer Nick Anderson reported that the crew was starting on the tower and it should be operational by the end of the month.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Tomschin and carried to adopt the following resolutions as presented by Engineer Anderson:

2006-02

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Big Stone County, the County Highway Engineer is hereby instructed to hire such miscellaneous and semi-skilled labor and such machinery and equipment as may from time to time be required at the prevailing rates in the community.

2006-03

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Big Stone County, Minnesota, the County Highway Engineer is hereby authorized to purchase gravel material from various pits at the prevailing rates for graveling and re-graveling the Big Stone County roads during the year of 2006.

2006-04

WHEREAS the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners recognizes the need to be helpful to cities and townships during an emergency or natural disaster.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Big Stone County, Minnesota, the County Highway Engineer is hereby authorized and instructed to pay by regular payroll up to the amount of five thousand dollars for approved emergency labor performed off the regular County Road System.

2006-05

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Big Stone County, Minnesota, the County Highway Engineer is hereby authorized and instructed to impose weight and load restrictions as he deems necessary on any or all County Roads and County State Aid Highways pursuant to Chapter 500, Article 4, Section 1, Subdivision 3 of Laws of 1959.

2006-06

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Big Stone County, Minnesota, the County Highway Engineer is hereby authorized to spray weeds and objectionable vegetation in all of the County Ditch Systems without further approval of the County Board of Commissioners so long as expenditures do not exceed \$500.00 for any single County Ditch. This resolution excludes Joint Ditches.

Chairman Athey reappointed Lori Riley and Don Diekmann to the Planning Commission and Jim Lund to the Board of Adjustment for three-year terms as recommended by Environmental Officer Darren Wilke.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Swigerd and carried to initiate the ordinance adoption process for a revised Flood Plain Ordinance.

Arnold Angerhofer from Countywide Directory requested tax data in exchange for copies of their Directory. The Board denied the exchange request as there is a pricing policy in place for such data requests.

Chairman Athey adjourned the meeting at 10:40 AM.

Wade Athey, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Laura Berger, Clerk