

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**October 17, 2006**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, October 17, 2006. Chairman Athey called the meeting to order with Commissioners Tomschin, Olson, Janssen and Swigerd present. Also present were Elsie Perrine, Mike Swenson of the Ortonville Independent, County Attorney Bill Watson and Clerk Laura Berger. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Swigerd, seconded by Tomschin and carried to approve the minutes of the October 3<sup>rd</sup> regular meeting.

Motion by Janssen, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the minutes of the September 21<sup>st</sup> special meeting.

Motion by Janssen, seconded by Swigerd and carried to approve the agenda. Committee reports were presented.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Janssen and carried to appoint Donnette Herberg as the County's representative to Southern Minnesota Tourism.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Tomschin and carried to appoint Kaylee Helgeson as the youth representative to the Extension Committee for a 2-year term, replacing David Thomson.

Motion by Swigerd, seconded by Janssen and carried to authorize payment of the following claims as presented by Auditor Michelle Knutson:

General	\$ 55,775.71
Highway	<u>53,484.97</u>
Total	\$109,260.68

Motion by Olson, seconded by Swigerd and carried to authorize the following transfers:

General to Highway	\$ 5,508.53
Ditch to Highway	\$ 950.93
CD #2	\$345.22
CD #21	\$189.06
JD #24	\$ 94.66
JD #4	\$321.99

Motion by Olson, seconded by Swigerd and carried to execute the contract with G&R Controls as presented by Auditor Knutson.

HR Director Sue Schultz informed the Board of an overpayment that had been made to a retired employee who had recently become eligible for Medicare. Motion by Swigerd, seconded by Olson and carried to authorize HR Director Schultz to send a letter to the employee stating that an overpayment had been made and the \$50/month retiree insurance benefit will be discontinued for this employee.

Motion by Tomschin, seconded by Janssen and carried to increase the Health Care Flexible Benefit Plan limit for 2007 from \$2,400 to \$3,000.

HR Director Schultz reported on the Workman's Compensation case that had been filed.

Motion by Swigerd, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the hiring of fill-in custodial help, if needed.

John Boots was present to express his concerns with the cattle along County Ditch #4. The Board directed County Engineer Nick Anderson to speak with current renter, Charles Lindquist.

Engineer Anderson reported that the Meadowbrook Road project has been completed. DNR contributed an additional \$6,000 for base stabilization.

Discussion was held on the Centennial Wetlands Project. Engineer Anderson reported that US Fish and Ducks Unlimited will be installing a berm to alleviate the flooding problems.

Anderson reported on various ditches. County Ditches #2 and #4 have been cleaned out.

Motion by Swigerd, seconded by Olson and carried to authorize the Highway Department to erect a sign provided by Charlie's Angels at the Avenue of Flags in Ortonville.

Engineer Anderson reported that he had met with the Ditch viewers for the redetermination of County Ditches #5 and #21. Motion by Olson, seconded by Janssen and carried to authorize payment of \$100/day per viewer. Anderson estimated that it will take approximately 7 days.

A brief discussion was held on the Bike Trail. The project will be bid next summer.

Engineer Anderson reported that work had been done on the relay station on the County's tower.

Chairman Athey adjourned the meeting at 9:45 AM.

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Wade Athey, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Laura Berger, Clerk