

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
November 7, 2006

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, November 7, 2006. Chairman Athey called the meeting to order with Commissioners Tomschin, Olson, Janssen and Swigerd present. Also present were Mike Swenson of the Ortonville Independent and Clerk Laura Berger. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Tomschin, seconded by Swigerd and carried to approve the minutes of the October 17th regular meeting.

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

County Recorder Gloria Arndt arrived at the meeting.

Committee reports were presented.

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

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| General | \$ 71,959.38 |
| Highway | 38,428.44 |
| State | <u>86.90</u> |
| Total | \$110,474.72 |

Motion by Swigerd, seconded by Tomschin and carried to execute the agreement with Countryside Public Health for tobacco compliance checks.

Following a brief discussion, Board consensus was to allow John Haukos to attend the Minnesota Sheriff's conference in December.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Janssen and carried to authorize an additional \$3,800 for maintenance on CD#2 as presented by County Engineer Nick Anderson.

Motion by Tomschin, seconded by Swigerd and carried to authorize an additional \$1,900 for maintenance on JD#4.

Engineer Anderson updated the Board on the Minnesota River Headwaters Trail Route.

The Board was informed that Border States Coop's charge accounts and gas cards will be converted to Visa credit cards.

Motion by Swigerd, seconded by Tomschin and carried to execute the grant contract with the State of Minnesota for the Emergency Management Performance Grant Program.

Deputy Auditor Sharon Finke updated the Board on the new phone system. The County was notified by Qwest that a T-1 line is not available. As a contract has already been signed with them for this service, the Board directed Finke to notify County Attorney Bill Watson.

Following a break, Chairman Athey declared the public hearing open at 10:00 AM to take public comment on the intent to adopt the Wind Power Management Ordinance for Big Stone County. Upon hearing no public comments, the hearing was closed. Motion by Janssen, seconded by Olson and carried to adopt the Big Stone County Wind Power Management Ordinance and to publish a summary in the official minutes.

**SUMMARY OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY
WIND POWER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE, 2006**

- I. GENERAL PROVISIONS
 - A. Purpose
 - B. Severability
 - C. Enforcement, Violations, Remedies & Penalties
 - D. Definitions
- II. PROCEDURES
- III. AGGREGATED PROJECTS – PROCEDURES
- IV. DISTRICT REGULATIONS
- V. SETBACKS
- VI. REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS

A printed copy of the entire Ordinance is available to view at the Big Stone County Environmental Office, 20 2nd St SE, Ortonville, Minnesota. A copy of the Ordinance can also be purchased for \$10 each or is available at <http://www.bigstonecounty.org/BSCWindPowerOrdinance.pdf>

Chairman Athey adjourned the meeting at 10:20 AM.

Wade Athey, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Laura Berger, Clerk