

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
April 18, 2006

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, April 18, 2006. Chairman Athey called the meeting to order with Commissioners Janssen, Olson and Swigerd present. Absent was Commissioner Tomschin. Also present were Mike Swenson of the Ortonville Independent, County Attorney Bill Watson, Human Resources Director Sue Schultz, and Clerk Laura Berger. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Swigerd, seconded by Janssen and carried to approve the minutes of the April 4th regular meeting and the April 7th special meeting.

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

Attorney Watson reported that Grant County may be looking at an alternate sight for a tower for their 911 service.

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

General	\$ 42,774.43
Highway	219,962.97
State	<u>10.00</u>
Total	\$262,747.40

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

General to Highway	\$5,257.99
Ditch to Highway	\$2,056.21
General to Family Services	\$1,382.00

Upon recommendation by Sheriff Joe Berning, the Board set a \$5,000 minimum bid on the 1998 Expedition. The following bids were opened:

Bidder	Amount
Loren Tetzloff	\$700
Chicago Motors	\$1,150
John Haukos	\$3,000

Due to lack of minimum bid, motion by Olson, seconded by Swigerd and carried to reject all bids.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Janssen and carried to authorize the expenditure to advertise for bids for the lease of County property adjacent to the landfill in Browns Valley Township.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Swigerd and carried to execute the Job Training Partnership Act Joint Powers Agreement to establish a Workforce Investment Act Partnership Joint Powers Board.

A brief discussion was held on meal reimbursements. From here forward, all meal receipts should be submitted on vouchers.

Chairman Athey asked for two volunteers to represent the Board in a meeting to be held with representatives from each city in the County to discuss the interest in establishing a Countywide EDA. Olson and Swigerd volunteered with Janssen as the

alternate. A meeting will be held on Thursday, April 27th at 7:00 PM at the Clinton Memorial Building.

Motion by Swigerd, seconded by Olson and carried to advertise for boarding stray dogs in Big Stone County.

Subject to Attorney Watson's review, motion by Swigerd, seconded by Janssen and carried to execute the 2006 Natural Resources Block Grant Agreement between the State of Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources and Big Stone County.

Dave Soehren and Brad Olson of the MN DNR, Dianne Radermacher of the Upper Minnesota Watershed District, Duane Johnson, George & Mary Taylor and Elsie Perrine arrived at the meeting. Dave Soehren presented the board with a draft letter from the MN DNR stating that the maintenance of the current scope of drainage of water through the Trust WMA from adjacent lands will be made through the Upper Minnesota Watershed District; and that the State of Minnesota, Section of Wildlife, intends to manage this property as a Wildlife Management Area. Subject to receiving the letter for signatures, motion by Olson, seconded by Swigerd and carried to adopt the following resolution:

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BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Big Stone County on April 18, 2006, that the State's proposed acquisition of the following described property be approved:

NE1/4 and the E1/2SE1/4 of Section 36, Township 124N, Range 49W.

Following a break, HR Director Schultz updated the Board on Medicare, Part D. Motion by Olson, seconded by Janssen and carried to accept the Insurance Committee's recommendation to discontinue offering the Senior Gold: Basic Medicare Select Plan drug supplement and offer the Group MedicareBlue Rx plan, Option A. The individual medical supplement Senior Gold coverage would not change.

Engineer Anderson reported on Highway Department activities. The Courthouse renovation project won't get underway before August. Approximately 30 acres upstream of Centennial Wetland are having drainage issues. Discussion was held on digging tile through a county road. Anderson stated that this is a Highway Department issue. Discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Warren Wiese, Ron Schmidt, Earl Holgerson, Randy Shelstad, Bill Pansch, Harriet Kidman and Jay Sammon were in attendance to discuss the possible abandonment of County Ditches 5 and 21. Upon the recommendation of those landowners present, motion by Olson, seconded by Janssen and carried to authorize the expenditure for the redetermination of benefits on County Ditches 5 and 21.

Chairman Athey adjourned the meeting at 11:48 AM.

Wade Athey, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Laura Berger, Clerk