

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
May 2, 2006

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, May 2, 2006. Chairman Athey called the meeting to order with Commissioners Tomschin, Janssen, Olson and Swigerd present. Also present were Elsie Perrine, Mike Swenson of the Ortonville Independent, County Attorney Bill Watson, HR Director Sue Schultz, and Clerk Laura Berger. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Swigerd, seconded by Tomschin and carried to approve the minutes of the April 18th regular meeting.

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

Committee reports were presented.

Attorney Watson reported that there is a request to reinstate a grievance of several years ago. Upon his review, Watson will bring it to the Personnel Committee.

Motion by Swigerd, seconded by Tomschin and carried to raise the donations for the Memorial Day services from \$50 to \$100.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Janssen and carried to re-appoint Alice Stielow as a member of the Local Social Services Agency Board.

Motion by Swigerd, seconded by Olson and carried to authorize the advertising and sale of the 1995 Ford Taurus and 1996 Dodge Intrepid.

Upon Sheriff Joe Berning's recommendation, motion by Swigerd, seconded by Tomschin and carried to appoint Deputy David Hills to a temporary Chief Deputy position effective July 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006, with a \$700/month salary augmentation. Deputy Hills will return to his Deputy position on January 1, 2007 at his previous rate of pay of Grade 15 Step 12.

The Board authorized the advertising of open spaces available on the County's tower.

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

General	\$18,649.12
Highway	<u>31,029.93</u>
Total	\$49,679.05

Discussion was held on the No Net Gain Policy.

Upon request of Becky Parker, representing the SW Initiative Foundation, motion by Swigerd, seconded by Janssen and carried to write a letter supporting the Foundation's Childhood Coalition Initiative.

Engineer Nick Anderson stated that he had contacted Todd Dybdahl with names of contractors for his tiling permit request. Anderson reported that the Meadowbrook road project is funded. The Board authorized the purchase of a hoist for the Highway Department's shop, as the Department will be in charge of maintenance of the County's vehicles.

MCIT Account Executive Bruce Underdahl presented the 2006 Member Report. Chairman Athey adjourned the meeting at 11:05 AM.

Wade Athey, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Laura Berger, Clerk