

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
June 20, 2006

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, June 20, 2006. Chairman Athey called the meeting to order with Commissioners Tomschin, Janssen, Olson and Swigerd present. Also present were 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 Tomschin, seconded by Swigerd and carried to approve the minutes of the June 6th regular meeting.

Motion by Swigerd, seconded by Tomschin and carried to approve the minutes of the June 12th Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting.

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

Committee reports were presented.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Janssen and carried to approve the 3-year farm lease with Kenneth Hendricks for \$1,850/year, effective beginning 2007.

HR Director Schultz reported that BCBS Portability Plan rates will be going up approximately 13.8% for the 60-64 age group effective July 1st. This results in an increase of \$85.86 per month per employee to the cafeteria plan employer contribution per the employee contracts. Motion by Olson, seconded by Swigerd and carried to approve the increase.

Motion by Swigerd, seconded by Olson and carried to approve two sessions of Violence in the Workplace Training to be held by Protective Services, Inc for Big Stone County employees.

Motion by Swigerd, seconded by Tomschin and carried to execute the Memorandum of Agreement with AFSCME Local #3164 to switch eligible retirees to Group MedicareBlue Rx Drug Plan, option A.

Don Kleven of the US Fish & Wildlife was present to request certification of acquisition of land in Almond Township. Motion by Tomschin, seconded by Olson and carried to certify for acquisition the following described property: T123N, R46W, 5th P.M., Section 22, Amended Lot B of Government Lots 1 and 2.

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

General	\$31,284.43
Highway	31,249.90
Ditch	<u>1,740.00</u>
Total	\$64,274.33

Motion by Swigerd, seconded by Olson and carried that, effective January 1, 2007, Toqua Park fees would be as follows:

Season Pass	\$150.00 per year
Camper (with air conditioning)	\$15.00 per day
Camper (without air conditioning)	\$12.00 per day
Tent	\$ 8.00 per day

Motion by Olson, seconded by Tomschin and carried to execute the Joint Powers Agreement with the BCA for data access.

Richard Brown, representing Federated Telephone, was present to discuss renting space on the County's communication tower. Following discussion, motion by Tomschin, seconded by Olson and carried to rent space on the tower at the rate of \$.75/foot/month for one year with a license agreement. The rate will be re-negotiated after the first year.

Motion by Tomschin, seconded by Swigerd and carried to execute the Criminal Justice Information System and the National Crime Information Center Agreement between the Ortonville Police Department and Sheriff's Department to share files.

Motion by Tomschin, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the application of Clinton Cards for an On-Sale Malt Liquor License for July 1-2, 2006 at Toqua Park.

Commissioner Janssen left the meeting.

Following a break, motion by Swigerd, seconded by Tomschin and carried to approve the 3-year contract for the annual assessment agreement with the City of Johnson and Big Stone, Foster and Prior Townships as presented by County Assessor Sandy Vold. Motion by Tomschin, seconded by Swigerd and carried to approve the assessing contracts with Randy Arnold, Ronald Sanasack and Michael Schultz.

Darren Wilke, Environmental Officer, presented an addendum to the Waste Management Recycling Contract. Upon Attorney Watson's approval, motion by Olson, seconded by Swigerd and carried to approve the addendum of a 4.6% increase to the contract, effective July 1, 2006.

Burt Nypen and Ann Lundberg, representing the Big Stone County Historical Society, reported on the Transportation Enhancement Grant Application. The plans are for shifting \$57,000 of the funds from the building to a connecting trail. Motion by Tomschin, seconded by Swigerd and carried to adopt the following resolutions:

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BE IT RESOLVED that Big Stone County act as sponsoring agency for a "Transportation Enhancements" project identified as Big Stone County Trail and Transportation Museum and acknowledges herewith that it is willing to be the project sponsor; knowing full well that such sponsorship includes a willingness to secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project and responsibility for seeing this project through to its completion, with compliance of all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ann Lundberg is hereby authorized to act as agent on behalf of this applicant.

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WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requires that states agree to operate and maintain facilities constructed with federal transportation funds for the useful life of the improvement and not change the use of right of way acquired without prior approval from the FHWA; and

WHEREAS, transportation enhancement projects receive federal funding from the Surface Transportation Program (STP) of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) of 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) has determined that for projects implemented with transportation enhancement funds, this requirement should be applied to the project sponsor; and

WHEREAS, Big Stone County is the project sponsor for the transportation enhancement project identified as Big Stone County Trail and Transportation Museum. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Project Sponsor hereby agrees to assume full responsibility for the operation and maintenance of property and facilities related to the aforementioned transportation enhancement project.

Don Wellendorf of the Big Stone County Fair Board requested the presence of uniformed deputies at the fair. Deputy Sheriff David Hills stated that an officer will be patrolling the fair.

County Recorder Gloria Arndt reported that Big Stone County will be on-line to do e-recording by the end of the year.

Family Services Director Dan Hanratty was present to discuss emergency services and budget items.

Chairman Athey adjourned the meeting at 11:02 AM.

Wade Athey, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Laura Berger, Clerk