

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**June 6, 2006**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, June 6, 2006. Chairman Athey called the meeting to order with Commissioners Tomschin, Janssen, Olson and Swigerd present. Also present were Mary Jo Stueve, 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 Tomschin, seconded by Swigerd and carried to approve the minutes of the May 16<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

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

Committee reports were presented.

Motion by Swigerd, seconded by Olson and carried to close the meeting to review a grievance that had been filed.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Janssen and carried to re-open the meeting.

Motion by Tomschin, seconded by Swigerd and carried to send a letter to the AFSCME representative denying Big Stone County's responsibility to arbitrate the grievance of May, 2003 due to the passage of time.

Nick Anderson, County Engineer, updated the Board on the County Road #63 project. The Board asked that Anderson set up a meeting with concerned landowners, Attorney Watson and Commissioner Athey.

Roland Bauer was present to report on Toqua Park. Bauer stated that if he needs additional help at the park, it will be no more than 10 hours for the remainder of the year.

Motion by Tomschin, seconded by Olson and carried to appoint Commissioner Athey to the Technology Committee.

Upon recommendation of Sheriff Joe Berning, motion by Swigerd, seconded by Tomschin and carried that, upon Berning's retirement, Deputy Sheriff Mark Brown be appointed the Big Stone County representative on the Southwest EMS Board.

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

General	\$22,604.91
Highway	<u>44,310.23</u>
Total	\$66,915.14

Motion by Olson, seconded by Swigerd and carried to set the lease renewal with the Farm Service Agency at \$30,000 per year, effective December 1, 2006.

Auditor Knutson advised the Board that they will need to address the County's Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) liability as required in GASB 45.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Janssen and carried to execute the contract with Bituminous Paving Inc. for SAP 06-612-11 etal as presented by County Engineer Nick Anderson.

Motion by Swigerd, seconded by Tomschin and carried to execute the gravel crushing contract with Sibson Gravel as presented by Engineer Anderson.

Anderson reported that an archeological survey will need to be done on the County Road #63 project.

Anderson updated the Board on the Meadowbrook project. The County received the grant from the State and advertising will begin next month.

The Board asked that the Highway Department spray weeds along the shoreline at Toqua Park.

Mary Jo Stueve, Julie Jansen, Kari Henneberg, MaryAnn Ulrich, Curt Bailey and Environmental Officer Darren Wilke were present for a discussion on Big Stone II. Ms Stueve distributed information on the mercury levels in Big Stone Lake and informed the Board of the upcoming meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup> regarding Big Stone II.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Tomschin and carried to award the bid for the Courthouse boiler replacement to Berkner's Plumbing & Heating.

Chairman Athey adjourned the meeting at 11:25 AM.

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Wade Athey, Chairman

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