

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

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, July 18, 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 July 5th 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 Janssen and carried to close the meeting to discuss a grievance issue.

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

Motion by Olson, seconded by Swigerd and carried to settle the grievance claim. The County agrees to re-instate 48.75 hours of Mark Thompson's vacation time for the period of April 1, 2003 – June 3, 2003 in settlement of the grievance filed.

Motion by Swigerd, seconded by Tomschin and carried to submit the Maintenance Worker/Engineering Technician position for the Highway Department for job classification.

Motion by Janssen, seconded by Tomschin and carried to approve the \$3,000 fee and membership of Big Stone County into a rural energy board administered by the Upper MN Regional Development Commission with the intent to encourage, develop and support the industry of renewable fuels in our area.

Deputy Sheriff Terry Wood presented the Board with an informational packet on the canine program. Deputy Wood informed the Board that there is currently \$10,700 in the fund and asked if they would be willing to authorize \$1500 towards the program and approve the purchase of the dog. The Board tabled their decision for the August 1st meeting.

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

General	\$224,889.07
Highway	46,808.52
State	<u>10.00</u>
Total	\$271,707.59

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

General to Highway	\$ 5,742.46
Ditch to Highway	2,868.32

Motion by Tomschin, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the application of Clinton Lady Cards for an On-Sale Malt Liquor License for a softball tournament on July 28-30, 2006 at Toqua Park.

Jim Pryzbilla of Prime West Health System presented the Board with a check for \$35,837.09 in repayment of their start-up loan, including interest, and provided a history of the organization.

The Board reviewed the preliminary County budget for the year 2007.

Following a break, County Engineer Nick Anderson was present to set the date for the 5-year planning meeting. It will be on Tuesday, August 8th at 9:30 AM at the Highway Department.

Motion by Tomschin, seconded by Janssen and carried to execute the Salt/Sand Contract Agreement between MN/DOT, Traverse County & Big Stone County.

Discussion was held on County Road #63. Engineer Anderson asked Attorney Watson to proceed with securing the right-of-way.

At 11:00 AM, with various bidders and Highway employees present, Engineer Anderson opened bids on **SAP 06-600-003**:

BIDDER	AMOUNT
Riley Bros.	\$248,246.80
Fridgen Excavating	328,388.00
Ronglien Excavating	224,575.65
States Borders Turf	306,534.95
Commerford Construction	224,666.07

After review of the bids, motion by Olson seconded by Janssen and carried to award the bid to Ronglien Excavating; contingent on the States right-of-way and the approval of the Prior Township Board and State Park.

Chairman Athey left the meeting.

Vice Chairman Tomschin adjourned the meeting at 11:16 AM.

Wade Athey, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Laura Berger, Clerk