

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**August 1, 2006**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, August 1, 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 Janssen and carried to approve the minutes of the July 18<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and July 24<sup>th</sup> special meeting.

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

Committee reports were presented.

Environmental Officer Darren Wilke was present to report on an on-going solid waste issue that had reached the July 29<sup>th</sup> deadline. Attorney Watson stated that an ordinance violation complaint would be filed.

Tom Watson, Regional Tourism Coordinator for Western MN Prairie Waters, updated the Board on regional tourism.

Deputy Sheriff Terry Wood and Chief Deputy David Hills were present to answer any questions concerning the canine program. Motion by Olson, seconded by Janssen and carried to authorize the purchase of the dog and \$1,300 towards the funding of the program.

Irvin Adelman, Gary Hoffman and Tammy Neubauer presented on overview of the SWCD for 2006 and their 2007 funding request.

HR Director Sue Schultz presented the Board with a tentative training agenda for County employees.

The Board authorized the Highway Department to help with tree removal and dock repair at Toqua Park.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Tomschin and carried to execute the contract for project SAP 06-600-003 as presented by County Engineer Nick Anderson.

Discussion was held on the County Road #63 project. Motion by Olson, seconded by Janssen and carried to approve the final Right-of-Way Plat for Project SAP 06-0663-04 and authorize Engineer Anderson to get appraisals.

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

General	\$108,655.83
Highway	<u>11,127.89</u>
Total	\$119,783.72

HR Director Schultz was present to provide information on a new state law that offers Social Security participation to current and future elected officials whose positions are covered by PERA DCP. Motion by Tomschin, seconded by Olson and carried to decline adopting the resolution and stay with the current plan.

Motion by Swigerd, seconded by Olson and carried to accept Deputy Sheriff/Emergency Management Director Brian Dahl's request for a change in status from full-time to part-time, effective August 21, 2006. Dahl will continue his position as

the County's Emergency Management Director and will fill in as a part-time Deputy Sheriff for the County.

Following a break the Board continued their review of the preliminary 2007 County budget.

Chairman Athey adjourned the meeting at 11:25 AM.

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Wade Athey, Chairman

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