

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
January 16, 2007**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, January 16, 2007. Chairman Tomschin called the meeting to order with Commissioners Janssen, Athey and Sandberg present. Absent was Commissioner Olson. Also present were Elsie Perrine, Mike Swenson of the Ortonville Independent, County Attorney Bill Watson and Clerk Laura Berger. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Janssen and carried to approve the minutes of the December 26th regular meeting and January 2nd re-organizational meeting.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the agenda. Committee reports were presented.

Attorney Watson discussed the County Road #63 project with the Board.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize the West Central Special Weapons and Tactics Team Mutual Aid Agreement, as approved by Attorney Watson.

Attorney Watson presented a Contractual Services Agreement between Development Services, Inc. (DSI) and Big Stone Area Growth (BSAG). Board consensus was to have a representative of BSAG at the next board meeting for further discussion.

Attorney Watson discussed the status of the Clinton tower, as reported to him by County Engineer Nick Anderson.

Countryside Public Health Administrator Liz Auch presented an overview of the Agency and reviewed the Agency's 2007 budget and work plan. Auch asked for an update on the requested carpet replacement.

County Treasurer Cindy Nelson presented investment information and fund balances for 2006 for the Board's review.

Motion by Janssen, seconded by Athey and carried to authorize payment of the following claims as presented by County Auditor Michelle Knutson.

General	\$138,378.69
Highway	94,678.27
Ditch	<u>18,607.50</u>
Total	\$251,664.46

Motion by Athey, seconded by Janssen and carried to approve the following transfers, retroactive to December 31, 2006.

General to Highway	\$ 1,455.63
Ditch to Highway – CD #8	\$ 346.08
Family Services to General	\$18,826.56

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Janssen and carried to adopt the following resolution:

2007-06

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2007 County Ditch Assessments be established as follows:

<u>Ditch Number</u>	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Ditch Number</u>	<u>Assessment</u>
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2	\$5,000	18	\$1,000
4	\$ 500	19	\$1,500
8	\$ 500	20	\$ 500
12	\$ 500	20 Lat A	\$ 500
15	\$ 500	28	\$ 500
17	\$ 500	30	\$ 500

Motion by Janssen, seconded by Sandberg and carried to adopt the following resolution:

2006-07

BE IT RESOLVED that the Big Stone County 2007 ditch budget be established as follows:

Revenues: Special Assessments	\$50,950
Expenditures: Conservation of Natural Resources	\$29,900

Auditor Knutson presented the 2005 Financial Statements for the Board's review.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to execute the agreement with the Office of the State Auditor for audit services.

Following discussion and upon approval by Attorney Watson on the cost allocation proposals received, motion by Tomschin, seconded by Janssen and carried to execute the 3-year agreement with MAXIMUS for the development of a central services cost allocation plan.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Tomschin and carried to approve the tobacco license application for 2007 for Nebben's Country Market.

Following a break, motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the 2007 Natural Resources Block Grant Agreement.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Janssen and carried to appoint Dan Walters to the Board of Adjustment for a three-year term.

HR Director Sue Schultz arrived at the meeting.

Veterans Service Officer Richard Johnson was present to discuss the possible grant money available to be used for transportation for veterans. Board consensus was to move forward on submitting an application.

The Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting was set for Monday, June 11, 2007, at 9:00 AM in the Commissioner's Room, as presented by County Assessor Sandy Vold.

Chairman Tomschin adjourned the meeting at 10:30 AM.

Doug Tomschin, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Laura Berger, Clerk