

**RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
January 2, 2007**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, January 2, 2007. Chairman Athey called the meeting to order with Commissioners Sandberg, Janssen, Olson and Tomschin present. Also present were Jill Urdahl of Hildi Inc., County Auditor Michelle Knutson and Clerk Laura Berger. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Upon call for nominations for Board Chairman, Commissioner Olson nominated Commissioner Tomschin. Motion by Olson, seconded by Janssen and carried to cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Tomschin for Chairman. Outgoing Chairman Athey turned the meeting over to the newly-elected Chairman Tomschin.

Chairman Tomschin called for nominations for Vice Chairman. Commissioner Athey nominated Commissioner Janssen. Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Janssen for Vice Chairman.

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

The bids received from the Ortonville Independent and the Northern Star for publishing those notices as legally required were reviewed. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to accept the bid and surety bond of the Ortonville Independent as the official newspaper of the County for 2007. The Northern Star will publish second notices as required by law.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Janssen and carried to appoint Commissioner Sandberg as a liaison to the Citizens for Big Stone Lake.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to establish the following Committee appointments:

AMC Voting Delegates	All Commissioners Auditor, Engineer & HR Director
Appeals Committee (relating to the Ag Inspector).....	Commissioners Athey & Olson Tomschin the Alternate, John Cunningham
Audit Committee	Commissioner Sandberg State Auditor Rep and County Auditor
Agricultural Committee	Commissioners Athey & Olson
Bois de Sioux Watershed District	Commissioner Tomschin Engineer
CERT	Commissioner Olson
Citizens for Big Stone Lake	Commissioner Sandberg
Countryside Public Health	Commissioner Janssen
Ditches & Roads	All Commissioners
Joint Ditch 7/24 Authority	Commissioners Olson, Sandberg & Janssen
Joint Ditch 4/10/11 Authority	Commissioners Tomschin, Athey & Olson
Emergency Preparedness Advisory Group	Commissioner Tomschin
Environmental Committee	Commissioners Sandberg & Janssen Environmental Officer
Extension Committee	Commissioners Tomschin & Janssen
Food Shelf	Commissioner Tomschin
Historical Society	Commissioner Sandberg

Insurance Committee	Commissioners Athey & Sandberg No more than two representatives from General, Family Services & Highway
Investment Committee	Commissioner Sandberg Treasurer, Family Services Director & Engineer
Juvenile Corrections Committee	Commissioners Tomschin & Athey Family Services Director, Sheriff, County Attorney, Probation Officer & Judge
Law Library Committee	Commissioner Athey County Attorney
Legislative Committee	All Commissioners
Main Street Industries Board	Commissioner Athey
MN Counties Insurance Trust Voting Delegate	Chair Vice Chair the Alternate
MN River Board	Commissioner Janssen Athey the alternate
Personnel & Labor Relations Committee	Commissioners Janssen & Tomschin
Pioneerland Library Board	Commissioner Sandberg
Planning & Zoning	Commissioners Athey & Olson
Pomme de Terre River Association	Commissioner Janssen
Prairie Country RC&D Council	Commissioner Tomschin Sandberg the alternate
Prairie Five Community Action Council	Commissioner Athey
Prime West Central County-Based Purchasing Initiative	Commissioner Olson Sandberg the alternate
Private Industry Council	Commissioner Tomschin Chief Elected Officials Board Athey the alternate
Public Safety Committee	Commissioners Tomschin & Athey
Purchasing & Property Management	Commissioners Sandberg & Janssen
Regional Development Commission (RDC)	Commissioner Olson Sandberg the alternate
Safety Committee	Commissioner Janssen Safety Director, Engineer, Sheriff, Custodian Sue Kaess & Ed Roeder
Sentence to Service Advisory Board (STS)	Commissioner Tomschin Sheriff
Soil & Water Conservation District	Commissioner Olson Athey the alternate
Technology Committee	Commissioner Sandberg
Toqua Park Committee	Commissioners Athey & Tomschin
Upper MN River Community Based Planning	Commissioners Tomschin & Olson
WACCO	Commissioner Athey Sandberg the alternate
West Central Regional Juvenile Center	Commissioner Athey Sheriff
Western MN Prairie Waters Board	Commissioner Olson

WesMN Revolving Loan Fund Commissioner Tomschin
911 Advisory Board Commissioner Tomschin

John Haukos, David Hills, Janet Messmer & Michelle Knutson

Committee reports were presented.

Jill Urdahl of Hildi, Inc. presented the County's GASB 45 Actuarial Valuation Report for Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB). HR Director Sue Schultz and Deputy Auditor Sharon Finke were also in attendance for the presentation.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to ratify payment of the following claims as presented by Auditor Knutson.

General	\$19,474.15
Highway	<u>1,688.41</u>
Total	\$21,162.56

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

Ditch to General		\$18,612.00
CD #10/11	\$15,298.00	
CD #14	\$ 2,196.00	
CD #16	\$ 1,118.00	
General to Ditch		\$15,118.00
CD #2	\$ 1,000.00	
CD #16	\$14,118.00	
Family Services to General		\$ 844.00
Highway to General		\$ 756.00

Motion by Janssen, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the 2007 aggregate gravel tax budget with revenues estimated to be \$50,000, as recommended by Auditor Knutson.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the tobacco license application for 2007 for Bonnie's Hometown Grocery.

Following a break, County Engineer Nick Anderson and Maintenance Supervisor Gary Haugen were present to revisit the previous motions to purchase a tractor and two mowers for the Highway Department. Following discussion, motion by Athey and seconded by Tomschin to purchase a Case IH MXM 140 Tractor and two John Deere mowers. Motion failed with Janssen, Olson and Sandberg voting Nay. Motion by Janssen and seconded by Olson to purchase a 7420 John Deere tractor from Grant County Implement and a hitch and two Schulte mowers from Titan Machinery. Motion carried with Athey and Tomschin voting Nay.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to adopt the following resolutions as presented by Engineer Anderson:

2007-01

BE IT RESOLVED by the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners that the County Highway Engineer is hereby instructed to hire such miscellaneous and semi-skilled labor and such machinery and equipment as may from time to time be required at the prevailing rates in the community.

2007-02

BE IT RESOLVED by the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners that the County Highway Engineer is hereby authorized to purchase gravel material from various pits at the prevailing rates for graveling and re-graveling the Big Stone County roads.

2007-03

WHEREAS the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners recognizes the need to be helpful to cities and townships during an emergency or natural disaster.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners that the County Highway Engineer is hereby authorized and instructed to pay by regular payroll up to the amount of five thousand dollars for approved emergency labor performed off the regular County Road System.

2007-04

BE IT RESOLVED by the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners that the County Highway Engineer is hereby authorized and instructed to impose weight and load restrictions as he deems necessary on any or all County Roads and County State Aid Highways pursuant to Chapter 500, Article 4, Section 1, Subdivision 3 of Laws of 1959.

2007-05

BE IT RESOLVED by the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners that the County Highway Engineer is hereby authorized to spray weeds and objectionable vegetation in all of the County Ditch Systems without further approval of the County Board of Commissioners so long as expenditures do not exceed \$500.00 for any single County Ditch. This resolution excludes Joint Ditches.

Discussion was held on the Recreation Trail.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Janssen and carried to accept the only bid of \$75 from Chris Lupkes for the furnace at the Highway Department.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to spend up to \$1,000 on the dock at Toqua Park.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Janssen and carried to appoint Dr. Robert Ross as Coroner for a 4-year term as required by statute.

County Recorder Elaine Martig arrived at the meeting.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize the hiring of Ahlica Steltz at Grade 18, Step 1 for the Social Worker Position at Family Services effective January 22, 2007.

HR Director Schultz reported that Deputy Recorder Patricia Janke will be retiring as of February 2, 2007. Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to authorize the hiring of a temporary, part-time Deputy Recorder as a fill-in for three days a week from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to require all non-elected employees to complete and submit timesheets.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to set the 2007 County Attorney's salary at \$74,002.50.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Tomschin and carried to table setting the County Auditor's until the job description review is completed.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Tomschin and carried to set the 2007 County Recorder's salary at \$43,192.50.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to set the 2007 County Treasurer's salary at \$53,917.50.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Tomschin and carried to set the County Sheriff's salary at \$50,897.60.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Janssen and carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:18 AM.

Doug Tomschin, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Laura Berger, Clerk