

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
November 20, 2007

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, November 20, 2007. Chairman Tomschin called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Sandberg, Olson and Janssen present. Also present were Mike Swenson of the Ortonville Independent, County Attorney Bill Watson and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Janssen and carried to approve the minutes of the November 6th regular meeting.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the agenda with noted addition.

Committee reports were presented. Sheriff Haukos arrived at the meeting.

Attorney Watson updated the Board on County Road #63.

Various community leaders were present to start discussions on options for resource sharing. It was decided that up to 2 representatives be appointed from all interested entities to attend meetings to discuss needs and options. The first meeting of the Community Resource Sharing Partnership (CRSP) was set for December 12, 2007, at 5:00 PM at the Armory.

Following break, the non-union employee group representatives Barb Amundson and Heather Henrich presented their group's proposal. HR Director Schultz was also present.

Commissioner Athey brought up some concerns with Section 320 of the Employee Handbook that was approved at the last meeting. Following discussion, motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to add a commissioner from the Personnel Committee to participate in the review process for internet and email usage as covered in Section 320.1.

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

General	\$ 32,075.52
Highway	14,752.14
Ditch	<u>625.28</u>
Total	\$ 47,452.94

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize payment of the following claims as Auditor Warrants:

Cass County Sheriff (ND)	\$ 1,020.00
Big Stone County Court Administrator	\$ 250.00

Auditor Knutson presented copies of artwork to be displayed in the Courthouse rotunda by the Big Stone Arts Council. Board consensus was to approve the items for display.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to adopt the following resolution:

2007-32

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Board on Aging intends to designate a new Area Agency on Aging (AAA) for the Southwest Planning and Service Area (PSA) effective January 1, 2008, and

WHEREAS, the Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission (UMVRDC) has served in this capacity for the past thirty-three years, and WHEREAS, the UMVRDC has terminated it's participation as a member of the current joint powers agreement between regions 6E, 6W, 8 and 9 known as MnRAAA, and WHEREAS, the UMVRDC has requested continued participation in the delivery of services by being allowed to partner with the Land of the Dancing Sky AAA, and WHEREAS, the UMVRDC has established great working relationships with local units of government and service providers within Region 6W.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Big Stone County supports allowing the UMVRDC to partner with the Land of the Dancing Sky to provide service in Region 6W. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Big Stone County is strongly opposed to the designation of regions 6E, 8 and 9 or any combination of said regions through a joint powers agreement, non-profit or for profit entity as the AAA to provide service in Region 6W.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Janssen and carried to execute the assessment agreement with Almond Township.

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

2007-33

BE IT RESOLVED that Big Stone County will enter into a cooperative agreement with the Office of Justice Programs in the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. Deputy Sheriff Mark Brown is hereby authorized to execute such agreements and amendments, as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of Big Stone County.

Auditor Knutson reported that notice was received that the County's 2007 MCIT dividend is \$57,560 and is allocated as follows: Workers' Compensation \$12,410 and Property/Casualty \$45,150.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Janssen and carried to appoint Commissioners Sandberg and Tomschin as the County's representatives to the CRSP.

County Engineer Nick Anderson and Pat Reisnour of Interstate Engineering were present to discuss the roof on the Family Services building. Mr. Reisnour stated that the project is estimated at \$150,000 upon completion. He will submit a complete proposal on the project at the next meeting.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to execute the Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement with BNSF Railway Co. for the last piece of right-of-way for the trail project.

Environmental Officer Darren Wilke reported that the Land Records Committee has recommended that the County contract with Pro-West & Associates for our GIS needs. Board consensus was to proceed with drafting a contract with them.

Chairman Tomschin adjourned the meeting at 10:50 AM.

Doug Tomschin, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor