

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
December 11, 2007

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, December 11, 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 and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the minutes of the November 20th regular meeting and the December 6th Truth in Taxation hearing.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the agenda with noted addition. County Attorney Watson arrived at the meeting.

Committee reports were presented.

Attorney Watson reported that the condemnation hearing on County Road #63 is scheduled for March 12, 2008.

At 9:00 AM, Chairman Tomschin asked if there were any comments on the 2008 budget. No comments were received. Attorney Watson left the meeting.

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

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Big Stone County 2008 budget and levy be established as follows:

	GENERAL	HIGHWAY	FAMILY SERVICES	DITCH	TOTAL
REVENUES					
Tax Levy & Aids	\$ 2,106,600	\$ 850,000	\$ 858,500		\$ 3,815,100
Other Taxes	11,100	35,000			46,100
Special Assessments	116,000			62,980	178,980
Licenses & Permits	18,120				18,120
Intergovernmental	286,450	3,289,000	1,225,383		4,800,833
Charges for Services	173,650	118,000	45,500		337,150
Investment Earnings	206,800	25,000			231,800
Miscellaneous	60,451	21,000	269,050		350,501
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 2,979,171	\$ 4,338,000	\$ 2,398,433	\$ 62,980	\$ 9,778,584
EXPENDITURES					
General Government	\$ 1,579,059				\$ 1,579,059
Public Safety	1,005,058				1,005,058
Highway		4,855,552			4,855,552
Sanitation	225,258				225,258
Family Services			2,494,035		2,494,035
Health	71,785				71,785
Culture & Recreation	141,285				141,285
Conservation of Natural Resources	229,989			40,000	229,989
Economic Development	66,906				66,906
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 3,319,340	\$ 4,855,552	\$ 2,494,035	\$ 40,000	\$10,668,927

Family Services Director Gayle Robinson arrived at the meeting.

Countryside Public Health Administrator Liz Auch introduced Katie Jensen who will be working with the Nurse Family Partnership. Auch then reviewed the Agency's funding structure and 2007 activities. Auch reported that there are funds available from UCare. She will work with Director Robinson to get an application in.

Attorney Watson returned to the meeting.

County Assessor Sandy Vold provided an update on the Actively Engaged in Farming Program. Motion by Olson, seconded by Janssen and carried that no abatements will be considered if the December 17th deadline is missed.

Commissioner Athey reported that the Toqua Sportsmen's Club wants to replace the floating dock with a roll-in dock at the north end of Toqua Lake and have requested a donation from the County. Following discussion, board consensus was to not donate towards the project.

Environmental Officer Darren Wilke reported that the trees around the old Dexter's store have been cleared to prepare for the construction of the communications tower. However, due to asbestos in the floor tile of the structure, motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to remove the asbestos and then proceed with the demolition using the most economical method allowed.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Janssen and carried to execute the 2008 Natural Resources Block Grant Agreement between the State of Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources and Big Stone County.

Discussion was held on how to handle enforcement of septic system upgrades. Possible amendment of the Sewage Treatment Ordinance was referred to Planning and Zoning.

HR Director Sue Schultz arrived at the meeting.

Following break, County Engineer Nick Anderson and Pat Reinsnour of Interstate Engineering were present to continue the discussion on the roof on the Family Services building. Mr. Reinsnour stated that he revised the proposal for the project as discussed at the last meeting. Following Mr. Reinsnour's departure and further discussion, board consensus was to proceed with another RFP for the project.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to execute the Master Partnership Contract with the State of Minnesota through MnDOT as presented by Engineer Anderson.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Janssen and carried to execute the Administrative Services Agreement and HIPAA Business Associate Agreement with Corporate Health Systems as presented HR Director Schultz

HR Director Schultz provided an update on recent trainings and various office activities.

MCIT awarded certificates to the County for Outstanding Loss Ratio Under 50% and Outstanding Experience Workers' Compensation for plan years 2002-2006.

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

General	\$ 30,536.30
Highway	43,681.49
Taxes & Penalties	357.60
State	100.00
BSAG	<u>3,484.26</u>
Total	\$ 78,159.65

Motion by Athey, seconded by Janssen and carried to reappoint John Cunningham and Mary Klages to the Extension Committee for 3-year terms and appoint Jesse Newton as the youth representative for a 2-year term.

The following sealed bids were received on the 2002 Crown Victoria:

Yousef Dabbagh	\$1,166.00
Travis Fitzner	\$ 556.56

Motion by Olson seconded by Sandberg and carried to accept the high bid of \$1,166. If the winning party ends up not finalizing the purchase, the Auditor was authorized to contact the next bidder.

The following sealed bids were received on the oak desk chair:

Roger Sandberg	\$ 50.01
Michelle Knutson	\$ 55.00

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to accept the high bid of \$55 with Commissioner Sandberg abstaining.

A request was received from Prairie 5 Rides to use the remaining amount of the 2007 operating budget request and part of 2008's budget towards the purchase of a

van. Motion by Janssen, seconded by Athey and carried to approve the request and purchase.

January 2008 board meeting dates were set for the 8th and 22nd.

Discussion was held on the possible relocation of law enforcement. The Property Committee will meet with the affected departments on Monday, December 17th at 2:00 PM.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to close the meeting at 11:14 AM to continue discussions on labor negotiation strategy.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to reopen the meeting at 12:07 PM.

Chairman Tomschin adjourned the meeting at 12:07 PM.

Doug Tomschin, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor