

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**April 17, 2007**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, April 17, 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, Elsie Perrine, HR Director Sue Schultz, County Attorney Bill Watson and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the minutes of the April 3<sup>rd</sup> regular meeting.

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

Committee reports were presented.

Attorney Watson updated the Board on Family Services On-Call Compensation agreement. Family Services Director Dan Hanratty was present to suggest amended language for new/replacement child protection workers. Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to approve the amended language as presented by Attorney Watson and Director Hanratty. Attorney Watson will draft the language and forward to the Union Representative.

Attorney Watson reported that there is an issue with the Declaration relating to the landfill property because the County leases out part of it. He is in contact with the State trying to resolve the issue before the Declaration is executed.

Attorney Watson also reported that he is checking on the lease with the Museum as requested by Commissioner Sandberg.

HR Director Schultz reported that two RFPs were received for the classification and compensation plan update. Schultz will review the proposals, research any questions and bring a recommendation back to the next meeting.

Board consensus was to have an initial negotiation work session at the end of the next board meeting.

County Recorder Elaine Martig presented a compliance update and reported on her office's activities.

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

General	\$ 73,442.22
Highway	143,795.87
State	40.00
BSAG	<u>37.53</u>
Total	\$217,315.62

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize the following transfers:

General to Highway	\$4,790.34
Ditch to Highway	\$3,728.59
CD #2	\$ 109.16
CD #20	\$3,619.43

Motion by Athey, seconded by Tomschin and carried to approve the Consumption & Display Permit and On Sale Beer License for the Graceville Golf Club.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to appoint Norm Shelsta as the County's liaison to the MN Sesquicentennial Commission with the understanding that any related expenditures must have prior approval from the Board.

Board consensus was to invite Big Stone II representatives to provide an update and be available for questions.

Earl Blackwelder, Amos Wollman and Sam Wollman arrived at the meeting.

Environmental Officer Darren Wilke presented minutes from recent Planning Commission meetings and reviewed the findings of fact regarding two conditional use permit (CUP) applications.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the CUP application of Mark Blackwelder to expand their dairy operation with the condition that a Manure Management Plan be completed.

Motion by Tomschin and seconded by Athey to approve the CUP application of Lismore Hutterian Brethern to expand their feedlot to include a farrow to finish swine operation with the conditions as recommended by the Planning Commission. Following discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Watson left the meeting.

Commissioner Olson informed the Board on recent Regional Development Commission (RDC) activities regarding renewable energy, grant writing and tourism. Discussion was held on the County's tourism commitment and options the RDC is considering as a result of the resignation of the tourism director, Tom Watson.

Chairman Tomschin adjourned the meeting at 10:00 AM.

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Doug Tomschin, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor