

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
May 1, 2007

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, May 1, 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, Bruce Underdahl of MCIT, County Attorney Bill Watson and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

MCIT Account Executive Bruce Underdahl presented the 2007 Member Report.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to execute the Mutual Aid Agreement for Emergency Management pursuant to MS §471.59 as presented by Sheriff John Haukos. This agreement allows political subdivisions to make equipment, personnel and other resources available to other political subdivisions.

The Board requested that Sheriff Haukos research whether we are able to have a mutual aid agreement with South Dakota and report back.

A brief discussion was held on the Regional Radio Board Joint Powers Proposal. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Janssen and carried to approve the minutes of the April 17th regular meeting and the April 12th and 25th special meetings.

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

Committee reports were presented.

Attorney Watson reported that the Declaration relating to the landfill property has been finalized.

Attorney Watson updated the Board on other office activities.

Sandy Christensen and Steve Schultz of Big Stone II were present to update the Board on the project, explain the process and answer any questions.

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

General	\$18,534.05
Highway	<u>11,324.22</u>
Total	\$29,858.27

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

2007-15

BE IT RESOLVED that Big Stone County act as the legal sponsor for an application for funding to the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for Maintenance of snowmobile trails managed by Big Stone Lake Area Sno Riders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval of its application by the state, Big Stone County may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above referenced project and that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in the agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair of the Big Stone County Commissioners is authorized to sign such an agreement with the Department of Natural Resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Auditor is authorized to serve as the fiscal agent for the above-mentioned project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Big Stone County act as legal sponsor for 32 miles of snowmobile trails in Traverse County beginning North of Graceville and extending North through Wheaton to the White Rock Dam.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Big Stone County act as legal sponsor for 2 miles of snowmobile trails in Traverse County beginning west of Beardsley and extending west to Browns Valley.

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

2007-16

WHEREAS, the State Auditor granted Big Stone County a waiver/exemption from certain provisions of the Minnesota Department of Revenue's Delinquent Tax & Tax Forfeiture Manual in 2006; and

WHEREAS, the County continues to agree that it is more efficient to assign all of the delinquent tax proceedings, including tax forfeiture, to one department.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners hereby requests the State Auditor to grant an additional waiver allowing the continued reassignment of all delinquent tax and tax forfeiture duties to the County Treasurer.

Environmental Officer Darren Wilke was present to discuss the department's pickup that is being replaced. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Janssen and carried to authorize transferring the pickup to Highway and taking the lost trade-in amount out of reserves. Commissioner Athey requested that the Environmental staff use the County car when possible.

Motion by Janssen, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize HR Director Schultz to send a letter out with next payroll clarifying the role of HR.

Following discussion, motion by Olson and seconded by Janssen to accept the low proposal of \$25,300 from Riley, Dettmann & Kelsey for the classification and compensation plan study. Motion carried with Commissioner Athey voting Nay.

Discussion was held on the opportunity to offer diversity training to employees. The Board requested that HR Director Schultz contact Big Stone II to see if they would like to partner with this training project and look into the possibility of opening it up to the community as well.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize the hiring of an intern to assist with the Family Services summer program. Family Services Director Dan Hanratty will work with HR to develop a job description and pay rate.

Discussion was held on allowing a rotating local art display to be set up in the rotunda of the Courthouse. Board consensus was to authorize Commissioner Olson to pursue setting up the display.

Attorney Watson left the meeting.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to close the meeting at 10:48 AM to discuss labor negotiation strategy.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to reopen the meeting at 11:05 AM.

At 11:05 AM, Engineer Anderson opened the following seal coat bid for SAP 06-610-21 etal:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Bituminous Paving	\$234,073.40

Following review of the bid by Technicians Mark Dietz and Terry LaVoi, motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to award the bid to Bituminous Paving Inc.

Engineer Anderson reported that the bridge project at the foot of the lake is being advertised.

Engineer Anderson reported that Serocki Excavating is doing some emergency work on Joint Ditch #24.

Engineer Anderson reported that the following bids were received:

1989 Dodge pickup:

Superior Edge	\$856
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Lon Moen	\$350
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1996 Chevy Blazer:

Don Pullis	\$933
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Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to accept the high bids of Superior Edge and Don Pullis. Payment must be confirmed prior to finalizing the sales.

Chairman Tomschin adjourned the meeting at 11:15 AM.

Doug Tomschin, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor