

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**May 15, 2007**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, May 15, 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 Olson and carried to approve the minutes of the May 1<sup>st</sup> regular meeting as amended.

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

Committee reports were presented.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to execute the contract with Bituminous Paving Inc. for SAP 06-610-21 etal.

Attorney Watson reported that he had received a copy of the proposed 5-year lease with Jim Kaye for Countryside Public Health. Attorney Watson will follow-up on several questions and report back to the Board.

Discussion was held on the parcel of land that was to be deeded over to the DNR as a result of the CSAH 35 grading project in 2004. Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to authorize the Quit Claim Deed to the State of Minnesota for the public access by Botker's Slough.

Sheriff John Haukos was present to discuss the Regional Radio Board Joint Powers Agreement. Sheriff Haukos invite the Regional Radio Board Coordinator Tom Hannon to the next meeting to provide further information.

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

**2007-17**

WHEREAS, the Sheriffs of Big Stone, Kandiyohi and Swift Counties are responsible for the public safety communications systems in their respective counties; and  
WHEREAS, the Sheriffs have identified an urgent need to conduct comprehensive multi-jurisdictional, multi-disciplinary, regional planning efforts in support of good decision-making and best practices for the development, implementation and evolution of interoperable public safety communications, continuity of government and cooperative operations consistent with the National Incident Management System (NIMS), federal mandates, State communications programs, and State 9-1-1 programs; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriffs have requested that the Central Minnesota Radio Board and the State of Minnesota provide funding to assist in the planning for the immediate/interim/transitional, short-term and long-term implementation of regional, multi-jurisdictional, multi-disciplinary interoperable public safety communications systems.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners supports the efforts of the Sheriffs of Big Stone, Kandiyohi, and Swift Counties for each of their respective Counties to join the Central Minnesota Regional Radio Board, a joint powers agency organized under Minnesota Statutes 403.36 and

471.59, to best carry out joint efforts for regional public safety communications planning, implementation and governance.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners supports the effort to secure funding assistance from regional, state and federal entities for comprehensive public safety interoperable communications planning and implementation.

AND, FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Big Stone County Sheriff to develop such Requests for Proposals (RFPs) and funding initiatives on behalf of Big Stone County as may be needed, in concert with the Sheriffs of Kandiyohi and Swift Counties, and their respective County Attorneys.

Motion by Janssen, seconded by Olson and carried to hire Josh Bohlen as the full time Deputy Sheriff at Grade 15 Step 2 effective May 15, 2007. Bohlen replaces Deputy Laforge.

Motion by Janssen, seconded by Sandberg and carried to hire Robert Loraff and Gary Dinnel as the part-time Deputy Sheriffs at Grade 15 Step 4 effective May 15, 2007.

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

General	\$30,872.20
Highway	<u>20,992.13</u>
Total	\$51,864.33

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to accept the notice of termination of the lease with the Department of Public Safety for Driver and Vehicle Services. They will be moving back to the Ortonville Armory on June 1, 2007.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the Off Sale Malt Liquor License for Lakeshore RV Park Inc.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize hiring Laura Brown as the Summer Program Assistant at Grade 8 Step Start effective May 9, 2007.

HR Director Schultz also reported on upcoming meetings and trainings that will be held.

Following a break, motion by Janssen, seconded by Olson and carried to close the meeting for preliminary consideration of a personnel matter involving an individual subject to the Board's authority per MS 13D.05 Subd. 2(b).

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to open the meeting.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to direct the Personnel Committee to make a proposal to Family Services Director Dan Hanratty in regards to his employment.

Watson and Schultz left the meeting.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Janssen and carried to adopt the following resolution as presented by County Engineer Nick Anderson:

**2007-18**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of Minnesota has made available certain Trunk Highway right-of-way as shown in red on exhibit "A" in Limited Use Permit, attached hereto, and made part thereof, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and supervising a non-motorized trail; and

WHEREAS, the County of Big Stone desires to make available to its citizens and visitors, such an area for the aforementioned purposes, in harmony and keeping with its recreational plan; and

WHEREAS, the County of Big Stone is willing to operate, maintain, and safeguard the facility as set forth in the Limited Use Permit, attached hereto, and made a part thereof.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Board of County Commissioners execute the aforesaid Limited Use Permit.

Engineer Anderson informed the Board that they will be downsizing by one maintenance position at the Highway Department.

Engineer Anderson updated the Board on Centennial Wetland and stated his concerns with future public land purchases that involve drainage.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to relocate the meeting to the Courtroom to allow for more room for the ditch public hearing.

Chairman Tomschin called the public hearing for the redetermination of County Ditches #5 and #21 to order at 11:12 AM in the Courtroom to hear testimony from the viewers concerning the Redetermination of Benefits and to allow for public comment and questions for affected landowners. Following discussion, motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to accept the Redetermination contingent upon submission of the final viewers' report.

Chairman Tomschin adjourned the public hearing and board meeting at 11:36 AM.

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Doug Tomschin, Chairman

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