

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
July 17, 2007

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

Motion by Janssen, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the minutes of the July 3rd regular meeting.

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

Committee reports were presented.

Following a discussion on legislation to fund grants for developing community-based plans to address the uninsured problem, motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to send a letter of support to PrimeWest Health System to be included with their planning grant proposal.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Janssen and carried to execute a hold harmless agreement with Gayle and Colleen Hedge for the construction, maintenance and use of the multi-purpose pedestrian trail as presented by Attorney Watson.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to execute a Consent to Agreement with Glacier Resources, LTD to preserve their rights to maintain the utility line that crosses the pedestrian trail.

Attorney Watson updated the Board on his discussions with Federated Telephone and their lease agreement with the County for space on the communications tower.

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

General	\$ 91,038.90
Highway	117,478.60
Taxes & Penalties	745.00
State	<u>40.00</u>
Total	\$209,302.50

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

General to Highway	\$ 5,797.44
Ditch to Highway	\$ 4,348.14
CD #5	\$ 119.34
CD #8	\$ 134.59
CD #10/11	\$ 119.34
CD #13	\$ 1,652.84
CD #16	\$ 574.48
CD #20	\$ 322.84
CD #21	\$ 378.02
JD #24	\$ 1,046.69

Motion by Janssen, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for Club 7-75.

Auditor Knutson distributed 2008 work budget information for the Board's review.

Aaryn Arndt of the Save the Depot Committee was present to update the Board on the funds received to date and the various grant applications she is working on. Following discussion, motion by Olson and seconded by Sandberg to, given the effort put forth so far and the community involvement, pledge \$8,000 to be used for matching funds, if other funds are not raised, towards the preservation of the Clinton Depot. Motion carried with Commissioner Athey voting Nay.

Sheriff John Haukos was present to discuss the proposed Administrative Offense Procedures Ordinance and Traffic and Criminal Code Ordinance and to provide statistical information as requested by the Board at the last meeting. Following discussion, motion by Janssen, seconded by Olson and carried to hold a public hearing to consider both ordinances. Notices of Intent shall be published with the hearing being set for August 7th at 10:00 AM during the regular meeting of the County Board.

Don Sherman, Marilyn Lindstrom, Jen Hedrich and Luke Gloege, representing the Big Stone Arts Council, presented information on the mural project planned for the community. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Janssen and carried to authorize \$500 for this project, with consideration being made during the budget process for an annual contribution.

Following break, Environmental Officer Darren Wilke reported on the recent Planning Commission meeting. Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to approve the conditional use permit application of Great River Energy as recommended by the Planning Commission. Marsha Parlow of Great River Energy was also present at the meeting.

County Engineer Nick Anderson presented a Certificate of Performance for SAP 06-610-021 etal with Bituminous Paving, Inc. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to adopt the following resolution:

2007-20

WHEREAS, County SAP 06-610-021, SAP 06-618-009, SAP 06-619-006 and SAP 06-623-003, SAP 06-625-008, SAP 06-633-004 and CP 06-652-007 have in all things been completed and the County Board being fully advised in the premises.

NOW THEN BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby accepts said completed projects for and on behalf of the County of Big Stone, and authorize final payment to Bituminous Paving, Inc. in the amount shown on final pay estimate.

Engineer Anderson reported that the bridge project at the foot of the lake is scheduled to start July 30th.

Engineer Anderson updated the Board on the trail project. The DNR would prefer the County own the property for the trail within the refuge. Board consensus was to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between US Fish & Wildlife and Big Stone County for the trail.

Engineer Anderson updated the Board on County Ditches #5 and #21. He has received 4 requests for meetings with the ditch viewers. If necessary, a second hearing will be held on August 21st.

The Board will be meeting with the Traverse County Board on July 24th at the Graceville Community Building at 9:30 AM to discuss drainage issues.

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

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WHEREAS, Big Stone County has applied to the Commissioner of Transportation for a grant from the Minnesota State Transportation Fund for Construction of Bridge No. 06501 on State Project 06-630-03; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Transportation has given notice that funding for this bridge is available; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the grant has been determined to be \$1,049,299.75 by reason of the lowest responsible bid.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Big Stone County does hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the grant consistent with Minnesota Statutes, Section 174.50, Subdivision 5, Clause (3), and will pay any additional amount by which the cost exceeds the estimate, and will return to the Minnesota State Transportation Fund any amount appropriated for the bridge, but not required.

HR Director Sue Schultz reported that job description questionnaires are being forwarded to Rod Kelsey as she reviews them. Schultz also updated the Board on Family Services staffing.

As HR Director Schultz will be resigning from her position, but is uncertain of the exact date, motion by Olson, seconded by Janssen and carried to authorize proceeding with the posting of the position.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to close the meeting at 10:42 AM to continue discussions on labor negotiation strategy.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to reopen the meeting at 11:47 AM.

Chairman Tomschin adjourned the meeting at 11:48 AM.

Doug Tomschin, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor