

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
July 3, 2007

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, July 3, 2007. Chairman Tomschin called the meeting to order with Commissioners Sandberg, Olson and Janssen present. Commissioner Athey was absent. Also present were Elsie Perrine, Mike Swenson of the Ortonville Independent, County Attorney Bill Watson and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the minutes of the June 19th regular meeting and June 27th special meeting.

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

Committee reports were presented.

Attorney Watson updated the Board on County Road #63 and various other items being handled in his office.

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

General	\$36,692.79
Highway	15,396.57
Ditch	2,025.00
Taxes & Penalties	<u>5.00</u>
Total	\$54,119.36

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Janssen and carried to authorize a transfer of \$20,140.89 from Family Services to General.

Auditor Knutson updated the Board on the 2007 waiver request to the State Auditor.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the solid waste license renewals for the City of Beardsley, City of Clinton, Mattheisen Disposal and Waste Management as recommended by Environmental Officer Darren Wilke.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to execute the Federal Boating Safety Supplement Grant Agreement with the State of Minnesota to be used for the purchase of a 18-19' boat with 150 hp outboard motor, GPS unit, boat cover, graphics and trailer to be used for water safety in Big Stone County.

Sheriff John Haukos presented the Board with a proposed Administrative Offense Procedures Ordinance. Discussion followed with no action being taken at this time. Sheriff Haukos will provide some statistics for the Board's review.

Aaryn Arndt was present on behalf of the Save the Depot Committee. She requested matching funds for a restoration project of the Clinton Depot. No action was taken.

Following break, Engineer Nick Anderson reported that a letter is going out regarding the proposed viewer's report for the redetermination of County Ditches #5 and #21.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to award the bid to Robert R. Schroeder Const. Inc. on SAP 06-630-03 in the amount of \$1,929,898.75. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to execute the contract.

Engineer Anderson reported that the Bois de Sioux Watershed District will be drafting procedures for the future lowering of Toqua Lake due to concerns with flooding.

Engineer Anderson updated the Board on septic system concerns with the Meadowbrook Road project, the trail project, and Centennial Wetland.

Discussion was held on the County's tower and lease with Federated Telephone.

HR Director Sue Schultz presented a proposal prepared by County Recorder Elaine Martig to change Laura Berger's status as the temporary Deputy Recorder to a regular position. Berger is currently listed as a temporary full time employee as she is working in both the Treasurer's and Recorder's Offices. County Recorder Martig and County Treasurer Cindy Nelson are in agreement that the shared position is working well. Motion by Olson, seconded by Janssen and carried to approve the status of this position to regular full time effective July 1, 2007.

HR Director Schultz reported that the MCIT coverage review will be held on July 17th.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize the temporary hiring of Sandy Helgeson for 30-40 hours a week to assist Extension with County fair workload.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to authorize HR Director Schultz to start advertising for the Student Family Support Services Coordinator position vacated by Gale Mittelsteadt with input from the Welfare Board.

Discussion was held on a proposed policy/form for requesting personal use of county property.

Discussion was held on emergency drills in the County buildings. The Safety Committee is in the process of updating the evacuation plans. When they are completed, drills will be held.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to close the meeting at 10:50 AM to continue discussions on labor negotiation strategy.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Janssen and carried to reopen the meeting at 11:22 AM.

Chairman Tomschin adjourned the meeting at 11:22 AM.

Doug Tomschin, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor