

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**August 21, 2007**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, August 21, 2007. Chairman Tomschin called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Sandberg, Olson and Janssen present. 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 Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the minutes of the August 7<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

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

Commissioners Janssen and Sandberg reported on the meeting with the City of Ortonville regarding the feasibility of county-wide policing.

Committee reports were presented.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Janssen and carried to send a letter to the Department of Human Services requesting reconsideration of their decision as to health plans for the Special Needs Basic Care Program and to adopt the following resolution:

**2007-24**

WHEREAS, Big Stone County has a great concern for, commitment to and vested in the health status of and health care delivery to County residents with disabilities; and WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Human Services has decided on multiple health plans to serve the County's Special Needs Basic Care population effective 2008; and

WHEREAS, the County disagrees with the Commissioner's decision and believes a single health plan county-based purchasing approach will better meet the needs of County residents with disabilities who are eligible for the Special Needs Basic Care program and best help achieve the County's goal of optimally serving these residents; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 256B.69 provides a process for resolving disputes when County Boards and the Commissioner cannot reach agreement regarding the selection of participating health plans in the County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Big Stone County hereby exercises its County authority granted under Minnesota Statutes 256B.69 and hereby formally requests that the Commissioner resolve this disagreement as provided in Subdivision 3a (d) of this statute prior to proceeding with implementing Special Needs Basic Care in Big Stone County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Big Stone County authorizes the PrimeWest Central County-based Purchasing Initiative Joint Powers Board of County Commissioners to represent the County in this dispute resolution.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Janssen and carried to execute an amended Consent Agreement with Glacier Resources, LTD to preserve their rights to maintain the utility line that crosses the pedestrian trail with the updated survey information.

On behalf of HR Director Sue Schultz, Commissioner Tomschin reported that Brian Dahl has resigned as the Emergency Management Director. Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to authorize filling the vacancy.

Commissioner Tomschin updated the Board on the status of filling the HR Director and Family Services Director positions.

Discussion was held on the supervision responsibilities under the HR Director position. The matter was tabled until a later date.

Commissioner Sandberg updated the Board on environmental concerns at Bayview on the South Dakota side of Big Stone Lake. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to send a letter to the Roberts County Board of Commissioners regarding the concerns as they are the jurisdictional board.

SWCD representatives Irvin Adelman, Tammy Neubauer and Gary Hoffman presented their 2008 budget request.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to adopt the following resolution as presented by Treasurer Cindy Nelson:

**2007-25**

WHEREAS, the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners desires to offer for sale certain parcels of land that have forfeited to the State of Minnesota for non-payment of taxes; and

WHEREAS, said parcels of land have been viewed by the County Board of Commissioners and have been classified as non-conservation lands as provided for in Minnesota Statute 282.01.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners hereby certifies that all parcels of land on the attached list have been viewed and comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 85.012, 92.461, 282.01, Subd. 8 and 282.018 and other statutes that require the withholding of tax-forfeited lands from sale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners hereby requests approval from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the sale of said lands.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to authorize establishing an assessed value of \$25 for any tax forfeited properties sold to the cities.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Janssen and carried to execute the County Acceptance of CVS0 Operational Improvement Grant Form as presented by VSO Richard Johnson.

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

General	\$ 18,430.65
Highway	<u>9,688.00</u>
Total	\$ 28,118.65

Motion by Janssen, seconded by Olson and carried to authorize the payment of \$622.67 to Lab Safety Supply, Inc.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Janssen and carried to execute the Service Agreement with Chuck Koenigs to assist with the hiring process for a Family Services Director.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to rebid the lawn mowing and snow removal contract in the spring.

As presented by Environmental Officer Darren Wilke, motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to hold a public hearing to consider an amendment to the Land

and Related Resources Management Ordinance. Notice of Intent shall be published with the hearing being set for September 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM during the regular meeting of the County Board.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to designate budgeted GIS funds for future GIS expenditures.

Following break, the Property Committee reported on various options to address space needs of the County.

The meeting was moved to the courtroom for a GIS presentation by Pro-West & Associates. County employees and other local officials were also present. The meeting returned to the Commissioner's Room.

Chairman Tomschin called the public hearing for the redetermination of County Ditches #5 and #21 to order at 11:06 AM to hear public comment and questions for affected landowners on the proposed viewers' report. Due to the absence of the viewers, Engineer Nick Anderson explained the process to those present. Comments and discussion followed. At 11:40 AM, motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to continue the hearing to Tuesday, August 28, 2007 at 10:00 AM at the Highway Department.

For the remainder of the meeting, the Board continued their review of the preliminary 2008 County budget.

Chairman Tomschin adjourned the meeting at 1:20 PM.

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Doug Tomschin, Chairman

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