

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
Highway Department Five-Year Plan Meeting
August 28, 2007**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the conference room at the Highway Department at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, August 28, 2007. Chairman Tomschin called the meeting to order with Commissioners Olson, Athey, Janssen and Sandberg present. Also present were Gary Haugen, Terry LaVoi, Mark Dietz, Toby Reiffenberger, Derrick Loeschke, County Engineer Nick Anderson, and County Auditor Michelle Knutson.

Technician Mark Dietz demonstrated the GIS Inventory Management program.

Engineer Anderson reviewed the 5-year plan for road construction. Motion by Athey, seconded by Janssen and carried to approve the plan as presented.

The 5-year plan for major purchases was presented. Motion by Janssen, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize the 2008 purchases as listed.

The 2008 bid letting schedule was presented.

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

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WHEREAS, Big Stone County has determined that the following bridges on the CSAH, County Road, Township, and Municipal Street systems are a high priority and require construction, replacement or rehabilitation within the next five (5) years. The construction and replacement is as follows:

CONSTRUCTION AND REPLACEMENT PLAN

<u>Old Bridge No.</u>	<u>Road No.</u>	<u>Estimated Project Cost</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Local Funds</u>	<u>Bond Funds Needed</u>	<u>Twp. Bridge Funds</u>	<u>Proposed Const. Year</u>
	CR 75	\$ 175,000	\$ 0	\$ 25,000	\$150,000	\$ 0	2008
88843	CSAH 25	\$ 200,000	\$ 0	\$ 50,000	\$150,000	\$ 0	2009
	CSAH 20	\$ 150,000	\$ 0	\$ 20,000	\$130,000	\$ 0	2010

WHEREAS, local roads play an essential role in the overall state transportation network and local bridges are the critical component of the local road systems; and

WHEREAS, State support for the construction, replacement or rehabilitation of local bridges continues to be crucial to maintaining the integrity of the local road systems and is necessary for the County and the townships to proceed with the replacement or rehabilitation of the high priority bridges described above; and

WHEREAS, Big Stone County intends to proceed with construction, replacement or rehabilitation of these bridges as soon as possible when State Transportation Bond Funds are available.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Big Stone County commits that it will proceed with the design and contract documents for these bridges immediately after being notified that funds are available in order to permit construction to take place within one year of notification.

Engineer Anderson requested permission to sell the 1996 Chevy Lumina. Commissioner Athey will check with Main Street Industries first.

Discussion was held on the County's purchase price for right-of-way. Due to the volatility of land prices, motion by Olson, seconded by Janssen and carried to establish it on a case-by-case basis.

Engineer Anderson distributed information on transportation funding and reviewed the financial position of the Department.

Snow plowing routes were distributed.

Discussion was held on the shop in Correll and relocation options.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to authorize the expenditure to aerial spray County Ditch 8.

Chairman Tomschin declared the meeting adjourned at 10:06 AM.

Doug Tomschin, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor