

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**September 4, 2007**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, September 4, 2007. Chairman Tomschin called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Sandberg, Olson and Janssen present. Also present were County Attorney Bill Watson and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Janssen and carried to approve the minutes of the August 21<sup>st</sup> regular meeting, August 28<sup>th</sup> 5-year plan meeting and public hearing on County Ditches #5 and #21.

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

Committee reports were presented. Commissioner Olson also reported on his assistance at Family Services in absence of a Director.

Attorney Watson provided an update on the County Road 63 project.

Discussion was held on the County Attorney budget. Motion by Athey, seconded by Janssen and carried to separate the budget for repair of county equipment out of the office contract and leave the office contract amount the same as 2007. The County will reimburse Watson for the outstanding bills for drum repair to the copier and a battery backup for the county computer in the amounts of \$169.60 and \$111.83, respectively.

Librarians Vicki Grimli and Ann Lauer were present to request further consideration of their 2008 budget request.

Environmental Officer Darren Wilke requested ratification of a date change for the public hearing to consider the amendment to the Land and Related Resources Management Ordinance to allow for timely notice. Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to ratify changing the public hearing date and time to September 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM.

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

General	\$ 68,248.31
Highway	26,181.99
Ditch	<u>900.00</u>
Total	\$ 95,330.30

Motion by Olson, seconded by Janssen and carried to appoint Sharron Bystol and Verden Gerber to the Audit Committee.

Discussion was held on the need to establish a Land Records Committee to review and make recommendations for the use of the unallocated technology funds that are collected as part of the recording fee as per Minnesota Statute. Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to establish the committee and appoint the following members:

Roger Sandberg, Sharon Finke, Cindy Nelson, Darren Wilke,  
Elaine Martig, Sandy Vold, Nick Anderson, and John Haukos

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to execute the FY 2008 Maintenance and Grooming Grant Agreement for the Big Stone Lake Area Sno Riders with the MN DNR.

Auditor Knutson reported that the MN DNR is implementing a new funding structure for the maintenance of snowmobile trails and will be providing an additional \$23 per mile to help mitigate the effects of the transition to the new program.

In a letter received from Main Street Industries, the Board was asked to consider possible services that they could provide for the County.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to execute a Security Services Agreement with the Office of Enterprise Technology.

Following break, the meeting was moved to the courtroom for a GIS presentation by Sarah Ellingson of Schneider Corporation. County employees and other local officials were also present. The meeting returned to the Commissioner's Room.

Countryside Public Health Administrator Liz Auch was present to request that an alternate be appointed to the Supporting Hands Nurse Family Partnership Joint Powers Board to attend in Commissioner Janssen's absence. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to appoint Commissioner Olson as the alternate.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Janssen and carried to ratify the hiring of Stevens County Human Services Director Joanie Murphy as the Interim Family Services Director effective August 23, 2007.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to ratify the hiring of Rhonda Beckman as a Social Worker for Adult Mental Health effective September 10, 2007, at Grade 18 Step Start.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to accept the resignation of Ahlica Steltz as of August 27, 2007.

Interviews for the HR Director finalists will be held on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM and noon. Board members were asked to submit questions to HR Director Schultz.

The Personnel Committee will be meeting to discuss the filling of the Emergency Management Director position as there are plans for some staffing changes at dispatch.

Commissioner Olson provided a Family Services staffing update.

Further discussion was held on the preliminary 2008 County Budget. Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to adopt the following resolution:

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BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the proposed 2008 budget be approved and the gross levy be established as follows:

General	\$2,106,600
Highway	850,000
Family Services	<u>858,500</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$3,815,100</u>

Chairman Tomschin adjourned the meeting at 12:20 PM.

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Doug Tomschin, Chairman

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