

**RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
January 8, 2008**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, January 8, 2008. 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.

Upon call for nominations for Board Chairman, Commissioner Athey nominated Commissioner Janssen. Upon call for nominations for Vice Chairman, Commissioner Athey nominated Commissioner Olson. Hearing no further nominations after three calls, Commissioner Janssen was elected as Chair and Commissioner Olson as Vice Chair.

Outgoing Chairman Tomschin turned the meeting over to the newly-elected Chairman Janssen.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to approve the minutes of the December 27th regular meeting.

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

The bids received from the Ortonville Independent and the Northern Star for publishing those notices as legally required were reviewed. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to accept the bid and surety bond of the Ortonville Independent as the official newspaper of the County for 2008. The Northern Star will publish second notices as required by law.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Tomschin and carried to establish the following committee appointments:

Commissioner List

AMC Voting Delegates	All Commissioners
Appeals Committee (relating to the Ag Inspector).....	Commissioners Athey & Olson Tomschin the Alternate
Audit Committee	Commissioner Sandberg
Agricultural Committee	Commissioners Athey & Olson
Big Stone Area Growth	Commissioners Olson & Tomschin
Bois de Sioux Watershed District	Commissioner Tomschin
Central MN Regional Radio Board	Commissioner Tomschin Sandberg the Alternate
CERT	Commissioner Olson
Citizens for Big Stone Lake	Commissioner Sandberg
Community Resource Sharing Partnership (CRSP)	Commissioners Sandberg & Tomschin
Countryside Public Health	Commissioner Janssen
Ditches & Roads	All Commissioners
Joint Ditch 7/24 Authority	Commissioners Olson, Sandberg & Janssen
Joint Ditch 4/10/11 Authority	Commissioners Tomschin, Athey & Olson
Emergency Preparedness Advisory Group	Commissioner Tomschin
Environmental Committee	Commissioners Sandberg & Olson
Extension Committee	Commissioners Tomschin & Janssen
Fair Board	Commissioner Athey
Food Shelf	Commissioner Tomschin
Health Care Group	Commissioner Olson

Historical Society	Commissioner Sandberg
Insurance Committee	Commissioners Athey & Sandberg
Investment Committee	Commissioner Sandberg
Juvenile Corrections Committee	Commissioners Tomschin & Athey
Law Library Committee	Commissioner Athey
Land Records Committee	Commissioner Sandberg
Legislative Committee	All Commissioners
Main Street Industries Board	Commissioner Athey
MN Counties Insurance Trust Voting Delegate	Chair Vice Chair the Alternate
MN River Board	Commissioner Janssen Athey the alternate
Personnel & Labor Relations Committee	Commissioners Janssen & Olson
Pioneerland Library Board	Commissioner Sandberg
Planning & Zoning	Commissioners Athey & Olson
Pomme de Terre River Association	Commissioner Janssen
Prairie Country RC&D Council	Commissioner Tomschin Sandberg the alternate
Prairie Five Community Action Council	Commissioner Athey
Prime West Health Systems	Commissioner Olson Sandberg the alternate
Private Industry Council	Commissioner Tomschin Chief Elected Officials Board Athey the alternate
Public Safety Committee	Commissioners Tomschin & Athey
Purchasing & Property Management	Commissioners Sandberg & Janssen
Regional Development Commission (RDC)	Commissioner Olson Sandberg the alternate
Regional Radio Board	Commissioner Tomschin Sandberg the alternate
Safety Committee	Commissioner Janssen
Sentence to Service Advisory Board (STS)	Commissioner Tomschin
Soil & Water Conservation District	Commissioner Olson Athey the alternate
Supporting Hands Nurse Family Partnership	Commissioner Janssen Olson the alternate
Technology Committee	Commissioner Sandberg
Toqua Park Committee	Commissioners Athey & Tomschin
Upper MN River Community Based Planning	Commissioners Tomschin & Olson
WACCO	Commissioner Athey Sandberg the alternate
West Central Regional Juvenile Center	Commissioner Athey
Western MN Prairie Waters Board	Commissioner Olson
WesMN Revolving Loan Fund	Commissioner Tomschin
911 Advisory Board	Commissioner Tomschin

Other Committee Members

AMC Voting Delegates	Auditor, Engineer & HR Director
Appeals Committee (relating to the Ag Inspector)	John Cunningham
Audit Committee	State Auditor Rep, County Auditor, HR Director, Sharron Bystol & Verden Gerber

Bois de Sioux Watershed District	Engineer
Central MN Regional Radio Board	Sheriff
Environmental Committee	Environmental Officer
Extension Committee	Lay members as appointed
Insurance Committee	No more than two representatives from General, Family Services & Highway
Investment Committee	Treasurer, Family Services Director & Engineer
Juvenile Corrections Committee	Family Services Director, Sheriff, County Attorney, Probation Officer & Judge
Law Library Committee	County Attorney
Land Records Committee	Sharon Finke, Cindy Nelson, Darren Wilke, Elaine Martig, Sandy Vold, Nick Anderson & John Haukos
Personnel & Labor Relations Committee	HR Director
Planning & Zoning	Lay members as appointed
Safety Committee	Safety Director, Engineer, Sheriff, Custodian Sue Kaess & Ed Roeder
Sentence to Service Advisory Board (STS)	Sheriff
West Central Regional Juvenile Center	Sheriff
911 Advisory Board	John Haukos, David Hills, Janet Messmer & Michelle Knutson

Committee reports were presented.

Attorney Watson reported that tort liability limits have changed and will need to be reflected in upcoming contracts.

Attorney Watson provided an update on the petition for post conviction relief.

County Assessor Sandy Vold was present to request the Board set the date for the Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting. Motion by Olson and seconded by Sandberg to hold the meeting on June 16th at 9:00 AM. Due to scheduling conflicts, motion by Olson, seconded by Tomschin and carried to hold the meeting on June 17th at 11:00 AM.

HR Director Sue Schultz reported that the union labor contracts are being reviewed.

Non-union Representatives Barb Amundson and Jim Hasslen were present to present a counter offer to the Board for their consideration.

Motion by Tomschin, seconded by Sandberg and carried to close the meeting at 9:08 AM to discuss the offer.

Motion by Tomschin, seconded by Athey and carried to open the meeting at 9:12 AM.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the hiring of Vernon Nickolauson as a fill-in snow plow driver.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to advertise for and establish a fill-in custodian list.

Amundson and Hasslen returned to the meeting. Chairman Janssen informed them that the Board did not accept their counter offer. Commissioner Olson explained the Board's reasons for the initial offer.

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

General	\$100,592.88
Highway	15,515.18
Ditch	<u>17,025.00</u>

Total \$133,133.06

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the following internal transactions, effective December 31, 2007:

General to Highway	\$ 6,838.48
Family Services to General	\$19,740.91
Family Services to Highway	\$ 99.05

Motion by Olson, seconded by Tomschin and carried to approve the 2008 aggregate gravel tax budget with revenues estimated to be \$40,000, as recommended by Auditor Knutson.

Motion by Tomschin, seconded by Olson and carried to authorize the following ditch loans effective December 31, 2007:

General to Ditch	\$2,500.00
CD #2	\$1,800.00
CD # 10/11	\$ 700.00

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

2008-01

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2008 County Ditch Assessments be established as follows:

<u>Ditch</u>	<u>Assessment</u>
<u>Number</u>	
2	\$5,000
4	\$ 500
5	\$6,200 over 5 years
8	\$1,000
12	\$ 500
13	\$5,000
15	\$ 500
17	\$ 500
18	\$1,000
19	\$1,500
20	\$ 500
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21	\$1,900 over 5 years
28	\$ 500
30	\$ 500

Due to scheduling issues, November meeting dates will be the 10th and the 25th and December meeting dates will be the 9th and the 30th.

Following a break, motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to execute the agreement with Pro-West as presented by Environmental Officer Darren Wilke contingent upon updating it for the new tort liability limits as recommended by Attorney Watson.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to execute the 5-year contract with Kandiyohi County for the operation of a Household Hazardous Waste management program.

Discussion was held on single sort recycling. The Environmental Committee will meet with Waste Management to discuss it further.

Attorney Watson left the meeting.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to adopt the following resolutions as presented by Engineer Anderson:

2008-02

BE IT RESOLVED by the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners that the County Highway Engineer is hereby instructed to hire such miscellaneous and semi-skilled labor and such machinery and equipment as may from time to time be required at the prevailing rates in the community.

2008-03

BE IT RESOLVED by the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners that the County Highway Engineer is hereby authorized to purchase gravel material from various pits at the prevailing rates for graveling and re-graveling the Big Stone County roads.

2008-04

WHEREAS the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners recognizes the need to be helpful to cities and townships during an emergency or natural disaster.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners that the County Highway Engineer is hereby authorized and instructed to pay by regular payroll up to the amount of five thousand dollars for approved emergency labor performed off the regular County Road System.

2008-05

BE IT RESOLVED by the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners that the County Highway Engineer is hereby authorized and instructed to impose weight and load restrictions as he deems necessary on any or all County Roads and County State Aid Highways pursuant to Chapter 500, Article 4, Section 1, Subdivision 3 of Laws of 1959.

2008-06

BE IT RESOLVED by the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners that the County Highway Engineer is hereby authorized to spray weeds and objectionable vegetation in all of the County Ditch Systems without further approval of the County Board of Commissioners so long as expenditures do not exceed \$750.00 for any single County Ditch. This resolution excludes Joint Ditches.

Engineer Anderson reported that the DNR still has some concerns regarding the trail agreement so approval will be postponed until they can be resolved.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize sending the following individuals to Ditch Viewers' training:

John Cunningham
Martin Heck
Eldon Knutson

Chairman Janssen adjourned the meeting at 10:20 AM.

Howard Janssen, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor