

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
November 10, 2008

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Monday, November 10, 2008. Chairman Janssen called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Sandberg and Olson present. Commissioner Tomschin was absent. Also present were Elsie Perrine, County Attorney Bill Watson and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the minutes of the October 21st regular meeting and the October 27th emergency meeting.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the agenda. Committee reports were presented.

Attorney Watson reported that the County got a grand jury indictment on the Hyden case. There will be some travel expenditures associated with this case for the Attorney General's Office for their assistance.

Attorney Watson reported that he has filed the appeal on the County Ditch #2 Cease and Desist Order.

Family Services Director Gayle Robinson, Steve Grong and Tim Carlson from Carlson Construction, Richard Engan from Engan and Associates and Barry Bakker from Chappell Central were present to update the Board on the building project at Family Services. Attorney Watson left the meeting. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to continue with the 3-year plan as presented.

Following a break, County Engineer Nick Anderson, Maintenance Supervisor Gary Haugen and landowners Norm Giese, Roxanne Kraft, Don Kraft, Steve Emde, and Craig Johnson were present for a discussion on County Ditch #2. The landowners expressed their concerns with the cease and desist order and shared information on the effect it has on area farms.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to authorize \$2,500 for cleaning out County Ditch #8.

Engineer Anderson presented a Certificate of Performance on SP 06-635-04 with Bituminous Paving. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to adopt the following resolution:

2008-27

WHEREAS, County SAP 006-635-004 has in all things been completed and the County Board being fully advised in the premises.

NOW THEN BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby accepts said completed project for and on behalf of the County of Big Stone, and authorize final payment to Bituminous Paving, Inc. in the amount shown on final pay estimate.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to execute the contract with Final Touch Excavating on CP 06-663-06.

Engineer Anderson updated the Board on a local road stimulus bill moving through Congress and how it will affect the County. He also provided information on current bond rates.

Engineer Anderson reported that an employee will be out on medical leave, but part time staff will cover the workload.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to approve payment of the following claims:

General	\$ 76,348.18
Highway	35,102.37
Ditch	217.86
Taxes and Penalties	333.60
State	<u>1,761.50</u>
Total	\$113,763.51

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to execute the agreement with Countryside Public Health for tobacco compliance checks.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize approximately \$4,000 per year for 3 years out of the Unallocated Funds towards pictometry as recommended by the Land Records Committee represented by Assessor Sandy Vold, Sheriff John Haukos, Appraiser Eric Banken, Recorder Elaine Martig, Treasurer Cindy Nelson and IT Coordinator Sharon Finke.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to execute the 2009 Natural Resources Block Grant Agreement between the State of Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources and Big Stone County.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to accept the quote for snow removal services at the Courthouse and Government Building from Robert Johnson for \$125 per visit.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to ratify the October 24th resignation of Deb Berning with regret and with appreciation for her years of service.

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

2008-28

WHEREAS M.S. 273.061 provides that the term of office for the County Assessor is four years; and

WHEREAS the current term ends on December 31, 2008.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners hereby re-appoints Sandy Vold as the County Assessor for the new term beginning January 1, 2009.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to authorize HR Director Sue Schultz proceed with hiring an emergency temporary part time custodian for up to 20 hours per week.

Discussion was held on the letter drafted by Commissioner Olson for publication on the enforcement of existing right of way laws. Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize publishing the letter contingent upon Attorney Watson's approval.

Discussion was held on the balance in the designated funds for capital improvements and building repairs.

Chairman Janssen adjourned the meeting at 11:35 AM.

ATTEST: _____

Howard Janssen, Chairman

Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor