

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**April 1, 2008**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, April 1, 2008. Chairman Janssen called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Sandberg and Olson present. Commissioner Tomschin was absent. Also present were Mike Swenson of the Ortonville Independent, County Attorney Bill Watson, and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to approve the minutes of the March 18<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

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

Committee reports were presented.

Discussion was held on the previous request for funding assistance for additional defibrillators from the Artichoke-Otrey-Akron First Responders. The townships have contributed \$2,800 towards the project. Due to the remoteness of the area, motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to match the township funding and authorize \$2,800 to be appropriated for the additional equipment.

Attorney Watson and Environmental Officer Darren Wilke provided an update on the Down the Block Bar fire and the plans for demolition and debris removal. Attorney Watson reported that the City of Graceville passed a resolution directing demolition within 7 days.

Attorney Watson reported that the State of Minnesota, through the court system, is willing to loan a computer to the law library. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to authorize Attorney Watson to sign for the loan of the PC on behalf of the County.

Discussion was held on the City of Beardsley's alert system. Due to the public safety concern, motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to authorize funds not to exceed \$1,000 to assist with repair or replacement.

Discussion was held on increasing the amount paid to 4-H judges at the County Fair. Board consensus was that this matter should be handled by the fair board.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to ratify Welfare Board's decision to create and advertise for a Social Services Supervisor position.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to accept the resignation of James Heinecke effective April 30, 2008. The Board expressed their appreciation for his years of service.

HR Director Sue Schultz reported that she is in the process of setting up employee training for CPR/first aid and defensive driving.

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

General	\$15,051.65
Highway	<u>42,854.63</u>
Total	\$57,906.28

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to authorize payment to Office Systems in the amount \$170.99 as an Auditor Warrant.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Janssen and carried to approve the Consumption & Display Permit and On Sale Beer License for the Graceville Golf Club.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to execute the WSA #6 Powers Agreement for the Workforce Investment Act as recommended by the Southwest Minnesota Chief Elected Officials Joint Powers Board.

Following break, motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to authorize the sale of the Highway Department computers to the Clinton School.

County Engineer Nick Anderson reported that the bridge on CSAH 19 will get funded and that District IV is receiving \$680,000 in safety funding from Federal Highway.

At 10:00 AM, with various bidders and Highway employees present, County Engineer Anderson opened the following bids on SAP 006-635-004:

<b>BIDDER</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Duininck Bros. Inc.	\$1,318,061.12
Central Specialties Inc.	\$1,247,593.36
Bituminous Paving	\$1,199,267.15

Technicians Mark Dietz and Terry Lavoie left to review the bids.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to close the meeting at 10:06 AM for attorney/client privilege.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to reopen the meeting at 10:15 AM.

Attorney Watson left the meeting.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to award the bid on SAP 006-635-004 to Bituminous Paving.

Brian Hamann, Roger Brandt, Inez Larson, Anna Marie Larson, and Maintenance Supervisor Gary Haugen were present for a discussion on County Ditch #13 and the payment of damages from work done in 2007. Engineer Anderson and Supervisor Haugen reviewed the process that was taken to try to resolve the water problems. Discussion was held on the estimate for actual damages of \$1,603. Motion by Athey to authorize payment of \$1,200 out of the Ditch Fund and \$403 out of the General Fund. Motion failed for lack of a second. Motion by Olson and seconded by Sandberg to authorize payment of \$1,603 for damages out of the ditch fund. Motion carried with Commissioner Athey voting Nay.

Vince Robinson from Development Services Inc. reported that BSAG's strategic plan will be presented at the May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Commissioner Sandberg requested that the report include a comparison of expenditures vs. outcomes.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:12 AM.

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Howard Janssen, Chairman

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