

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
May 20, 2008

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, May 20, 2008. Chairman Janssen called the meeting to order with Commissioners Tomschin, Athey, Sandberg and Olson present. Also present were Elsie Perrine, Anna Marie Larson, Mike Swenson of the Ortonville Independent, County Attorney Bill Watson, and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Tomschin and carried to approve the minutes of the May 6th regular meeting.

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

Committee reports were presented.

Environmental Officer Darren Wilke reported on the concerns expressed by Chuck Homan regarding the old school buildings in Beardsley. Environmental Officer Wilke stated that the County has no jurisdiction, but that Countryside Public Health will be looking into some of the concerns. Attorney Watson reported that the City of Beardsley can direct the owner to secure the property. He also reported that the City has scheduled a cleanup.

Motion by Tomschin, seconded by Sandberg and carried to execute the agreement with Waste Management contingent upon Attorney Watson's review. This new agreement will implement single sort recycling.

Attorney Watson reported that the County has received a settlement agreement from Easy Heat for the Main Street Industries building. Motion by Athey, seconded by Tomschin and carried to execute the Release of Claim as presented by Attorney Watson.

Attorney Watson reported that there is another bill for a second brief on the post conviction relief case.

Attorney Watson provided an update on County Road #63. There are no court findings yet, but Roy Marihart is working on the plat for temporary easement.

Attorney Watson requested authorization to send his staff to the upcoming MCAPs training, which is the program used by county attorneys. Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize the \$60 registration fee, hotel and mileage out of the attorney budget with Commissioner Athey voting Nay.

Discussion was held on insurance for the Historical Society. Attorney Watson will address any potential liability to the County.

Big Stone Arts Council representatives Don Sherman, Liz Rackl, Barb Ash and Deb Larson were present to update the Board and request future government support for the Council. A proposal was presented for a county art center. Due to meeting time constraints, the group was asked to come back and provide more information.

Ortonville Park Board representatives Dalen Roe and Steve Berkner were present to request financial assistance for the Ortonville swimming pool. The Board will address the request with budget discussions.

Don Sherman requested the possible donation of replaced computers for the Museum and the Arts Council.

A break followed.

The annual County picnic in honor of transportation week was set for June 10th.

County Engineer Nick Anderson provided a project update.

Discussion was held on the possibility of trading an approach for railroad right-of-way that crosses Minnesota Street.

Engineer Anderson reported that after using a sewer jet in the old Branch 3 tile, it is flowing, so both tiles on County Ditch #13 are working now.

Engineer Anderson reported that he will be submitting a monthly article for the newspaper on what is happening in his department.

Discussion was held on the tower shed. Board consensus was to move the shed and rent space to private parties that rent space on the State's new tower.

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

General	\$46,723.58
Highway	<u>47,968.39</u>
Total	\$94,691.97

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to execute the Agreement with Vertical Solutions for network support services.

Discussion was held on selling the 1988 Crestliner boat. Commissioner Sandberg reported that Sheriff Haukos has offered the boat to the Big Stone City Fire Department for \$2,500 and is awaiting their response.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to accept the job classification of the Social Services Supervisor position at Level 14 as recommended by Riley, Dettman & Kelsey.

HR Director Sue Schultz provided an update on the filling of the Family Services positions.

Vince Robinson from DSI reported that the strategic plan for Big Stone Area Growth (BSAG) is in place and that he will be presenting the formal report at the next meeting. Robinson also gave an update on BSAG's recent projects/activities.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Tomschin and carried to authorize the donation of a computer to the Museum and one to the Arts Council when they become available.

Chairman Janssen adjourned the meeting at 10:46 AM.

Howard Janssen, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor