

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**June 3, 2008**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, June 3, 2008. Vice Chairman Olson called the meeting to order with Commissioners Tomschin, Athey and Sandberg present. Chairman Janssen 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 Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the minutes of the May 20<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

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

Committee reports were presented.

Attorney Watson reported that the Easy Heat settlement had been received. Motion by Athey, seconded by Tomschin and carried to designate the amount towards the Main Street Industries building to address heating issues with Commissioner Olson abstaining.

Attorney Watson provided an update on County Road #63.

Attorney Watson left the meeting.

Discussion was held on the need to update the wiring at Toqua Park. Motion by Athey, seconded by Tomschin and carried to accept the quote from Steve's Electric for the improvements with the understanding that camping fees will be updated as well.

Motion by Tomschin, seconded by Athey and carried to authorize up to \$125 per month for gas reimbursement with proper receipt submission for the 2008 season to the Park Caretaker.

Discussion was held regarding contracting fuel needs with County Engineer Nick Anderson. Discussion followed on the possibility of installing County pumps. Consensus was to have the CRSP committee look into it.

Engineer Anderson reported that there are some major erosion issues on CD #10/11.

Discussion was held on the concerns with farmers tilling the road ditches and the County's right-of-way.

The annual County picnic in honor of transportation week was changed to June 12<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Tomschin and carried to accept the resignation of Ruth Carlson and execute the separation agreement as presented by HR Director Sue Schultz.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to authorize the hiring of Kim Danielson as a part-time dispatcher upon the resignation of Clint Sova at Grade 6 Step 1.

Donnette Herberg was present to provide an update to the Board on Western MN Prairie Waters Regional Tourism.

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

General	\$ 96,698.05
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Highway	26,821.98
Ditch	<u>302.50</u>
Total	\$123,822.53

Motion by Tomschin, seconded by Athey and carried to execute the Federal Boating Safety Supplement Grant Agreement with the State of Minnesota for the purchase of equipment to be used for water safety in Big Stone County.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Tomschin and carried to authorize selling the 1988 Crestliner boat with motor and trailer to the Big Stone City Fire Department for \$2,500.

Following discussion, motion by Athey, seconded by Tomschin and carried to participate in PrimeWest's county employee affordable health care coverage project and authorize HR Director Schultz to cooperate and participate in the project. HR Director Schultz and Deputy Auditor Sharon Finke were present for the discussion.

Following break, Big Stone Area Growth (BSAG) representatives Vince Robinson, Susan Brickweg, John Cunningham and Burt Nypen were present for a presentation of BSAG's accomplishments and 2-year strategic plan.

Motion by Tomschin, seconded by Sandberg and carried to appropriate \$25,000 of the \$50,000 economic development budget to BSAG to continue the efforts.

Discussion was held on the recent legislation implementing levy limits for the next 3 years and how this will affect requests for appropriations from outside parties.

Vice Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 11:41 AM.

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Brent Olson, Vice Chairman

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