

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

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, July 1, 2008. Chairman Janssen called the meeting to order with Commissioners Tomschin, Athey, Sandberg and Olson present. Also present were Elsie Perrine, 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 Sandberg and carried to approve the minutes of the June 17<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and the June 17<sup>th</sup> Board of Appeal and Equalization.

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

Committee reports were presented.

Commissioner Sandberg reported that Emergency Management Director Jim Hasslen is going to be doing CPR classes for county employees. Board consensus was to offer it to the cities in the county as well through the Community Resource Sharing Partnership (CRSP).

Attorney Watson reported that the temporary take order for the County Road #63 project was signed last week.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Tomschin and carried to approve the assessing contracts with Randy Arnold and Michael Schultz and approve a 3-year assessment agreement with Toqua Township as presented by County Assessor Sandy Vold.

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

General	\$75,171.26
Highway	<u>19,955.17</u>
Total	\$95,126.43

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for Club 7-75.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Tomschin and carried to re-appoint Terry Gillespie as a Board Manager to the Upper MN River Watershed District (UMRWD) for a 3-year term effective August 9, 2008.

Auditor Knutson updated the Board on changes to the processing of meal reimbursements and the change in the IRS mileage rate effective July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Board members were reminded to contact HR if they are interested in participating in the defensive driving training sponsored by MCIT.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to move the supervision of Building Maintenance to the Emergency Management Director and to review the move with Riley Dettmann and Kelsey to see if any changes would need to be made to the job classifications due to the transfer of the supervision.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Tomschin and carried to add Sandy Helgeson to the regular fill-in list for Extension.

Discussion was held on the previous funding request for the Ortonville pool for the 2009 budget cycle. Commissioner Sandberg reported that CGB will not be using the Chokio pool next year and motioned to appropriate \$12,000 towards the pool since

it is the only one in the County and non-city residents use it. The matter was tabled to be included with 2009 budget discussions.

Commissioner Athey reported that he had been approached by Main Street Industries as to the possibility of purchasing a pressure washer for washing the bathrooms at Toqua Park. Consensus was to have them borrow one and see how it works before purchasing one. The topic of keeping the outhouse was also discussed. It was decided to lock it for this summer and if there are no complaints, it will be removed.

Discussion was held on the opportunity to purchase automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) through Kandiyohi County at a substantial savings. This will be communicated to other entities through the CRSP.

At 10:00 AM, with various Highway employees and one bidder present, County Engineer Anderson opened the following bids on SAP 06-090-02:

<b>BIDDER</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Robert R. Schroeder Construction Inc.	\$1,157,615.08
Duininck Bros. Inc.	\$1,318,061.12

The bids will need to be reviewed by State Aid before the award will be made.

Engineer Anderson reported that Bituminous Paving has offered to donate the finishing of the parking lot at the Museum.

Discussion was held on the County's haying policy along county roads. The current policy is that interested parties must call the Highway Department and check with the landowner. Motion by Olson, seconded by Tomschin and carried to authorize the Engineer to draft a written policy and bring it to the Board for review and once approved, mail it to those who are currently haying and those who have expressed interest in doing so.

Dianne Radermacher of the UMRWD, Krecia Leddy of NRCS, Terry Gillespie, Glenn Berdan, Todd Sandberg, Curt Olson, Gary Haugen and the Mike Jorgenson family arrived for a discussion on flooding issues and the permitting process for ditching and tiling. The consensus reached on flood mitigation was recognizing the need for cooperation and to work together on getting right-of-way established and marked along county roads.

Chairman Janssen adjourned the meeting at 11:35 AM.

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Howard Janssen, Chairman

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