

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
July 15, 2008**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, July 15, 2008. Chairman Janssen called the meeting to order with Commissioners Tomschin, Athey, Sandberg and Olson present. 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 July 1st regular meeting.

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

Committee reports were presented.

LaValle Berkner and Wendell Hanson were present to provide an update on the Museum, request additional funding for 2008 and present their 2009 budget request.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Janssen and carried to approve the West Central SWAT Team Joint Powers Agreement as presented by Sheriff John Haukos.

Discussion was held on document imaging.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to approve contract with S.W. Recycling for appliances and electronics as presented by Environmental Officer Darren Wilke. The collections are planned for September in Ortonville and Correll. Prior registration will be required.

HR Director Sue Schultz reported that the Defensive Driving course is scheduled for July 30th.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve Mary Amberg's request for a leave of absence.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to execute the contract with Safe Assure for assistance with meeting the County's safety training requirements.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Tomschin and carried to authorize the temporary emergency hire of Holly Wellendorf for assistance in the Auditor's Office with elections during August – December due to the upcoming leave of absence and unexpected increase in work load.

Attorney Watson left the meeting.

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

General	\$113,317.00
Highway	53,696.28
Taxes & Penalties	536.40
State	<u>10.00</u>
Total	\$167,559.68

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize the following internal transactions:

General to Highway	\$20,115.89
Ditch to Highway	\$ 1,908.97
County Ditch #2	\$355.66
County Ditch #10/11	\$725.96

County Ditch #13 \$827.35

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to execute the LP Gas System Lease Agreement for the tank rental at the Government Building.

Engineer Nick Anderson provided an update on the trail project. Following a review of the bids received, he reported that the project will be redesigned and rebid.

The Highway 5-Year Plan meeting will be held on August 13th at 9:30 AM at the Highway Department.

Discussion was held on the cleanout needed on County Ditch #10/11.

Engineer Anderson provided an update on County Ditch #13 and the petition received for an improvement to Branch #3. Auditor Knutson will contact Kurt Deter at Rinke Noonan and forward the petition to him for review.

Following a break the Board reviewed the preliminary 2009 County budget.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize an additional \$2,500 to the Historical Society for 2008.

Chairman Janssen adjourned the meeting at 11:55 AM.

Howard Janssen, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor