

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
Highway Department Five-Year Plan Meeting
August 13, 2008**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the conference room at the Highway Department at 9:37 AM on Wednesday, August 13, 2008. Chairman Janssen called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Tomschin, Olson and Sandberg present. Also present were Anna Marie Larson, Walter Wulff, Lon Moen, Gary Haugen, Terry LaVoi, Mark Dietz, Derrick Loeschke, County Engineer Nick Anderson, and County Auditor Michelle Knutson.

Engineer Anderson reviewed the 5-year plan for road construction. Motion by Olson, seconded by Tomschin and carried to approve the plan as presented.

Following a discussion on touring the roads, consensus was to hold a road tour in the spring to see water flowing and in the fall to look at road right-of-way issues.

Discussion was held on the concerns with farming in the County's right-of ways.

Engineer Anderson reported on current highway projects.

The 5-year plan for major equipment expenditures was presented. Motion by Olson and seconded by Janssen to authorize the 2009 purchases as listed. Following discussion on the possibilities of leasing or sharing equipment, the motion carried.

Engineer Anderson reviewed the financial condition of the Highway Department. Discussion was held on possible funding options for county road projects and capital improvements.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to adopt the following resolution:

2008-17

BE IT RESOLVED, the following minimum equipment rental rates will be charged on all work done off the County System of roads effective August 18, 2008. These rates include equipment, operating supplies, and an operator.

| EQUIPMENT Supplies and Operator Included | HOURLY RATES |
|---|-------------------------|
| Motor Grader – Blading | \$100.00 |
| Motor Grader - Plowing | \$110.00 |
| Mechanics/Sign Truck | \$ 85.00 |
| Oshkosh Snow Plow | \$105.00 |
| Tandem Truck | \$ 90.00 |
| Tandem Truck with Pup Trailer | \$105.00 |
| Tandem Truck with Sander, Wing and Plow | \$110.00 |
| Cat D6 Dozer | \$125.00 |
| Tractor | \$ 75.00 |
| 4-Wheel Drive Tractor | \$ 85.00 |
| Tractor with Mower | \$ 90.00 |
| Tractor with Duel Mower | \$ 95.00 |
| Tractor With Batwing Mower | \$100.00 |
| Bobcat Skid Steer | \$ 70.00 |
| Case 821 Front End Loader | \$110.00 |

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| John Deere 644H Front End Loader | \$110.00 | |
| Front End Loader with Snow Blower | \$140.00 | |
| Ford 655 C Tractor Backhoe | \$100.00 | |
| EQUIPMENT - No Operator Included | HOURLY RATES | DAILY RATES |
| Packer – Rubber Tire | \$20.00 | \$125.00 |
| Chipper Shredder | \$40.00 | \$250.00 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | RATE | |
| Car – All Types and Sizes | \$0.60 / mile | |
| Pickup – All Types and Sizes | \$0.70 / mile | |
| Sport Utility Vehicle | \$0.70 / mile | |
| Survey Vehicle | \$0.80 / mile | |

Motion by Tomschin, seconded by Athey and carried to adopt the following resolution:

2008-18

WHEREAS, Big Stone County has determined that the following bridges on the CSAH, County Road, Township, and Municipal Street systems are a high priority and require construction, replacement or rehabilitation within the next five (5) years. The construction and replacement is as follows:

CONSTRUCTION AND REPLACEMENT PLAN

| Old Bridge No. | Road No. | Estimated Project Cost | Federal Funds | Local Funds | Bond Funds Needed | Twp. Bridge Funds | Proposed Const. Year |
|----------------|----------|------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| | CR 75 | \$ 140,000 | \$ 0 | \$ 25,000 | \$115,000 | \$ 0 | 2009 |
| 88843 | CSAH 25 | \$ 200,000 | \$ 0 | \$ 50,000 | \$150,000 | \$ 0 | 2010 |
| | CSAH 20 | \$ 150,000 | \$ 0 | \$ 20,000 | \$130,000 | \$ 0 | 2013 |

WHEREAS, local roads play an essential role in the overall state transportation network and local bridges are the critical component of the local road systems; and
 WHEREAS, State support for the construction, replacement or rehabilitation of local bridges continues to be crucial to maintaining the integrity of the local road systems and is necessary for the County and the townships to proceed with the replacement or rehabilitation of the high priority bridges described above; and
 WHEREAS, Big Stone County intends to proceed with construction, replacement or rehabilitation of these bridges as soon as possible when State Transportation Bond Funds are available.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Big Stone County commits that it will proceed with the design and contract documents for these bridges immediately after being notified that funds are available in order to permit construction to take place within one year of notification.

Snow plowing routes were distributed.

Discussion was held on cleaning out an area of Combined Ditch #10/11. Clean-out expenditures are estimated at approximately \$1,000 which will be shared with the landowner.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to set the bounty for beaver trapped in the County at \$75.

Discussion was held on establishing a fueling station for use by governmental agencies in the County. Consensus was to appoint Commissioner Sandberg to accompany Engineer Anderson on a tour of Douglas County's station.

Chairman Janssen declared the meeting adjourned at 11:29 AM.

Howard Janssen, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor