

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
September 2, 2008

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, September 2, 2008. Chairman Janssen called the meeting to order with Commissioners Tomschin, Athey, and Sandberg present. Also present were Elsie Perrine, 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 August 13th 5-year plan meeting and the August 19th regular meeting.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Tomschin and carried to approve the agenda. Commissioner Olson arrived at the meeting.

Committee reports were presented. The Property Committee reported that the air quality report on the Family Services building from Applied Environmental Sciences (AES) has been received. Commissioner Sandberg will contact AES regarding the next step.

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

General	\$20,863.31
Highway	33,342.34
Ditch	<u>105.00</u>
Total	<u>\$54,310.65</u>

Mike Dorry, Bob Meyer, Craig Randleman, Blair Johnson, John Cunningham, David Lang, Nick Anderson, John Haukos and Gayle Robinson were present for a discussion on the Facilities Needs Study done by Wold Architects. It was decided that the City of Ortonville Building Committee will attend the second County Board meeting of the month to continue discussions.

At 10:00 AM, with various bidders and Highway employees present, County Engineer Anderson opened the following bids:

CP 06-663-06 (CR 63 Grading Project)

Central Specialties	\$ 952,000.00
Final Touch Excavating	\$ 772,226.35
Gladen Construction	\$1,024,658.36
Kern & Tabery	\$1,169,687.60
Mathiowetz Construction	\$1,024,768.25
Midwest Contracting	\$ 938,521.25
Minnerath Construction	\$ 888,993.35
Riley Brothers Construction	\$1,112,993.70
Sellin Brothers	\$1,446,308.52
The Tradesmen Construction	\$1,029,880.16

SP 06-090-02 (MN River Headwaters Trail)

Duininck Bros	\$ 672,712.70
Robert R. Schroeder Construction	\$ 640,575.00
Structural Specialties	\$ 624,943.12
Swingen Construction	\$ 733,333.00
Veit & Company	\$ 992,527.50

SAP 006-598-002 (Bridge #06J14)

Central Specialties	\$ 126,109.00
Midwest Contracting	\$ 103,630.50
Riley Brothers Construction	\$ 118,813.00

No bids will be awarded on CP 09-090-02 or SAP 006-598-002 until a further review by State Aid is completed.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to close the meeting at 10:20 AM for attorney-client privilege regarding County Road #63.

Attorney Watson left the meeting at 10:50 AM.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to open the meeting at 10:57 AM.

Following review of the land commissioners' report on County Road #63, motion by Olson, seconded by Tomschin and carried to authorize the following:

1. Payment of the proposed land value to all parties involved;
2. Payment of \$50/acre per CER;
3. Payment of \$50/acre for existing right-of-way;
4. Payment of \$500/acre where there is no proof of slope easement on file; and
5. The County Attorney to file an appeal on the proposal to pay \$500/acre on existing right-of-way.

EJ Moberg of the State Auditor's Office was present for the exit interview on the County's 2007 audit. He reported that they issued an unqualified opinion on the 2007 Big Stone County Financial Statements. Department Heads Sue Schultz, Gayle Robinson and Nick Anderson were also present for the presentation. Attorney Watson returned to the meeting. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried that the financial statements be approved and ordered published.

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

MN Assn of County Feedlot Officers	\$130.00
MACPZA	\$185.00

Engineer Anderson reported that the bid on the CP 06-663-06 will not be awarded until a later date.

The Board continued their review of the preliminary 2009 County budget. Motion by Olson and seconded by Tomschin to authorize the inclusion of \$1,035,000 in bonding for the Highway Department for 2009. Following discussion, motion carried. Attorney Watson then discussed his office budget with the Board. Following further discussion, motion by Olson, seconded by Janssen and carried to adopt the following resolution:

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BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the proposed 2009 budget be approved and the gross levy be established at \$4,108,486.

Chairman Janssen adjourned the meeting at 12:46 PM.

Howard Janssen, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor