

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**November 3, 2009**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, November 3, 2009. Chairman Olson called the meeting to order with Commissioners Berning, Sandberg and Wulff present. Commissioner Athey was absent. Also present were Mike Swenson of the Ortonville Independent and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the minutes of the October 20<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

Motion by Wulff, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the agenda.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Wulff – Food Shelf; Toqua Park; Board of Appeal Training

Berning – West Central Regional Juvenile Center

Olson – RDC

Sandberg – MSI; TIF Hearing

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

General	\$55,757.54
Highway	6,683.39
Ditch	<u>734.16</u>
Total	\$63,175.09

Auditor Knutson provided information on the county car usage, mileage and meal reimbursement as requested at the previous meeting.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Wulff and carried to authorize the installation of a stop sign in the City of Graceville on East 1<sup>st</sup> Street at the intersection of County Road 52.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Berning and carried to execute the Addendum to Pictometry License Agreement to remove the compressed library and remove the charge for the same.

VSO Dan Meyer was present to review some of the outreach activities that he has scheduled and update the Board on the plans for the office.

HR Director Sue Schultz and County Attorney Bill Watson arrived at the meeting during the VSO presentation.

Due to follow-up calls received from Lac qui Parle County Commissioners regarding the sharing of the VSO position, the Board reiterated their consensus that we are more than willing to assist with mentoring, but it is not feasible to share a VSO position at this time.

Motion by Wulff, seconded by Berning and carried to send a letter of thanks to Galyn Minkel for assisting the County during the hiring process for the VSO.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to ratify the hiring of Gale Mittelstaedt as the regular part time Family Services Director at Grade 16, Step 1 effective November 3, 2009.

HR Director Schultz reported that due to the H1N1, no group enrollment meetings will be held. The required paperwork will be distributed to be completed and returned to HR.

Motion by Wulff, seconded by Sandberg and carried to execute the Lease Agreement with SWCD as presented by Attorney Watson.

Attorney Watson reported that he drafted a letter to West Central Regional Juvenile Center requesting to be released from the previous agreement as discussed at the last meeting. Commissioner Berning delivered the letter to the Center. No response has been received as of today's meeting.

Discussion was held on tax forfeited properties and their appraised values as presented by County Treasurer Cindy Nelson. The Board authorized Treasurer Nelson to proceed with winterizing the house included in parcel 21-0115-000 of the tax forfeited list. Motion by Wulff, seconded by Berning and carried to adopt the following resolution as presented by Treasurer Nelson:

**2009-43**

BE IT RESOLVED, that all parcels of tax-forfeited land listed on the List of Tax-Forfeited Land #09-1 be classified as non-conservation land; that the basic sale price of each parcel on the List of Tax-Forfeited Land #09-1, that is on file with the Clerk of the County Board, be approved and authorization for a public sale of this land be granted, pursuant to M.S. 282.01; that the sale will be held at 9:00 AM on Monday, November 30, 2009, by the Big Stone County Treasurer at the Big Stone County Courthouse, for not less than the basic sale price; and that full payment is required at the time of the sale.

Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 9:57 AM.

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Brent Olson, Chairman

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