

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
February 3, 2009

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, February 3, 2009. Vice Chairman Sandberg called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Berning and Wulff present. Commissioner Olson was absent. 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 Berning and carried to approve the minutes of the January 20th regular meeting.

Motion by Wulff, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the agenda with noted additions.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Berning – Countryside Public Health

Wulff – Big Stone Area Growth; Revolving Loan Fund; Joint Ditch #4; AMC District Meeting; Food Shelf

Athey – Joint Ditch #4; West Central Regional Juvenile Center; Prairie 5

Sandberg – Main Street Industries; Citizens for Big Stone Lake; Property; Regional Radio Board; Technology; Environmental

Motion by Athey, seconded by Wulff and carried to rescind the per diem for the Commissioners for Welfare Board meetings held on the same day as regular board meetings.

Attorney Watson reported that the contract with Kandiyohi County for dispatch services is still being finalized.

Motion by Athey and seconded by Berning to execute the agreement with Vertical Solutions. Following discussion, motion carried.

Attorney Watson reported that the agreement to grant Pro-West access to the Fidlar system for data sharing with MnDOT is being deferred until a later date.

Attorney Watson reported that grand jury expenses are still being submitted.

Attorney Watson made the board aware of the possible additional costs to the County if he decides he has a conflict of interest on a termination of parental rights case.

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

General	\$115,901.89
Highway	17,209.92
Taxes & Penalties	250.00
State	<u>5.00</u>
Total	\$133,366.81

Auditor Knutson provided an update on the financial reporting requirements of OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits) and other miscellaneous correspondence received.

Upon the request of Sheriff John Haukos, motion by Athey and seconded by Wulff to approve the implementation of MS 641.12, which allows the County to require a convicted offender to pay towards the cost of their room and board, and adopt the

Inmate Room and Board Policy as presented by Sheriff Haukos. Following discussion, motion carried.

HR Director Sue Schultz was present to request ratification of the temporary emergency hire of Deb Berning as the Office Support Specialist in order to complete year end paperwork at RSVP. Motion by Athey, seconded by Wulff and carried to ratify the hire with Commissioner Berning abstaining.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the 2-week leave of absence request of Mary Amberg.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Athey and carried to approve the emergency hire of Christine Boyle as a fill-in custodian due to the unplanned leave of absence.

HR Director Schultz reported that she will be return to updating the Employee Handbook with input from the Department Heads.

Vice Chairman Sandberg reappointed Don Diekmann and Mark Blackwelder to the Planning Commission and Jim Lund to the Board of Adjustment for three-year terms as recommended by Environmental Officer Darren Wilke.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Wulff and carried to approve the following updated fee schedule for the Environmental Office as presented by Environmental Officer Wilke:

Accessory/Ag. Structures and Additions	\$50
Residential Dwellings	\$100
Sewage Treatment Systems for New Construction	\$200
a. Replacement Systems and Holding Tanks	\$100
Excavation, Commercial or All Other Permits	\$100
Conditional Use Permit Applications (Includes Recording Fee)	\$500
Conditional Use Application Requiring Special Meeting	\$625
Amendment to Ordinance Applications	\$500
Rezoning Applications	\$500
Subdivision Applications (Five lots; \$25/lot thereafter)	\$500
Variance Applications	\$350
After-the-Fact Permits (in addition to permit fee)	\$200

Copies of Big Stone County Ordinances are \$10.00 each or \$.25/page, whichever is greater

Motion by Berning, seconded by Wulff and carried to approve the following 2009 camping fees for Toqua Park:

Season Pass	\$300 per year
Camper (with air conditioning)	\$15 per day
Camper (without air conditioning)	\$12 per day
Tent	\$8 per day

The Park Committee will meet to discuss possible fees for use of the ball fields.

Following a break, County Engineer Nick Anderson provided an update on the meeting with the DNR regarding the cease and desist on County Ditch #2. Landowners will be invited to the next meeting to discuss it.

Discussion was held on the sale of the communications tower located by Schumacher's. Since the tower was purchased through grant funds, further research will need to be done to see if the County can sell it.

Commissioner Wulff received a request from the Toqua Troopers 4-H Club for a letter of support for the 2009 Community Leadership Award. More information is needed so it will be discussed at the next meeting.

Motion by Wulff, seconded by Berning and carried to adjust the 12/31/08 balance of the Designation for Building Improvements Fund Balance account for the work on the Family Services building.

Board consensus was to schedule a budget work session at the March 3rd board meeting to discuss various options the County may have to deal with the state funding cuts and the status of the economy.

Vice Chairman Sandberg adjourned the meeting at 10:33 AM.

Roger Sandberg, Vice Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor