

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**May 5, 2009**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, May 5, 2009. Vice Chairman Sandberg called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Berning and Wulff present. Also present were Mike Swenson of the Ortonville Independent and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Assessor Sandy Vold arrived at the meeting.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Berning, and carried to approve the minutes of the April 21<sup>st</sup> regular meeting.

Chairman Olson arrived at the meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Athey – Fair Board; Prairie 5

Wulff – Food Shelf

Berning – Property

Olson – Environmental; Personnel; BSAG

Sandberg – MSI; Regional Radio Board; Property; Environmental; Personnel

Assessor Vold reported that a tax petition had been filed and that Attorney Watson has sent a response. She will keep the Board informed of the status.

Commissioner Olson requested the Board's support for a meeting with representatives from all local agencies that deal with water issues. Board consensus was to authorize Commissioner Olson to proceed with setting up the meeting.

UMVRDC Executive Director Dawn Heglund was present to provide outreach about the RDC to inform board members about what services they provide.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Wulff and carried to execute the Contract Termination Agreement with Final Touch Excavating on the County Road #63 project as presented by Engineer Nick Anderson.

Auditor Knutson reported that a petition for election had been received on the issuance of capital improvement bonds.

Following discussion on the County's options following receipt of a petition, motion by Athey, seconded by Berning and carried to rebid the County Road #63 project.

Engineer Anderson provided an update on County Ditch #2. He and Commissioner Olson will be meeting with landowners following the board meeting to discuss the DNR order to put in a temporary dike.

Engineer Anderson reported that a public hearing has been set by the watershed district for Branch 3 on County Ditch #13.

Discussion was held on Lidar Topography mapping. Engineer Anderson is reviewing the information to see what is included in the cost.

A brief discussion was held on County Road #62 and the concerns with flooding.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to execute the agreement with Main Street Industries for cleaning services at Countryside Public Health and the Government Building with Commissioner Olson abstaining.

Emergency Management Director Jim Hasslen presented H1N1 pandemic information to advise the Board on what may need to be done if it becomes a greater issue.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Wulff and carried to approve the final plat for Ridge Creek Second Addition as presented by Environmental Officer Wilke.

Officer Wilke reported that the hazardous waste collection went well and reminded them that the electronic collection will be held on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Wulff, seconded by Berning and carried to reappoint Nick Anderson as the County Engineer for a four-year term beginning May 1, 2009.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Berning and carried to authorize Interim Director Gale Mittelstaedt to hire 2 assistants for the summer Splash program for 1 day a week for 5 weeks.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Sandberg and carried to ratify the termination of Social Services Supervisor Jackie Wollschlager effective April 30, 2009.

HR Director Schultz reported that the County may be able to get assistance to help us meet the requirements of the agreement with the State regarding the DD Waiver audit.

HR Director Schultz reported that the Personnel Committee have met to discuss the possible structuring of Family Services. No recommendations are ready at this time.

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

General	\$30,764.20
Highway	<u>11,654.98</u>
Total	\$42,419.18

Motion by Wulff, seconded by Sandberg and carried to ratify the payment to Qwest in the amount of \$1,843.55 to relocate the existing terminal at the Family Services building.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Wulff and carried to authorize the following claims to be paid as Auditor Warrants:

EconoLodge	\$ 65.70
Carlson Construction	\$82,318.64

Motion by Berning, seconded by Wulff and carried to adopt the following resolution:

### **2009-20**

WHEREAS, The County of Big Stone, (County) and the Department of Transportation, State of Minnesota, (State) desire to enter into lease agreements for the purpose of construction of communication towers by the State located on real property owned by the County; and

WHEREAS, the State agrees that the County may also use the towers to be constructed by the State for the County's own communication needs; and

WHEREAS, it is intended that two communication towers be constructed on two separate parcels owned by the County, to be known as the Schumacher Tower and the Correll Tower; and

WHEREAS, the State has prepared two separate leases one for each site, and the terms contained therein are mutually beneficial to the County and State.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Commissioners of Big Stone County, Minnesota, as follows:

1. The County agrees to enter into two written leases (State Lease No. 11666 Schumacher Tower) and (State Lease No. 11667 Correll Tower) with the State and hereby authorizes the Board Chair and Board Clerk to execute the same.

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

**2009-21**

BE IT RESOLVED that Big Stone County act as the legal sponsor for an application for funding to the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for Maintenance of snowmobile trails managed by Big Stone Lake Area Sno Riders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval of its application by the state, Big Stone County may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above referenced project and that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in the agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair of the Big Stone County Commissioners is authorized to sign such an agreement with the Department of Natural Resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Auditor is authorized to serve as the fiscal agent for the above-mentioned project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Big Stone County act as legal sponsor for 32 miles of snowmobile trails in Traverse County beginning North of Graceville and extending North through Wheaton to the White Rock Dam.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Big Stone County act as legal sponsor for 2 miles of snowmobile trails in Traverse County beginning west of Beardsley and extending west to Browns Valley.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Wulff and carried to authorize the expenditure to advertise for bids for the lease of County property adjacent to the landfill in Browns Valley Township.

Discussion was held on miscellaneous correspondence received.

Commissioners Berning and Sandberg left the meeting.

A cost savings discussion was held for the remainder of the meeting.

Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 10:45 AM.

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Brent Olson, Chairman

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