

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
June 16, 2009

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, June 16, 2009. Chairman Olson called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Berning, Sandberg and Wulff present. Also present were Mike Swenson of the Ortonville Independent, County Attorney Bill Watson and Deputy Auditor Sharon Finke. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the minutes of the June 2nd regular meeting and the June 15th Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Athey – AMC District Meeting

Wulff – Toqua Park

Berning – Personnel (as alternate)

Olson – AMC District 6 Exploration Team Meeting

Sandberg – Personnel; Property

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

General	\$42,886.55
Highway	28,223.44
Ditch	<u>3,519.70</u>
Total	\$74,629.69

Motion by Berning, seconded by Wulff and carried to approve the 3 year lease of farm land in Browns Valley Township to Thomas Maanum at the rate of \$110.50/acre or \$4,044.30/year for the years 2010-2012.

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

2009-25

WHEREAS, the Big Stone County Housing & Redevelopment Authority is in the process of submitting an Application for Rural Development (RD) Housing Preservation Grant Program Funds for Housing Rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, this is a Program designed specifically for very low Income range people; and

WHEREAS, these Grant funds would benefit the very low Income residents of Big Stone County who are otherwise unable to secure a loan for repairs to their residences.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Big Stone County Housing & Redevelopment Authority is hereby authorized to apply for these funds on behalf of Big Stone County.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Berning and carried to appoint Don Sykora to fill out the remaining term of Isabelle Kraemer on the HRA Board of Directors.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to provide a Certificate of Support to Main Street Industries, Inc. for their application for financial assistance with the USDA – Rural Development.

Motion by Wulff, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the sale of the retired Sheriff's squad, a 2003 Ford Crown Victoria, to Pro Auto for \$100.

Human Resources Director Sue Schultz reported that a new job description had been submitted for the duties that Eric Banken is performing in the Assessor's Office. The position has been given the title Appraiser II and is graded at Level 8 on the County's pay schedule. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Wulff and carried to approve reclassifying Eric Banken to Appraiser II effective October 7, 2008.

MCIT Account Executive Bruce Underdahl presented the 2009 Member Report.

Emergency Management Director Jim Hasslen reported that the grant for updating the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan has been received by the Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission (UMVRDC). The UMVRDC submitted a contract for professional services to prepare the Mitigation Plan for Big Stone County. Motion by Berning, seconded by Sandberg and carried to enter into the contract with UMVRDC for professional services to complete the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan for the County.

Commissioner Sandberg reported on the meetings that the Personnel Committee had with the individual department heads. Each department had been asked to come up with cost saving ideas for the County. Discussion was held regarding the various ideas that were presented.

Following a break, motion by Athey, seconded by Wulff and carried to execute the contract with Central Specialties for SAP 06-606-018 as presented by County Engineer Nick Anderson.

Discussion was held regarding bonding for highway projects. Motion by Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to adopt the following resolution calling for a public hearing on the capital improvement plan and authorizing the issuance and sale of general obligation capital improvement plan bonds with Commissioner Athey voting Nay:

2009-26

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

1. Approval of the 2009 to 2013 Capital Improvement Plan. The County has prepared and intends to approve its Capital Improvement Plan (the CIP) pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 373.40.
2. Approval of the Issuance of Capital Improvement Plan Bonds. The County intends to issue its capital improvement plan bonds (the Bonds) to finance capital improvements as described in the County's Capital Improvement Plan, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 373.40.
3. Public Hearing. A public hearing is hereby scheduled to be held on the approval of the CIP and the issuance of the Bonds at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 7, 2009, in the Commissioner's Board Room, at the Big Stone County Courthouse, in Ortonville, Minnesota. The County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of such public hearing in substantially the form attached hereto to be published in the official newspaper of the County not less than fourteen (14) days nor more than twenty-eight (28) days prior to the date of the hearing.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Wulff and carried to award the bid on CP 06-663-06 to Riley Brothers Construction.

Discussion was held regarding which jurisdictions would be receiving stimulus payments. Engineer Anderson will be attending a conference during the rest of the week and he anticipates that more information will be received then.

Discussion was also held regarding the mowing and haying of county road ditches.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Berning and carried to authorize the Highway Department to pay \$225 to repair a damaged vehicle.

Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 10:48 AM.

Brent Olson, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Sharon Finke, Deputy Auditor