

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**June 2, 2009**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, June 2, 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 County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Wulff, and carried to approve the minutes of the May 19<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Athey – Fair Board  
Wulff – Toqua Park  
Sandberg – Personnel; Property

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

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| General | \$56,775.32   |
| Highway | 27,604.23     |
| Ditch   | <u>616.38</u> |
| Total   | \$84,995.93   |

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

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|----------------------|-------------|
| Carlson Construction | \$59,063.76 |
| ProWest & Associates | \$ 6,850.00 |

The following bids were received for the 3-year farm lease of land in Browns Valley Township:

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| Kelly Stattelmann | \$2,126.00/year |
| Jay & Jeff Wolff  | \$2,208.75/year |
| Thomas Maanum     | \$ 110.50/acre  |
| Kenneth Hendricks | \$2,050.00/year |

Auditor Knutson was instructed to call Mr. Maanum on break to confirm his intent for \$4,044.30 as an annual lease amount.

Discussion was held on who the County can call as a back-up to work at Toqua Park. Commissioner Berning will speak to Graceville Golf Course and Commissioner Wulff will speak to the City of Graceville to see if they are interested in filling in when needed.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize the following storage fees for items under Civil Process as presented by Sheriff Haukos:

\$20/day for Inside Storage  
\$15/day for Outside Storage

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Berning and carried to authorize the emergency hiring of Craig Miska as a fill-in part time Deputy Sheriff at Grade 11 Step 2.

Sheriff Haukos provided an update on the contract with Kandiyohi County for dispatching services.

HR Director Sue Schultz arrived at the meeting.

Motion by Wulff, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize changing Clint Sova's status from temporary to regular fill-in part time Dispatcher.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Wulff and carried to authorize the hiring of Maggie Novak for the Office Support Specialist position at Family Services at Grade 4 Step 1 effective May 20, 2009.

Motion by Wulff, seconded by Berning and carried to ratify the Welfare Board's decision to hire Jacob Berger and Tracy Martig for the summer Splash Program at \$11.54 per hour.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Wulff and carried to ratify the Welfare Board's decision to proceed with the process of hiring a Social Services Supervisor.

Following discussion, motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to rescind the Early Retirement Incentive Offer approved at the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting due to the potential costs versus savings.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Sandberg and carried to respond to correspondence with the previous Social Services Supervisor regarding use of vacation and sick leave.

Discussion was held on potential cost savings.

Following a break, motion by Wulff, seconded by Berning and carried to award the farm lease to the high bidder, Thomas Maanum, at \$4,044.30/year.

At 10:00 AM with various bidders and Highway Technicians present, County Engineer Nick Anderson opened and read the following bids received for CP 06-663-06:

| <u>BIDDER</u>            | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| Bates Construction       | \$798,653.55  |
| Central Specialties      | \$891,737.93  |
| Kern & Tabery            | \$950,754.70  |
| Midwest Contracting      | \$889,064.85  |
| Minnerath Construction   | \$721,363.50  |
| Monson Corporation       | \$937,049.20  |
| Riley Bros. Construction | \$676,898.80  |
| Ronglien Excavating      | \$781,273.95  |

Technicians Terry LaVoi and Mark Dietz took the bids to the Auditor's office for review and tabulation.

Discussion was held to review the option to bond for various upcoming highway projects. Engineer Anderson will gather more information and bring it to the next meeting.

Discussion was held on the concerns with speeding at the intersection of County Roads 12 and 32. Board consensus was to increase enforcement in that area, set up the radar display trailer and revisit it at the end of the summer.

The annual County picnic in honor of transportation week was set for June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Wulff and carried to approve the on and off closing of County Road 28 the weekend of July 24<sup>th</sup> for the City of Odessa's 130<sup>th</sup> celebration.

Engineer Anderson reported on various county ditches.

At 11:00 AM with various bidders and Highway Technicians present, Engineer Anderson opened and read the following bids received for SAP 06-606-018:

| <u>BIDDER</u>       | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Bituminous Paving   | \$801,411.50  |
| Central Specialties | \$670,040.50  |

Highway Technicians took the bids to the Auditor's office for review and tabulation.

Discussion was held on Lidar Topography. Motion by Berning, seconded by Wulff and carried to authorize the Engineer the purchase with \$19,000 to be paid out of Highway and the remaining \$19,000 to be spread to the ditches.

Motion by Wulff, seconded by Berning and carried to authorize the expenditure for Engineer Anderson to gather information for bonding of highway projects from Ehlers & Associates.

The Technicians returned with the bids on SAP 06-606-018. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Wulff and carried to award the bid to Central Specialties.

The Board will award the bid on CP 06-663-06 at the next meeting.

Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 11:16 AM.

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Brent Olson, Chairman

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