

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
Highway Department Five-Year Plan Meeting
August 11, 2009

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the conference room at the Highway Department at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, August 11, 2009. Chairman Olson called the meeting to order with Commissioners Wulff, Athey, Sandberg and Berning present. Also present were Derrick Loeschke, Terry LaVoi, Gary Haugen, Lon Moen, Toby Reiffenberger, Mark Dietz, County Engineer Nick Anderson, and County Auditor Michelle Knutson.

Engineer Anderson reviewed the 5-year plan for road construction. Motion by Athey, seconded by Wulff and carried to approve the plan as presented.

Engineer Anderson reviewed the status of current highway projects. Discussion was held on County right-of-way. A portion of the County has been signed.

Consensus was to hold a road tour in the spring when water is flowing.

The 5-year plan for major equipment expenditures was presented. Motion by Wulff, seconded by Berning and carried to authorize the 2010 purchase as listed.

Engineer Anderson reported that federal Hazard Elimination State (HES) funds will be used for a RR crossing project on County Road #17 and Hazard Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds will be used for the striping project.

Engineer Anderson reported that the County was a victim of identity theft with the County credit card. The matter has been taken care of with the credit card company and they are issuing the County a new card.

Discussion was held on the Clinton shop roof project included in the 2010 budget.

Consensus was to hold a meeting with the schools and post offices in the County to discuss possible reductions in snow plowing routes.

Discussion was held on cleaning out an area of County Ditch #2. Clean-out expenditures are estimated at approximately \$5,000.

Engineer Anderson reported that the new tile on County Ditch #13 will not be installed until spring as the viewers will not complete their report until winter. They will be completing the Joint Ditch #4 redetermination first.

Discussion was held on County Ditch #4. There is a large beaver dam in the area owned by US Fish & Wildlife so the Engineer is currently dealing with them regarding its removal. In addition, there is a need to do a clean out of the ditch. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Wulff and carried to authorize up to \$2,500 to clean it out. Engineer Anderson is also looking at hiring an aerial sprayer to remove the vegetation.

Engineer Anderson reviewed the financial condition of the Highway Department to date.

Chairman Olson declared the meeting adjourned at 10:13 AM.

Brent Olson, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor