

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**August 4, 2009**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, August 4, 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, HR Director Sue Schultz, County Attorney Bill Watson and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the minutes of the July 20<sup>th</sup> special meeting and the July 21<sup>st</sup> regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Athey – Fair Board; Prairie 5; West Central Regional Juvenile Detention Center

Motion by Athey and seconded by Berning to approve the proposed restructuring of the West Central Regional Juvenile Center. Following discussion, the matter was tabled until the next meeting when Sheriff Haukos can be in attendance.

Wulff – BSAG; RLF; Food Shelf; MARC&D

Berning – West Central Regional Juvenile Detention Center

Olson – RDC; Personnel (Restructuring Meeting)

Sandberg – Personnel (Restructuring Meeting); RRB; CBSL

Discussion was held with Attorney Watson on the current license agreement with Federated and their request to lease the shed at the Schumacher tower site when they go on the new tower. Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to terminate the existing license agreement and to enter into an agreement for lease of the shed. Auditor Knutson will send notice of termination to Federated.

Attorney Watson reported that there will be an expenditure for a fact witness from Fargo for the upcoming Hyden trial and there may be some additional expenditures to return a witness from Texas for an omnibus hearing on another case.

Motion by Wulff, seconded by Sandberg and carried to set a special closed session for 11:15 AM on August 11<sup>th</sup> to review the results of the audit of the Veterans Service Office as recommended by HR Director Sue Schultz.

HR Director Schultz reported that MCIT will be providing training on open meeting law and data practices following the October 6<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

Countryside Public Health Administrator Liz Auch updated the Board on her agency's activities and presented the 2010 budget request.

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

General	\$14,854.58
Highway	39,145.94
Ditch	<u>675.00</u>
Total	\$54,675.52

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to authorize a transfer of \$24,000 of the funds held from the Easy Heat settlement to Main Street Industries for the purchase of 2 vans. The transfer was approved with the understanding that the

remaining settlement funds are for future building expenses. Commissioner Olson abstained.

Auditor Knutson reported that notice was received that the County's 2009 MCIT dividend is \$53,031 and is allocated as follows: Workers' Compensation \$17,546 and Property/Casualty \$35,485.

Motion by Wulff, seconded by Berning and carried to execute the contract with Safe Assure for assistance with meeting the County's safety training requirements effective July 2009 – June 2010.

Denise Frette was present to discuss the bike trail. Chairman Olson provided clarification on the status of the trail. No action was needed.

Following a break, Amos Wollman and Elmer Hofer of the Lismore Colony and Environmental Officer Darren Wilke were present to discuss the Colony's desire to have 5-6 animal units of chickens. Attorney Watson clarified the language of the feedlot ordinance and stated that adding the additional animal units was not allowed under the current ordinance as written. Environmental Officer Wilke reviewed the processes allowed to initiate an amendment to the ordinance. Following discussion, motion by Athey, seconded by Berning and carried to direct the Planning Commission to review the feedlot industry and the current feedlot ordinance.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Wulff and carried to approve the solid waste license renewals for the City of Beardsley, City of Clinton, Mattheisen Disposal and Waste Management as recommended by Environmental Officer Darren Wilke.

The Board continued its review of the preliminary 2010 County budget.

Attorney Watson left the meeting at 11:15 AM.

Dave Torgerson, Vince Robinson, Audrey Rahrlien, Steve Berkner, Rusty Dimberg, Vicki Oakes, Fawna Berger, Burt Nypen, Craig Randelman and David Lang were present to provide input for consideration of BSAG's 2010 appropriation. Following discussion, Chairman Olson thanked the representatives for coming.

The Board reviewed the information presented and continued their review of the 2010 County budget.

Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 12:35 PM.

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Brent Olson, Chairman

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