

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
November 9, 2010**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, November 9, 2010. Chairman Sandberg called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Berning, Olson and Wulff present. Also present were Mike Swenson of the Ortonville Independent, HR Director Sue Schultz, IT Technician Terry Ocana, County Attorney Bill Watson and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

HR Director Schultz introduced the new IT Systems Technician, Terry Ocaña to those present.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to approve the minutes of the October 19th regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Wulff – Park; SWMH Consortium; Food Shelf; BSAG

Berning – Canvass

Olson – Pioneerland; RDC; Personnel; Canvass; PrimeWest; Dream for Kids

Sandberg – MSI; IT; Personnel

Athey – Prairie 5; WACCO

Attorney Watson provided an update on his office's activities.

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

General	\$60,370.36
Highway	20,701.81
Ditch	<u>8,101.50</u>
Total	\$89,173.67

VSO Dan Meyer provided information on his office's activities during the past month for the Board's review.

A brief discussion was held with VSO Meyer and HR Director Schultz regarding the possible sharing of VSO services with Traverse County. No action was taken at this time.

Vince Robinson of BSAG was present to request a meeting of the BSAG board with the Commissioners to discuss the expectations and future of the organization. The meeting was set as part of the December 1st meeting, tentatively to begin around 6:30 PM at the library media center.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Berning and carried to authorize the following transfers:

Ditch to Highway		\$1,643.72
County Ditch #2	\$988.90	
County Ditch #13	\$198.45	
County Ditch #30	\$127.22	
Joint Ditch #4	\$329.15	
General to Highway		\$5,474.89

Motion by Athey, seconded by Wulff and carried to execute the lease agreement with Toshiba for a copier at Extension.

Auditor Knutson reported that no bids were received for snow removal services at the Family Services Building. Property Committee will meet with Building Maintenance Supervisor Jim Hasslen to discuss possible options.

Auditor Knutson asked for questions and/or comments on the year-to-date financial information provided for the Board's review. A brief discussion was held on the excess budget remaining after the remaining payrolls are subtracted.

Following a break, motion by Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to adopt the following resolution as presented by County Engineer Nick Anderson:

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WHEREAS, County SAP 006-603-009, CP 006-678-009 & Dixon Street have in all things been completed and the County Board being fully advised in the premises. NOW THEN BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby accepts said completed project for and on behalf of the County of Big Stone, and authorizes final payment to Central Specialties, Inc. in the amount shown on final pay estimate.

Engineer Anderson reported that the County Ditch #13 improvement should be completed tomorrow.

Discussion was held on the possible sale of the Schumacher tower. Since it was originally purchased with grant funds, Engineer Anderson will review the grant agreement to see if the County is allowed to sell it.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Wulff and carried to close the meeting at 10:20 AM to discuss strategy for labor negotiations as per MS §13D.03. Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to reopen the meeting at 10:57 AM.

Chairman Sandberg adjourned the meeting at 10:58 AM.

Roger Sandberg, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor