

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**February 2, 2010**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, February 2, 2010. Chairman Sandberg called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Berning, Olson and Wulff present. Also present were Elsie Perrine, 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 Olson and carried to approve the minutes of the January 19<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Wulff – RRB Conference; RC&D; Park; Food Shelf

Olson – Conservation Drainage Group; Pioneerland; CD 2/DNR; RDC

Sandberg – MSI; Regional Radio Board

Athey – WACCO; Fair Board; Prairie 5

Attorney Watson reported that the conviction on the Hyden case has been appealed and will be handled by the Attorney General's Office.

Countryside Public Health Administrator Liz Auch updated the Board on her agency's activities. Julie Kunrath was also present and gave a brief update on the County's LeaderSHIP team (SHIP=Statewide Health Improvement Program).

County Recorder Elaine Martig presented the 2009 vital statistics and compliance reports for the Board's review.

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

Following a break, motion by Berning, seconded by Athey and carried to ratify the submission of the County's pay equity report as requested by HR Director Sue Schultz.

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

General	\$38,132.18
Highway	<u>10,254.88</u>
Total	\$43,387.06

Auditor Knutson asked for questions and/or comments on the year-to-date financial information provided for the Board's review.

Discussion was held on the fees for Toqua Park. Board consensus was to leave them the same for 2010, which are as follows:

Season Pass	\$300 per year
Camper (with air conditioning)	\$15 per day
Camper (without air conditioning)	\$12 per day
Tent	\$8 per day

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to adopt the following resolution:

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WHEREAS, Local Artist Doug Holtquist has asked permission to do a sculpture within County right-of-way along the Minnesota River Headwaters Trail in Big Stone County; and

WHEREAS, the sculpture will provide an area for trail users to sit down approximately half way along the 4.5-mile trail route.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Big Stone County does hereby grant permission to Mr. Holtquist to provide a sculpture along the trail route within County right-of-way.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all details of this sculpture project shall be coordinated and approved by the County Engineer's Office.

County Engineer Nick Anderson provided a further update on the County Ditch 2 meeting with the DNR. As a result of the meeting, there will be a permanent weir installed at County Road 25.

Engineer Anderson reported that the County may be receiving some additional stimulus funds for the CSAH 3 project.

Engineer Anderson reported that a grant has been submitted for the roof project at the Clinton shop. In addition, discussion was held on adding on a cold storage area at that location.

Engineer Anderson updated the Board on various projects being done under the Authorized Work budget.

Discussion was held on the changes to the state aid and gas tax funding formulas. The County's allotment had been decreasing in recent years, but should see an increase in upcoming allotments due to the changes.

Chairman Sandberg adjourned the meeting at 10:34 AM.

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Roger Sandberg, Chairman

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