

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
March 16, 2010

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, March 16, 2010. Chairman Sandberg called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Olson and Wulff present. Commissioner Berning was absent. Also present were Mike Swenson of the Ortonville Independent and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to approve the minutes of the March 2nd regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Wulff – RLF; RC&D; CEOB

Sandberg – CBSL; Museum; Audit

Athey – Planning Commission

Commissioner Sandberg reported that the contract with Vertical Solutions is up at the end of March and provided an update on the status of the workload. Motion by Olson and seconded by Sandberg to renew the 1-year contract with Vertical Solutions at the current rate. Motion carried with Commissioner Athey voting Nay.

Chairman Sandberg declared the public hearing open at 9:00 AM to take public comment on the Big Stone County Mini Truck Ordinance. County Engineer Nick Anderson commented on the safety requirements. Sheriff John Haukos recommended its adoption. No public comments were received. Chairman Sandberg declared the hearing adjourned at 9:04 AM.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to adopt the Big Stone County Mini Truck Ordinance and to publish a summary of the ordinance in the official minutes:

SUMMARY OF THE
BIG STONE COUNTY MINI TRUCK ORDINANCE

The State of Minnesota, pursuant to M.S. 169.045, permits counties to provide for the operation of motor vehicles described as mini trucks. The Big Stone County Mini Truck Ordinance defines the type of motor vehicles covered. In addition, this Ordinance requires permits for the operation of mini trucks in Big Stone County issued through the Environmental Services Office. The Ordinance establishes permit conditions, designated roadways over which operation is permitted, conditions in which the permit may be revoked and procedures related to the same. Penalties are also established by the Ordinance.

This summary is being published in compliance with Minnesota law. A copy of the full text of the Big Stone County Mini Truck Ordinance shall be available at regular office hours at the office of the Big Stone County Auditor, 20 2nd Street SE, Ortonville, MN 56278. The full text of this ordinance will be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication according to law.

Treasurer Cindy Nelson provided new options for the rental of the mailing system for the Courthouse. Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to authorize renting the new machine with the chips for postal rate changes included for an amount of \$131/month.

Sheriff Haukos provided an update on the water and flooding situation in the County.

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

General	\$18,450.56
Highway	23,970.77
Ditch	<u>446.75</u>
Total	\$42,868.08

Motion by Athey, seconded by Wulff and carried to authorize an internal transaction of \$1,892.33 from the Ditch Fund to the General Fund for redetermination costs on Joint Ditch #4.

Motion by Wulff, seconded by Sandberg and carried to execute the audit engagement letter with the Office of the State Auditor for the 2009 audit.

The Board approved the new items for display in the rotunda by the Big Stone Arts Council.

Environmental Officer Darren Wilke provided an update on the recent Planning Commission meeting. They will be reviewing proposed changes to the Sewage System and Feedlot Ordinances.

Environmental Officer Wilke presented information on the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Application for a gravel pit expansion by Tom Fridgen. Following discussion and a review of the plan, motion by Wulff, seconded by Athey and carried to approve the CUP with the condition that each pit area is reclaimed as they move to a new one.

Environmental Officer Wilke gave a presentation on the County's web fusion application for land records.

Bruce Casey from MCIT presented the 2009 member report.

Chairman Sandberg adjourned the meeting at 10:25 AM.

Roger Sandberg, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor