

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
March 2, 2010

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, March 2, 2010. Chairman Sandberg called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Berning and Olson present. Commissioner Wulff was absent. Also present were Mike Swenson of the Ortonville Independent, County Attorney Bill Watson and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the minutes of the February 16th regular meeting.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the agenda with noted additions.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Berning – Safety; Hazard Mitigation

Discussion was held on purchasing sandbags to prepare for possible flooding. Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize the purchase of 20,000 sandbags.

Olson – RDC

Sandberg – Hazard Mitigation; CBSL

Athey – Prairie Five

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to execute the tax settlement agreement with Trinity Lutheran Church as presented by Attorney Watson.

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

General	\$41,931.65
Highway	<u>31,757.11</u>
Total	\$73,688.76

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to authorize payment of the following claims as auditor warrants:

Nelson Auto Center	\$21,598.00 for new squad
Pioneerland Library	\$ 9,000.00 for computers

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

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to allow VSO Meyer to include the Browns Valley Care Center in his outreach activities if time allows with his schedule.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Athey and carried to adopt the following resolution and execute the grant agreements:

2010-12

BE IT RESOLVED by Big Stone County that the County enter into the Grant Contracts with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) to conduct the following FY10 CVSO Veterans Service Enhancement Projects:

- Grant #1 – Outreach & Reintegration & Collaboration & Marketing/Advertising
- Grant #2 – Outreach & Marketing/Advertising
- Grant #3 – Outreach & Marketing/Advertising

The grants must be used to enhance the operations of the County Veterans Service Office under Minn. Stat. §197.608 Subd. 4 (a), and should not be used to supplant or replace other funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by Big Stone County that the County Veterans Service Officer, Dan Meyer, be authorized to execute the Grant Contracts for the above-mentioned Projects on behalf of the County.

Randy Nelson of Prairie Country RC&D presented an overview of 2009 projects and activities.

HR Director Sue Schultz presented a request from Craig Miska to resign temporarily from his position as a part time fill-in deputy until some PERA issues can be resolved. Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to accept the resignation effective January 29th and approve his rehiring when allowable.

Family Services Director Gale Mittelstaedt arrived at the meeting.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the change of procedure for department head evaluations. They will be held at a closed session of the full board.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to accept the resignation of Social Worker Leslie Smith effective February 22nd.

Director Mittelstaedt presented a proposed plan for staffing the office due to the resignation.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to ratify the classification change of Office Support Specialist Maggie Novak to 50% Office Support and 50% Social Worker effective February 22nd.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to approve in-house postings of the social worker position and an office support position.

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

2010-13

WHEREAS, the County of Big Stone entered into a State of Minnesota Professional and Technical Services Master Contract No. 92284 with the Minnesota Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the original master contract did not contain language for Emergency Services.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Big Stone approve the amendment to Master Contract No. 92284 as presented to the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper County officers are authorized to execute such amendments thereto.

Engineer Anderson reported that the County Ditch #13 improvement project will not be completed this spring.

Sheriff John Haukos arrived at the meeting.

Engineer Anderson commented on the recent AMC PACT proposals regarding transportation and reported that they have purchased a new printer and have resolved the issues with the copier.

Engineer Anderson provided an update on correspondence he received from a landowner on County Ditch #2.

Dale Klodt presented information he had gathered regarding asbestos removal from a tax forfeited property in Beardsley. Environmental Officer Darren Wilke was asked to come into the meeting for the discussion. Following discussion, consensus was to table it for further investigation.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to execute the addendum to the current agreement with Pro West & Associates for parcel maintenance as presented by Environmental Officer Wilke.

Chairman Sandberg adjourned the meeting at 10:30 AM.

Roger Sandberg, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor