

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**April 20, 2010**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, April 20, 2010. Chairman Sandberg called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Berning and Wulff present. Commissioner Olson 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 Athey, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the minutes of the March 20<sup>th</sup> emergency meeting and the April 6<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Wulff – Mental Health Consortium; RLF; RC&D; Park

Berning – Countryside Public Health

Sandberg – CBSL

Athey – Park

Motion by Athey, seconded by Berning and carried to execute the 1-year lease of farm land in Section 31 of Browns Valley Township with Scott Doschadis at the rate of \$75/acre or \$2,752.50.

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

General	\$ 82,782.09
Highway	36,464.50
Ditch	2,805.33
State	<u>40.00</u>
Total	\$122,091.92

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

Ditch to Highway	\$3,523.43
County Ditch #2	\$1,429.59
Joint Ditch #4	\$2,093.84
General to Highway	\$4,707.46

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

Motion by Berning, seconded by Wulff and carried to execute the Workforce Investment Act Joint Powers Agreement. The agreement was modified to incorporate recommendations provided by MCIT.

Sheriff John Haukos reported that the State is cutting funding for the Sentence to Serve (STS) program in half. The County currently shares a contract with Swift County paying 1/3 of the cost. However, Swift County is considering cancelling their contract. Sheriff Haukos will update the Board after Swift County makes their decision.

Discussion was held on the lines from the Courthouse to the water tower and to the Schumacher tower. The current provider indicated that the cost of the lines will be increasing dramatically. Sheriff Haukos requested that a repeater system be installed

for the water tower line instead, which would be narrowband compliant, and is estimated to cost \$5,410. Motion by Berning, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize the installation of the system. There will be more information coming on a canopy system for the Schumacher tower.

HR Director Sue Schultz presented information on an additional insurance option. Motion by Athey, seconded by Berning and carried not to offer it to our employees at this time.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Wulff and carried to authorize a fitness for duty exam for an employee.

County Engineer Nick Anderson reported that he is having difficulty getting permits from the DNR.

Motion by Wulff, seconded by Athey and carried to accept the low quote of Travis Arndt in the amount of \$12,715 for the Clinton shop roof and addition project.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to support the local efforts to have art installed along the trail.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Athey and carried to establish a change fund of \$100 for the Sheriff's Department. It will come out of the current change fund in the Treasurer's Office.

Discussion was held on the issues with the well at Toqua Park. It is estimated that it will cost \$13-\$15,000 to dig a new well. In addition, the current one will need to be abandoned and resealed. Motion by Wulff, seconded by Athey and carried to authorize the expenditure.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Berning and carried to allow the Toqua Sportsman's Club to dispose of the old dock at Toqua Park.

Chairman Sandberg adjourned the meeting at 11:23 AM.

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Roger Sandberg, Chairman

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