

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
April 6, 2010

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, April 6, 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 Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the minutes of the March 16th regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Wulff – BSAG; Pomme de Terre; Food Shelf; JD 4; Park

Berning – Property

Olson – BSAG; Pioneerland; AMC Legislative Conference; RDC; JD 4;
PrimeWest

Sandberg – MSI; RRB

Athey – JD 4; Prairie 5

Attorney Watson reported that there will be an invoice coming as there were 3 CHIPS and 3 criminal matters dealt with while he was on vacation.

Commissioner Athey reported that Dale Klodt made the request for partial reimbursement on an asbestos assessment he had done on a parcel of tax forfeited property in Beardsley. Board consensus was that the County deny the request as it was not an authorized expenditure.

Toqua Sportsman's Club would like to purchase and donate a new dock for Toqua Park. Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to accept the donation of the dock with gratitude.

Commissioner Athey reported on the various items the Park Advisory Group is suggesting for the Toqua Park. A representative from the group will be attending a future meeting to discuss the items.

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

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to allow VSO Meyer to set up a POW/MIA table in the rotunda for public display.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to authorize VSO Meyer to purchase needed office items with CVSO grant funds.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to authorize up to \$3,000 for an independent medical exam for an employee, if needed.

Attorney Watson left the meeting. Family Services Director Gale Mittelstaedt arrived at the meeting.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to authorize the hiring of Maggie Novak as a Social Worker at Grade 11 Step 1 effective May 31, 2010.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to ratify the acceptance of the retirement of RSVP Director Karin Mack with regret effective June 30, 2010.

Motion by Wulff, seconded by Olson and carried to accept the retirement of part time Deputy Sheriff Robert Loraff effective March 16, 2010.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to close the meeting at 9:20 AM to evaluate the performance of the Family Services Director pursuant to MS 13D.05, Subdivision 3(a). Auditor Knutson left the meeting.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to open the meeting at 9:45 AM.

Chairman Sandberg stated the results of the performance review and reported that Family Services Director Gale Mittelstaedt meets or exceeds the responsibilities of her position. The Board appreciates her organizational skills, the fact that she is always looking at the future needs of the department and that she recognizes her staff for their team work.

Following a break, Director Mittelstaedt presented a proposal for maintaining the operation of the Food Shelf and continuing the children's programs currently being managed by RSVP by creating a part time position using funds already in the budget for RSVP. Motion by Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to proceed with the plan as recommended at 25 hours per week.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Athey and carried to adopt the following resolution and execute the Annual County Boat and Water Safety Grant Agreement as presented by Sheriff John Haukos:

2010-15

WHEREAS under the provisions of M.S. Section 86B.105, the Sheriff of each county is required to carry out the provision of Chapter 86B and the Boat and Water Safety Rules, hereinafter referred to as the "Minn. Rules", including patrol, enforcement search and rescue, watercraft inspection, waterway marking and accident investigation, all hereinafter referred to as the "Sheriff's Duties"; and

WHEREAS in connection with the Sheriff's Duties, M.S. Section 86B.701 provides that the County submit to the Commissioner of Natural Resources a budget to carry out the Sheriff's Duties; and

WHEREAS M.S. Section 86B.701 and the Minn. Rules provide for the allocation of funds by the Commissioner to the County based on certain criteria and conclusions to assist the funding of the Sheriff's Duties; and

WHEREAS the County has submitted a proposed budget to the State.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the State shall reimburse the County up to \$2,296.00 for the activities stated in Chapter 86B.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to authorize transferring the Impala that is going out of service at the Sheriff's Department to Emergency Management as offered by Sheriff Haukos.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Berning and carried to approve filling the part time Deputy Sheriff position due to Mr. Loraff's retirement.

Sheriff Haukos reported on various options to outfit emergency vehicles with GPS and the costs associated with each. Sheriff Haukos reported that there is going to be follow-up training on the current mapping and 911 address manual system with emergency personnel. At this time, Sheriff Haukos is recommending continuing with this system and address any concerns through training.

County Engineer Nick Anderson presented the 2009 Annual Report for the Board's review.

Engineer Anderson reported that the Highway Department had approximately \$104,000 worth of damage due to flooding.

Engineer Anderson presented a 2010 construction update, reporting that there will be no stimulus funding this spring. However, the County will still proceed with the planned project.

The 5-Year Highway Planning Meeting was set for 9:00 AM on Monday, July 12, 2010, at the Highway Department.

Engineer Anderson reported that the County was awarded a \$15,109 energy efficient grant to be used to put a new roof on the Clinton shop. Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to proceed with the cold storage addition on the Clinton shop as well, as part of the project.

Following discussion, motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to begin the process to see what can be done regarding the diversion of the Whetstone River.

Environmental Officer Darren Wilke reported that they will be working on a Shoreline Tree Removal Policy and a Wetland Replacement Policy.

Discussion was held on setting up a demolition debris site for flood victims. Environmental Officer Wilke reported that without a Presidential declaration, it will not be allowed.

Environmental Officer Wilke reported that they are sponsoring a livestock producers workshop tomorrow in Graceville.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Berning and carried to adopt the following resolution as presented by Emergency Management Director Jim Hasslen:

2010-16

WHEREAS, the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners and Emergency Management requested assistance from the Wilkin County Board of Commissioners and Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, the Wilkin County Board of Commissioners and Emergency Management graciously donated 15,000 filled sandbags, plastic wrapping and one-ton sandbags; and WHEREAS, the donated supplies significantly helped mitigate flood damage in Big Stone County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners, that Big Stone County does hereby recognize, appreciate and thank Wilkin County Board of Commissioners and Emergency Management for their much needed donation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Auditor prepare a copy of this Resolution for presentation to Wilkin County Board of Commissioners.

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

General	\$77,732.72
Highway	<u>16,182.86</u>
Total	\$93,915.58

Motion by Wulff, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the Consumption and Display Permit and the On Sale Beer and Wine Licenses for Graceville Golf Club.

Discussion was held on applying for credit cards for County Departments through the State Contract. Motion by Wulff, seconded by Olson and carried to execute the

Participating Agency Addendum for the purchasing cards and the CPV Member Addendum for the fuel cards contingent upon Attorney Watson's review and approval.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to support the Dream for Kids Candlelight Vigil Against Child Abuse on April 19, 2010.

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

2010-17

BE IT RESOLVED that Big Stone County act as the legal sponsor for an application for funding to the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for Maintenance of snowmobile trails managed by Big Stone Lake Area Sno Riders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval of its application by the state, Big Stone County may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above referenced project and that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in the agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair of the Big Stone County Commissioners is authorized to sign such an agreement with the Department of Natural Resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Auditor is authorized to serve as the fiscal agent for the above-mentioned project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Big Stone County act as legal sponsor for 32 miles of snowmobile trails in Traverse County beginning North of Graceville and extending North through Wheaton to the White Rock Dam.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Big Stone County act as legal sponsor for 2 miles of snowmobile trails in Traverse County beginning west of Beardsley and extending west to Browns Valley.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to ratify the 6-month lease agreement for a storage shed at Big 12 Storage effective March 30, 2010.

Auditor Knutson reported that the County, as the owner of Toqua Park, received a public hearing notice for Judicial Ditch 14 from the Bois de Sioux Watershed.

Chairman Sandberg adjourned the meeting at 11:23 AM.

Roger Sandberg, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor