

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
May 4, 2010

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, May 4, 2010. Chairman Sandberg called the meeting to order with Commissioners 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 Berning, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the minutes of the April 20th regular meeting.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to approve the agenda with noted addition.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Wulff – JD #4; Food Shelf; Park

Olson – RDC; Flood Assessment Meeting

Commissioner Athey arrived at the meeting.

Sandberg – Flood Assessment Meeting; Technology

Motion by Wulff, seconded by Berning and carried to amend the contract with Vertical Solutions as presented by Attorney Watson.

Athey – Prairie 5

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

General	\$23,339.53
Highway	30,647.75
Ditch	<u>1,262.44</u>
Total	\$55,249.72

Following discussion, motion by Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to advertise for the various farm leases in June to be approved at the first meeting in July to allow affected parties time to plan for the next year.

Commissioner Olson reported that he had attended the City of Ortonville's council meeting where they had discussed cuts to the EDA. Councilman Steve Berkner arrived at the meeting. Following discussion of options for use of County funds currently appropriated to BSAG, Chairman Sandberg appointed Commissioner Olson to meet with the City to continue discussions for a solution for 2011.

Sheriff John Haukos & HR Director Sue Schultz arrived at the meeting.

VSO Dan Meyer provided information on his office's activities during the past month for the Board's review. VSO Meyer asked for authorization to plant 2 red rose bushes in front of the courthouse in honor our Nation's POW/MIAs. Board consensus was to allow the planting.

Vicki Grimli and Lucinda McMahon were present to request funding for the Media Center Coordinator position at the library. Ms. McMahon reviewed the job duties and Ms. Grimli explained the hours and the funds needed to continue. Attorney Watson left the meeting. Board consensus was that the pay for the position seemed high for the job duties and requested that a more accurate job description be developed and graded. Ms. Grimli also requested a 4% increase for the 2011 library budget and additional capital funding for future computer upgrades.

Family Services Director Gale Mittelstaedt arrived at the meeting.

Commissioner Athey provided an update on RSVP. The RSVP Corporation will be suspending the program from July 1 – August 15 until another sponsor can be appointed. The Corporation and Family Services are currently in discussions about RSVP funds covering retirement benefits.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Wulff and carried to authorize the hiring of up to 2 temporary part-time employees for the summer Splash program for up to 16 hours per week at Grade 2 Step 1.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Olson and carried to authorize the hiring of Nicole Siedschlag for the Office Support Specialist position at Grade 4 Step 1 effective May 17, 2010.

Motion by Wulff and seconded by Olson to approve additional clerical hours for Deb Berning at Family Services until the new hire starts. The additional hours are needed due to recent intermittent family medical leave for an employee. Motion carried with Commissioner Berning abstaining.

The Board acknowledged the return of Deputy Sheriff Terry Woods effective May 1, 2010.

HR Director Schultz reported that she will be meeting with Attorney Ann Goering regarding the Employee Handbook this week.

Motion by Olson and seconded by Athey to authorize the hiring of the following for the Part-time Deputy Sheriff call-in list as recommended by Sheriff Haukos:

Jennifer Cronen at Grade 11 Step 1

Kyle Arndt at Grade 11 Step 1

Curt Horman at Grade 11 Step 2

Motion carried with Commissioner Berning abstaining.

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

2010-18

WHEREAS, Big Stone County has applied to the Commissioner of Transportation for a grant from the Minnesota State Transportation Fund for construction of Bridge No. 06J15; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Transportation has given notice that funding for this bridge is available; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the grant has been determined to be \$35,010.00 by reason of the lowest responsible bid.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Big Stone County does hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the grant consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 174.50, subdivision 5, clause (3), and will pay any additional amount by which the cost exceeds the estimate, and will return to the Minnesota State Transportation Fund any amount appropriated for the bridge but not required. The proper county officers are authorized to execute a grant agreement with the Commissioner of Transportation concerning the above-referenced grant.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to execute the grant agreement with the State of Minnesota and MnDOT for the construction of SAP 006-625-009 under the Local Bridge Replacement Program.

Engineer Anderson updated the Board on the problem with weeds in the seeding of Combined Ditch #10/11.

Engineer Anderson reported that the DNR is erecting a wooden sign at the start of the trail by the foot of Big Stone Lake. It will be the "Minnesota River State Trail."

Chairman Sandberg adjourned the meeting at 10:09 AM.

Roger Sandberg, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor