

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
June 1, 2010

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, June 1, 2010. Chairman Sandberg called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Berning, Olson and Wulff present. Also present were County Attorney Bill Watson and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Wulff and carried to approve the minutes of the May 18th regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Wulff – RLF; Extension; RRBC; Food Shelf; Park

Olson – RDC

Sandberg – MSI; Audit

Athey – WACCO; Prairie 5

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

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| General | \$ 36,823.46 |
| Highway | 74,527.10 |
| Ditch | <u>1,357.50</u> |
| Total | \$112,708.06 |

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to execute the Access Agreement for the LifeBenefitsExtra program through Minnesota Life. This is necessary for future billings.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to execute the service agreement with Waste Management for the Family Services Building.

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

2010-20

BE IT RESOLVED that the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners hereby establishes an absentee ballot board and a mail ballot board pursuant to MS §203B.121 for elections held within Big Stone County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Big Stone County Auditor's Office is hereby delegated the authority to appoint members to the ballot boards by appointing a sufficient number of election judges pursuant to §§ 204B.13-204B.22.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Big Stone County Auditor's Office shall appoint an absentee ballot board and a mail ballot board pursuant to this resolution each even-year election beginning with the 2010 election.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Wulff and carried to re-appoint Alice Stielow as a member of the Local Social Services Agency Board.

Discussion was held on the upcoming Water Summit. The Auditor was directed to register Commissioner Sandberg as the County's representative.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to authorize Emergency Management Director Jim Hasslen to sell the 2004 Chevy Impala.

VSO Dan Meyer provided information on his office's activities during the past month for the Board's review. VSO Meyer reported that the 2 red rose bushes in honor of our Nation's POW/MIAs have been planted in front of the courthouse.

Countryside Public Health Administrator Liz Auch updated the Board on her agency's activities and the Statewide Health Improvement Program.

Librarian Vicki Grimli was present to follow-up on her request for funding for the Media Center Coordinator position at the library. Comments were given to Ms. Grimli regarding the vagueness of the job description presented for the position.

Commissioner Olson will forward the Board's comments on to Mr. Houlahan for his review. Motion by Olson and seconded by Wulff to authorize an appropriation of \$1,829.82 for funding through December 31, 2010. Following discussion, motion carried.

Following a break, motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to approve a one-month unpaid leave of absence for Mark Thompson effective June 15-July 16, 2010, as presented by HR Director Sue Schultz.

Motion by Athey and seconded by Olson to authorize additional clerical hours at Extension for current fill-in part-time employees. Motion carried with Commissioner Berning abstaining.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to fill the Community Program Coordinator/Food Shelf position once the job description is completed.

HR Director Schultz updated the Board on the meeting she had with Attorney Darcy Hitesman regarding the County's responsibilities with the new health care bill. Consensus was to allow HR Director Schultz to also work with Stevens County on implementing any new requirements as they have the same reimbursement plan as Big Stone.

HR Director Schultz reminded board members of the special meeting on June 7th with Attorney Ann Goering to review the proposed changes to the employee handbook.

Vince Robinson was present to provide an update on BSAG's activities.

As a follow-up to the 4-6-2010 approval of credit cards through the State Contract, motion by Berning, seconded by Athey and carried to approve the credit card requests of Department Heads Nick Anderson, Gale Mittelstaedt, John Haukos, Dan Meyer, Suzanne Souza and Michelle Knutson.

Chairman Sandberg adjourned the meeting at 11:13 AM.

Roger Sandberg, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor