

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
June 15, 2010

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, June 15, 2010. Chairman Sandberg called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Berning, Olson and Wulff present. 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 June 1st regular meeting, the June 7th special meeting and the June 14th Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Wulff – RC&D; SWMH Consortium; RLF; Park

Olson – Personnel; RDC

Sandberg – Museum; Personnel

Attorney Watson reported that costs and extra expenses will be forthcoming for the trial scheduled in August.

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

General	\$ 65,095.67
Highway	82,341.43
Ditch	205.00
Taxes & Penalties	<u>417.20</u>
Total	\$148,059.30

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

HR Director Schultz presented cost estimates on changes to the benefits section in the employee handbook. Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to send out the proposed changes to the non-union employees for their review and input.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to implement the County's cell phone policy regarding the taxability of personal use effective July 1st.

Following a break, Extension representatives Suzanne Souza and Brian McNeill were present to provide an update. Mr. McNeill introduced himself as the County's new Regional Extension Educator due to some restructuring at Extension. Ms. Souza provided an update on 4-H enrollment and upcoming activities.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to approve the installation of a stop sign at the intersection of 1st Street & Fair Street in the City of Clinton per their request to County Engineer Nick Anderson.

Engineer Anderson reported on various department activities.

Discussion was held on County Ditch #2. The permit to put the weir in was approved. However, there are some concerns that there will be ongoing issues with the height of it.

At 10:00 AM with various bidders and Highway Technicians present, Engineer Anderson opened and read the following bids received:

CP 06-678-009, Dixon St & SAP 06-603-009

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Bituminous Paving	\$1,301,803.25
Central Specialties	\$1,213,480.77
Mark Sand & Gravel	\$1,476,830.25

SAP 06-625-09

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Commerford Gravel	\$148,124.45
Landwehr Construction	\$147,483.89
States Border Turf	\$129,057.45

Technicians Mark Dietz, Terry LaVoi, and Derrick Loeschke took the bids to the Auditor's office for review and tabulation.

Commissioner Olson and Attorney Watson left the meeting.

Engineer Anderson reported that they will be interviewing for the temporary part-time shop position on Friday.

Bids will be awarded at the next meeting.

Chairman Sandberg adjourned the meeting at 10:25 AM.

Roger Sandberg, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor