

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
Highway Department Five-Year Plan Meeting
July 12, 2010

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the conference room at the Highway Department at 9:00 AM on Monday, July 12, 2010. Chairman Sandberg called the meeting to order with Commissioners Olson and Wulff present. Also present were Lon Moen, Mark Dietz, Derrick Loeschke, Terry LaVoi, Gary Haugen, Toby Reiffenberger, Chad Gillespie, County Engineer Nick Anderson, and County Auditor Michelle Knutson.

Engineer Anderson reviewed the 5-year plan for road construction. Commissioner Athey arrived at the meeting. Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to approve the plan as presented with the exception of flattening the curves on County Road #63.

Engineer Anderson reviewed the status of current highway projects. Discussion was held on County right-of-way. A portion of the County has been signed.

The 5-year plan for major equipment expenditures was presented. Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to authorize the 2011 purchase as listed.

Motion by Wulff, seconded by Olson and carried to execute the contract with Central Specialties, Inc. for projects SAP 006-603-009, CP 006-678-009 and Dixon Street.

Engineer Anderson reported that \$680,000 in Hazard Elimination State (HES) and Hazard Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds were awarded to our 12-county district for safety projects. The engineering and administering of the contract will be done by Big Stone County.

Engineer Anderson provided an update on right-of-way marking. There is an inventory of where signs were installed and 60 are missing. Discussion followed on how to follow up with the issues.

Engineer Anderson reviewed the financial condition of the Highway Department to date.

Motion by Wulff, seconded by Olson and carried to adopt the Haying Permit Policy as presented.

Discussion was held on the weir project on County Ditch #2 and a needed clean-out. Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to ratify the authorization for \$3,000 for an emergency clean-out. In addition, motion by Wulff, seconded by Olson and carried to authorize an additional \$5,000 for additional clean out expenditures. The ditch will need to borrow from the General Fund to complete the projects.

Engineer Anderson reported that he is currently reviewing the viewer's report for the County Ditch #13 improvement so it should be installed this fall.

Engineer Anderson updated the Board on various department activities.

The meeting continued with a road tour around the County.

Chairman Sandberg declared the meeting adjourned at 3:09 PM.

ATTEST: _____

Roger Sandberg, Chairman

Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor