

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
July 20, 2010

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, July 20, 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 Wulff, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the minutes of the July 6th regular meeting.

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

Attorney Jason Lina arrived at the meeting.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Wulff – MRB; Park

Berning – Personnel; Supporting Hands; CSPH

Olson – Personnel (2); BSAG

Sandberg – Personnel (3); Technology

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to approve the termination agreement with Vertical Solutions including the changes that were recommended by Attorneys Watson and Lina during the discussion in the meeting. Commissioner Olson expressed the County's appreciation for all of Curt Johnson's work and wished him well with his future endeavors.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Wulff and carried to execute the 5-year farm lease with James and Marty Stotesbery of farm land in Section 31 of Browns Valley Township.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to execute the right-of-way easement agreement with Ottertail on the County's property by the Beardsley shop contingent upon the County Engineer's approval.

Attorney Watson left the meeting.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to execute the contract with Safe Assure for assistance with meeting the County's safety training requirements effective July 2010 – June 2011 as presented by EMD Jim Hasslen.

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

General	\$55,094.70
Highway	7,294.12
State	<u>10.00</u>
Total	\$62,398.82

Motion by Wulff, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the On Sale Liquor License for Club 7-75.

Motion by Wulff, seconded by Olson and carried to approve a 1-year assessment agreement with Malta Township.

Auditor Knutson provided an update on the 2010 reductions to County Program Aid (\$99,177) and Market Value Credit (\$76,092).

Motion by Athey, seconded by Berning and carried to ratify Mark Thompson's return to work on June 29, 2010, from his unpaid leave of absence.

Commissioner Sandberg reported that HR Director Sue Schultz was meeting with the Stevens County Board of Commissioners to discuss the possibility of sharing HR and IT Services.

Commissioner Olson reported that there is going to be a presentation at MSI regarding a new approach to recycling. Noting his conflict of interest, Commissioner Olson stated he and Commissioner Sandberg will be attending the presentation on behalf of the County's Environmental Committee.

The remainder of the meeting was spent reviewing the 2011 budget.

Attorney Watson returned with the revised copies of the Vertical Solutions Agreement and the Farm Lease.

Chairman Sandberg adjourned the meeting at 9:34 AM.

Roger Sandberg, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor