

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
July 6, 2010

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, July 6, 2010. Chairman Sandberg called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, 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 Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to approve the minutes of the June 15th regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Wulff – PIC; Park

Olson – RDC; Dream for Kids; BSAG

Sandberg – Technology; MSI

Athey – Fair Board; TAC; Prairie 5 Rides

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

2010-22

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that nursing homes and assisted living facilities may operate on behalf of their residents ,who are physically disabled, low speed vehicles such as golf cars and motorized wheelchairs on the Minnesota River Headwaters Recreational Trail.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to execute the purchase agreement with David and Lisa Sayles for a 12 foot strip of land by the Clinton Shop as presented by Attorney Watson.

VSO Dan Meyer provided information on his office's activities during the past month for the Board's review.

EJ Moberg of the State Auditor's Office was present for the exit interview on the County's 2009 audit. He reported that they issued an unqualified opinion on the 2009 Big Stone County Financial Statements. Sheriff John Haukos was also present.

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

General	\$107,512.39
Highway	65,593.00
Ditch	<u>3,070.00</u>
Total	\$176,175.39

Motion by Berning, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize the following internal transactions:

Ditch to Highway	\$2,130.43
County Ditch #2	\$1,002.80
County Ditch #8	\$ 167.30
County Ditch #13	\$ 186.37
County Ditch #30	\$ 132.30
Combined Ditch #10/11	\$ 127.22
Joint Ditch #4	\$ 514.44

General to Highway \$4,598.29

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried that the financial statements be approved and ordered published. Commissioners expressed their appreciation of the accuracy and diligence of the Auditor and fiscal staff.

Motion by Olson and seconded by Wulff to reappoint Brent Hasslen to the Upper Minnesota River Watershed Board of Managers for a 3-year term. Following discussion, motion carried with Commissioner Athey voting Nay.

Auditor Knutson reported that the following bids had been received for the farm lease of the Rieck gravel pit:

Scott Doschadis	\$82/acre
Kenneth Kellen	\$81/acre
Kenneth Hendricks	\$75/acre
James & Marty Stotesbery	\$112/acre

Motion by Wulff, seconded by Athey and carried to accept the high bid of \$112/acre by James and Marty Stotesbery.

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

Motion by Athey, seconded by Berning and carried to adopt the following resolution as presented by Treasurer Cindy Nelson:

2010-23

WHEREAS, the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners desires to offer for sale certain parcels of land that have forfeited to the State of Minnesota for non-payment of taxes; and

WHEREAS, said parcels of land have been viewed by the County Board of Commissioners and have been classified as non-conservation lands as provided for in Minnesota Statute 282.01.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners hereby certifies that all parcels of land on the attached list have been viewed and comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 85.012, 92.461, 282.01, Subd. 8 and 282.018 and other statutes that require the withholding of tax-forfeited lands from sale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners hereby requests approval from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the sale of said lands.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to execute the Satellite Office Agreement with the State of Minnesota for UCCs as presented by Recorder Elaine Martig.

Following a break, Don Kleven of the US Fish & Wildlife was present to request certification of acquisition of lands for habitat easements in Odessa and Otrey Townships. Bruce Freske of US Fish was also present. Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to certify for acquisition the following described property:

1. T121N, R45W, 5th P.M., Section 10, part of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$; Section 15, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, part of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$.
2. T122N, R45W, 5th P.M., Section 19, GL 17; Section 20, GL 4; Section 29, part of GL 2, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$; Section 30, part of GL 1 and part of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

Mr. Freske introduced himself. He replaced Steve Delehanty in the Morris office.

HR Director Sue Schultz reported that Jacob Berger was hired as the temporary worker at the Highway Department under the County Engineer's annual resolution.

HR Director Schultz provided an update on the Community Resources Program Coordinator. Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the Job Description at a Grade 9 pending approval from Merit System and AFSCME and to begin the hiring process.

Motion by Wulff, seconded by Olson and carried to award the bid on SAP 06-625-09 to States Border Turf.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to award the bid on CP 06-678-009, Dixon St & SAP 06-603-009 to Central Specialties.

County Engineer Nick Anderson reported that the County needs to reapply for a permit for the weir on County Ditch #2 because it needs to be installed closer to the box culvert. Due to recent rains and the actual flow of the water, there may be issues with getting the permit. Following discussion, consensus was that this will need to be resolved between the DNR and the Watershed.

The Board will be going on the County road tour following the 5-year plan meeting on Monday, July 12th.

HR Director Schultz presented the Retiree Section of the Handbook for the Board's review. Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve Section 700 of the Handbook as presented. The approved changes will affect all current employees when they retire, not current retirees.

Board consensus was that they will approve sections as they are completed.

Motion by Wulff, seconded by Olson and carried to adopt the revised Big Stone County Credit Card Policy as presented.

Motion by Athey and seconded by Berning to refer a received data practices complaint to the Welfare Board for a response. Following discussion, motion carried.

Chairman Sandberg adjourned the meeting at 10:40 AM.

Roger Sandberg, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor