

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
August 3, 2010

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, August 3, 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 Wulff and carried to approve the minutes of the July 12th highway 5-year plan meeting and the July 20th regular meeting.

Motion by Wulff, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the agenda with noted additions.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Wulff – Pomme de Terre

Olson – Environmental (MSI); Personnel (3)

Sandberg – Land Records; Environmental (MSI); Personnel (3); RRB

Athey – Prairie 5; WACCO

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to authorize Attorney Watson to send the written response he drafted to Mr. Richard Mueller regarding his on-going property concerns.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to offer \$500 for the purchase of right-of-way along CSAH 78 currently owned by Steve Barr.

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

Vicki Grimli from the Library was present to request additional funding for 2011.

SWCD representatives Tammy Neubauer, Darrin Welle, Holly Wellendorf and Travis Issendorf presented the District's 2011 budget and other financial information for the Board's review.

Following a break, Building Maintenance Supervisor Jim Hasslen was present to update the Board on work that needs to be done in the courthouse. The Board provided direction on prioritizing the various projects.

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

General	\$11,829.94
Highway	<u>23,453.24</u>
Total	\$35,283.18

Auditor Knutson reported that the following bids had been received for the 2004 Chevy Impala: \$400 – Keith Giese; \$500 – Myhres Garage; \$107.56 – Travis Fitzner. Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to accept the high bid of \$500 from Myhres Garage.

Treasurer Cindy Nelson was present to request that the Board establish appraised values for the tax forfeited property. Motion by Athey, seconded by Wulff and carried to approve the following values:

Parcel No.	Amount
16-0101-000	\$ 2,500
17-0091-000	\$ 500

18-0007-000	\$ 4,100
13-0293-000	\$45,000

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the new items for display in the rotunda by the Big Stone Arts Council.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to execute the contract with States Borders Construction for SAP 006-625-009.

Auditor Knutson reported that notice was received that the County's 2010 MCIT dividend will be \$79,803 and is allocated as follows: Workers' Compensation \$32,739 and Property/Casualty \$47,064.

Discussion was held on salvage issues with Ry's Diesel Repair by Toqua Park.

Commissioner Wulff reported that he had been contacted by Moonshine Township with concerns regarding noxious weeds. Wulff will advise the township to contact Attorney Watson for assistance.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Wulff and carried to approve the intermittent, unpaid leave request of Rhonda Beckman for August 1 – November 1, 2010.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to execute the Agreement for the Sharing of a County Human Resources Director with Stevens County contingent upon the County Attorney's review.

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

2010-24

WHEREAS the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners has requested temporary assistance from the Stevens County IT Director; and

WHEREAS the purpose of said assistance shall be to:

- 1) Complete a comprehensive assessment of the existing Big Stone County technology equipment and practices.
- 2) Recommend an action plan to meet the future needs of Big Stone County related to IT services.
- 3) Assist in the recruitment and selection of necessary IT staff in Big Stone County.
- 4) Provide additional oversight and guidance during the probationary period of any new IT employees in Big Stone County.

WHEREAS the Stevens County Board of Commissioners agrees to allow the IT Director to provide said services to Big Stone County under the following conditions:

- 1) The Stevens County IT Director is able and willing to provide such services without sacrificing the needs of Stevens County. Work schedules and priorities shall be set by the IT Director.
- 2) The IT Director shall track actual time and expenses and Stevens County shall invoice Big Stone County for reimbursement of actual costs associated to work for Big Stone County.
- 3) The agreement shall remain in effect until December 31, 2010 unless either party indicates that assistance is no longer required or no longer feasible.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners hereby agrees to reimburse Stevens County for the IT services received by Big Stone County per the described conditions in this resolution.

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

Discussion was held on the probation budget that was presented. Motion by Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to meet with a probation officer and representatives from the 4 other counties who share probation services to review the budget and address some concerns. Commissioner Berning will represent Big Stone County.

Chairman Sandberg adjourned the meeting at 11:17 AM.

Roger Sandberg, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor