

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
September 21, 2010

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, September 21, 2010. Chairman Sandberg called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Berning, Olson and Wulff present. Also present were Wes Herberg, 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 September 7th regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Wulff – RC&D; CEOB; JD 4; MRB; PIC; BSAG

Berning – Countryside

Olson – RDC-Broadband; Dream for Kids; JD 4

Sandberg – Museum

Athey – JD 4

Wes Herberg was present to request funding towards constructing a building on the fairgrounds for the Big Stone Olde Power & Machine Club. Commissioner Olson will contact Vince Robinson at BSAG to see if there are any available funding options.

Extension representatives Suzanne Souza, Heidi Torgerson and Bob Byrnes were present to provide an update. Mr. Byrnes introduced himself as the County's new Regional Director due to the retirement of Kay Stanek. Torgerson and Souza provided updates on their respective programs, nutrition education and 4-H. Following the updates, motion by Wulff, seconded by Athey and carried to execute a 3-year Memorandum of Agreement with the University of MN Extension.

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

General	\$33,945.64
Highway	39,901.40
Ditch	<u>102.50</u>
Total	\$73,949.54

Motion by Athey, seconded by Wulff and carried to execute the FY 2011 Snowmobile Maintenance Grant Agreement for the Big Stone Lake Area Sno Riders with the MN DNR.

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

Auditor Knutson presented a thank you received from local artists for the County's support of the Meander Art Crawl. The Board was also presented with a special edition print of the Milan Bridge by Lucy Tokheim, the 2010 Meander featured artist.

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

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BE IT RESOLVED, that all parcels of tax-forfeited land listed on the List of Tax-Forfeited Land #10-2 be classified as non-conservation land; that the basic sale price of each parcel on the List of Tax-Forfeited Land #10-2, that is on file with the Clerk of the County Board, be approved and authorization for a public sale of this land be granted, pursuant to M.S. 282.01; that the sale will be held at 9:00 AM, Friday, October 22, 2010, by the Big Stone County Treasurer at the Big Stone County Courthouse, for not less than the basic sale price; and that full payment is required at the time of the sale.

Motion by Wulff, seconded by Athey and carried to approve the request of Jeff Herberg to tile through County land north of the landfill contingent upon the approval of Attorney Watson once he has reviewed the landfill agreement with the MPCA.

A brief discussion was held on Countryside Public Health and BSAG office space concerns.

Chairman Sandberg called the public hearing to review and adopt the County's updated All-Hazard Mitigation Plan to order with Kate Meyer of the RDC and EMD Jim Hasslen present. Ms. Meyer reviewed the new updates to the Plan. Chairman Sandberg closed the hearing. Motion by Athey, seconded by Berning and carried to adopt the following resolution:

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WHEREAS, Big Stone County has participated in the hazard mitigation planning process as established under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, and

WHEREAS, the Act establishes a framework for the development of a County Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Act as part of the planning process requires public involvement and local coordination among neighboring local units of government and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Big Stone County Plan includes a risk assessment including past hazards, hazards that threaten the County, an estimate of structures at risk, a general description of land uses and development trends; and

WHEREAS, the Big Stone County Plan includes a mitigation strategy including goals and objectives and an action plan identifying specific mitigation projects and costs; and

WHEREAS, the Big Stone County Plan includes a maintenance or implementation process including plan updates, integration of the plan into other planning documents and how Big Stone County will maintain public participation and coordination; and

WHEREAS, the Plan has been shared with the Minnesota Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for review and comment; and

WHEREAS, the Big Stone County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan will make the county and participating jurisdictions eligible to receive FEMA hazard mitigation assistance grants; and

WHEREAS, the Big Stone County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan updates the existing All-Hazard Mitigation Plan adopted in May 2005; and

WHEREAS, this is a multi-jurisdictional Plan and cities that participated in the planning process may choose to also adopt the County Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Big Stone County supports the hazard mitigation planning effort and wishes to adopt the Big Stone County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

County Engineer Nick Anderson presented a draft settlement agreement he received from the DNR regarding County Ditch #2. Consensus was that the County can not sign the agreement as drafted. However, Anderson reported that Mr. Wright and he agreed that the County could move forward with the box culvert in good faith while the County reviewed the DNR's proposed agreement. Attorney Watson will review the agreement and respond to the DNR with the concerns.

Discussion was held on the City of Clinton's concerns with a building on their main street. Since the building is not tax-forfeited property, the City will have to address their concerns with the owner. Engineer Anderson reported that there is no record of a common wall in the deeds he reviewed.

Following discussion on the blade budgeted for in 2011, board consensus was to hold off on purchasing it until 2011.

Chairman Sandberg adjourned the meeting at 10:23 AM.

Roger Sandberg, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor