

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
January 18, 2011

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, January 18, 2011. Chairman Athey called the meeting to order with Commissioners Berning, Olson, Sandberg 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 Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the minutes of the January 4th re-organizational meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Olson – PrimeWest; DREAM for Kids; Personnel

Sandberg – Property/Purchasing/Safety; Technology

Athey – Personnel; SWCD

Wulff – BSAG; RLF; Pomme de Terre

Berning – Countryside Public Health

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to re-appoint Dr. Robert Ross as Coroner for a 4-year term as required by statute.

County Assessor Sandy Vold was present to request the Board set the date for the Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting. Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to set the meeting for Monday, June 13th at 7:00 PM.

Keith Anderson arrived at the meeting.

Emergency Management Director Jim Hasslen reported on the meeting he had with Sheriff John Haukos and Commissioners Berning and Sandberg regarding potential flooding and response plans. A letter will be sent to area property owners outlining the County priorities and to provide notice that they will be responsible for their own sandbagging supplies. They will have the option to purchase sandbags from the County for a set fee. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Berning and carried to purchase 20,000 sandbags and poly liners.

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

General	\$22,573.86
Highway	24,475.38
Ditch	1,350.00
State	<u>700.00</u>
Total	\$49,099.24

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to execute the agreement with Countryside Public Health for tobacco compliance checks.

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

Discussion was held on establishing an adhoc committee to discuss possible restructuring of county offices.

Mr. Anderson requested that the County's snow removal routes be made available to the public. Discussion followed on the routes.

Chairman Athey adjourned the meeting at 10:06 AM.

Wade Athey, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor