

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

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, October 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 Berning, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the minutes of the October 4th regular meeting.

Motion by Wulff, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the agenda with noted addition for a closed session for labor negotiation strategy.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Olson – PrimeWest; Planning & Zoning

Sandberg – Beyond the Yellow Ribbon; Museum; CBSL; Property

Athey – Planning & Zoning

Wulff – RLF; Toqua Park

Berning – Supporting Hands; Countryside Public Health

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

BNSF Railway Company	\$ 2,195.60
Computer Professionals Unlimited	4,029.55
Kandiyohi County	4,360.00
Ottertail County	10,658.74
Rain for Rent	5,713.42
Schuneman Equipment Company	2,268.40
Sullivan Excavating	3,132.12
Traverse County	2,250.00
Tri-County Co-op	2,183.28
Waste Management	8,600.38
West Con	3,580.21
54 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>14,150.17</u>
Total	\$ 63,121.87

Motion by Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to authorize the following internal transactions:

Ditch to Highway	\$ 1,048.13
County Ditch 2	\$ 94.15
County Ditch 12	\$ 34.00
County Ditch 13	\$ 80.15
County Ditch 30	\$ 533.23
Joint Ditch 4	\$ 306.60
General to Highway	\$ 6,634.82

Motion by Berning, seconded by Wulff and carried to approve the 2011 tobacco license application for TD & C Inc dba Cenex-Ortonville effective October 25th.

Motion by Wulff, seconded by Sandberg and carried to execute the FY 2012 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.

Discussion was held on who would be attending the annual AMC conference. Since Commissioner Wulff is the only commissioner attending, motion by Sandberg, seconded by Berning and carried to appoint him as the MCIT voting delegate with no alternate.

Environmental Officer Darren Wilke reported on the recent Planning Commission meeting regarding the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application of the Wheaton-Dumont Coop Elevator. Philip Deal from the Elevator was also present. Motion by Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to approve the CUP as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to close the meeting at 9:08 AM to discuss labor negotiation strategy. Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to reopen the meeting at 9:22 AM.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to authorize approximately \$6,000 for silt removal on County Ditch 30.

Engineer Anderson updated the Board on the request of the Big Stone Colony to resolve the property issue by Toqua Park. Motion by Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to authorize Attorney Watson and Engineer Anderson to acquire the .8 acres of right-of-way and the costs to finalize it.

Chairman Athey adjourned the meeting at 9:49 AM.

Wade Athey, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor