

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
February 1, 2011

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, February 1, 2011. Chairman Athey called the meeting to order with Commissioners Olson and Wulff present. Commissioner Sandberg arrived during committee reports. Commissioner Berning was absent. 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 January 18th regular meeting.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to approve the agenda with noted addition.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Olson – Pioneerland Library; Supporting Hands; RDC; DREAM for Kids/Early Childhood; Personnel

Sandberg – MSI; CBSL; Food Shelf; RRB

Athey – Personnel; Prairie 5

Attorney Watson reported that he has sent notice to FSA and SWCD that the County will not be renewing their leases after November 30th.

Environmental Officer Darren Wilke reported that the Planning Commission is down to 9 members following the recent passing of Richard Thomson. Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to recommend that the Planning Commission consider changing the ordinance to have 9 members instead of 11.

Upon the recommendation of Sheriff John Haukos, motion by Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to approve the Resignation and Settlement Agreement with Dispatcher Patricia Stangeland. The Board expressed their thanks for her years of service. With the resignation, Sheriff Haukos reported that an additional 34 hours per week would be handled by Kandiyohi County.

Motion by Wulff, seconded by Sandberg and carried to adopt the following resolution and execute the grant agreements:

2011-08

BE IT RESOLVED by Big Stone County that the County enter into the Grant Contracts with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) to conduct the following FY11 CVSO Veterans Service Enhancement Projects:

Outreach & Reintegration & Collaboration & Marketing/Advertising

Outreach & Marketing/Advertising (Radio)

Outreach & Marketing/Advertising (Newspaper)

The grants must be used to enhance the operations of the County Veterans Service Office under Minn. Stat. §197.608 Subd. 4 (a), and should not be used to supplant or replace other funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by Big Stone County that Dan Meyer, the Big Stone County Veterans Service Officer, be authorized to execute the Grant Contracts for the above-mentioned Projects on behalf of the County.

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

County Recorder Elaine Martig provided the Board with reports on fees collected and vital statistics for 2009 and 2010. Martig reported that her office continues to be in compliance with the recording requirements set by statute in 2007 and is expecting new software for several areas in her office.

Recorder Martig requested that the Board set fees for emailing documents similar to the current fax fees. Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to set the following fees for phone and email information requests in the Recorder's Office:

\$.50/page with a \$2.00 minimum
\$5.00 per email or fax

Upon the request of County Treasurer Cindy Nelson, motion by Sandberg, seconded by Wulff and carried to authorize the purchase and installation of a payment drop box by the north door of the Courthouse.

IT Systems Technician Terry Ocaña provided an update on the County's new email system. The new system allows archiving of all emails so the County is in compliance with federal guidelines.

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

General	\$47,747.51
Highway	<u>18,609.70</u>
Total	\$66,357.21

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Wulff and carried to appoint Kesha Schweer as the youth representative to the Extension Committee for a 2-year term.

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

Auditor Knutson presented information on proposed cuts to 2011 State aid and credits.

Discussion was held on possible members for the adhoc committee to discuss possible restructuring of county offices. Appointments will be made at the next meeting. Motion by Wulff, seconded by Olson and carried to appoint Commissioners Sandberg and Olson as the Board's representatives to the committee.

Chairman Athey adjourned the meeting at 2:26 PM.

Wade Athey, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor