

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**March 1, 2011**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, March 1, 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 and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the minutes of the February 15<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Olson – RDC; Personnel  
Sandberg – MSI; CBSL  
Athey – Fair Board; Prairie 5  
Wulff – Extension

Motion by Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to approve the revised Credit Card Policy as presented.

Discussion was held on the hiring of a part-time employee to assist at Toqua Park. A decision was tabled until the Park Committee can meet with Human Resources to establish the job duties.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Sandberg and carried to execute the Labor Agreements with the union groups for 2011 as presented.

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

CDW Government	\$ 2,012.91
Law Enforcement Technology Group	3,439.08
West Con	2,789.65
34 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>12,911.10</u>
Total	\$21,152.74

Auditor Knutson presented year-to-date financial information.

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

City of Ortonville representatives Steve Berkner and Tim Scherer were present for a discussion on sandbagging and preparing for potential flooding.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to amend the 2011 budget for the inadvertent omission of the City of Graceville project as presented by County Engineer Nick Anderson. The amendment includes a \$660,000 increase to Intergovernmental Revenue with the same amount added to Construction Expenditures creating a net effect of zero.

A follow-up discussion was held on the request to tile through County Road 33. Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to allow the completion of the project due to the fact that the project has proceeded to this point, but only with boring as it is a tar road. Consensus was that there needs to be more communication before the permit is approved by the Watershed District. The Board stated that the District should develop a more comprehensive permitting process.

Engineer Anderson reported that they will be seeding approximately 18 miles along various county and joint ditches.

Discussion was held on the proposed revocation of various roads on the state aid system, the status of park road funds and township signing reflectivity standards.

Chairman Athey adjourned the meeting at 10:08 AM.

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Wade Athey, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor