

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**March 15, 2011**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, March 15, 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 March 1<sup>st</sup> regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Olson – RDC/HRA; Planning & Zoning; Dream for Kids; BSAG Local Foods

Sandberg – Audit (2); CBSL

Athey – Planning & Zoning

Wulff – Pomme de Terre; RLF; BSAG

Berning – Countryside Public Health

Motion by Wulff, seconded by Sandberg and carried to appoint Commissioners Olson and Berning as the County's representatives to the collaboration meeting with area officials and representatives from the Center for Small Towns.

Attorney Watson reported that they are working on a contract with the BCA for e-charging and will bring it to the next meeting for approval.

Attorney Watson informed the Board that due to an upcoming termination of parental rights case, there will be expenditures for expert witnesses. This will be discussed further at the Welfare Board meeting.

Environmental Officer Darren Wilke reported that the Planning Commission is recommending approval of the conditional use permit (CUP) for the Oakes Boarding Kennel. Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the CUP application as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Discussion was held on the County landfill. Motion by Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to authorize the County's intent to transfer ownership of the landfill to the State of Minnesota with the condition that they are responsible for updating the abstract, filing the plat and other necessary procedures to complete the transaction.

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

Computer Professionals Unlimited	\$ 3,793.33
RDO Equipment Co	2,297.81
Royal Tire Inc	7,656.57
Office of the State Auditor	4,275.13
Traverse County	2,700.00
Tri County Co-op Oil Assn	3,040.68
West Con	29,370.18
Ziegler Inc	2,043.48
52 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>12,350.90</u>
Total	<u>\$67,528.08</u>

Motion by Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to offer a letter of support for business initiatives in Beardsley as requested for a small grant application to the State of Minnesota.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the technology purchases as presented by County Recorder Elaine Martig. The expenditures will be taken out the of the Recorder's Technology Fund Reserve.

County Engineer Nick Anderson presented various resolutions for the Board's approval.

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

**2011-10**

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MN/DOT), and the City of Ortonville and Big Stone County wish to partner in the operation of a Sand/Salt Building; and

WHEREAS, said partners have prepared a partnership agreement to address the day to day operations; and

WHEREAS, the County of Big Stone has received the aforementioned agreement.

NOW, THERFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the County of Big Stone that the Board does hereby authorize the Chairman and Clerk to execute the Sand/Salt agreement with MN/DOT.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to adopt the following resolution regarding the Joint Powers Agreement for the Administration of Federal HSIP Safety Grant Project S.P. 088-070-024:

**2011-11**

IT IS RESOLVED that Big Stone County enter into a Joint Powers agreement with the Eleven Mn/DOT District 4 counties of Becker, Big Stone, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Mahnommen, Pope, Otter Tail, Stevens, Swift, and Traverse for the following Purpose:

Define the rights and obligations of each county for the delivery of project S.P. 088-070-024, a district wide federal highway safety project that will provide safety improvements in the form of pavement markings, rumble stripes, and signing on selected eligible highway routes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper County officers be and hereby are authorized to execute such agreement and any amendments, and thereby assume for and on behalf of the County all of the obligations contained therein.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to adopt the following resolution:

**2011-12**

WHEREAS, it appears to the County Board of the County of Big Stone that the road hereinafter described should be revoked as a County Highway under the provisions of Minnesota Laws.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of the County of Big Stone that the road described as follows, to-wit:

**REVOKE COUNTY STATE AID HIGHWAY NO. 2**

Beginning at a point on US 75 at or near the NW corner of Section 27-124N-46W; thence along the center line of the established public road

described as follows: From said point of beginning extending easterly along or near the N line of Sections 27, 26 and 25-124N-46W and the N section line of Sections 30, 29 and 28-124N-45W, to a point approximately at the NE corner of said Section 28-124N-45W; and there terminating. be, and hereby is revoked as a County State Aid Highway of said County, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of Minnesota.

ESTABLISH COUNTY HIGHWAY NO. 54

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to forward two certified copies of this resolution to the Commissioner of Transportation for his consideration, and that upon his approval of the designation of said road or portion thereof, that same be constructed, improved and maintained with county funds as a County Highway of the County of Big Stone, to be numbered and known as County Highway No. 54.

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

**2011-13**

WHEREAS, it appears to the County Board of the County of Big Stone that the road hereinafter described should be revoked as a County Highway under the provisions of Minnesota Laws.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of the County of Big Stone that the road described as follows, to-wit:

REVOKE COUNTY HIGHWAY NO. 63

Beginning at a point at or near the SE corner of Section 7-122N-46W; thence along the center line of the established public road described as follows: From said point of beginning extending northerly along or near the E line of Sections 7 and 6-122N-46W; and continuing N along the E line of Sections 31, 30 and 19-123N-46W, to a point approximately at the NE corner of said Section 19-123N-46W; and there terminating.

be, and hereby is revoked as a County Highway of said County, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of Minnesota.

ESTABLISH COUNTY STATE AID HIGHWAY NO. 35

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to forward two certified copies of this resolution to the Commissioner of Transportation for his consideration, and that upon his approval of the designation of said road or portion thereof, that same be constructed, improved and maintained with county state aid funds as a County Highway of the County of Big Stone, to be numbered and known as County State Aid Highway No. 35.

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

**2011-14**

WHEREAS, it appears to the County Board of the County of Big Stone that the road hereinafter described should be revoked as a County Highway under the provisions of Minnesota Laws.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of the County of Big Stone that the road described as follows, to-wit:

REVOKE COUNTY HIGHWAY NO. 78

Beginning at a point at or near the SE corner of Section 4-121N-46W; thence along the center line of the established public road described as follows: From said point of beginning extending westerly along or near the S line of Section 4-121N-46W for ½ mile to the intersection of Minnesota Street within the corporate limits of Ortonville, MN; thence continuing N along the established County Highway and the N-S half section line of Section 4-121N-46W; to a point approximately at ½ section line on the N line of Section 4-121N-46W; and there terminating.

be, and hereby is revoked as a County Highway of said County, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of Minnesota.

ESTABLISH COUNTY STATE AID HIGHWAY NO. 37

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to forward two certified copies of this resolution to the Commissioner of Transportation for his consideration, and that upon his approval of the designation of said road or portion thereof, that same be constructed, improved and maintained with county state aid funds as a County Highway of the County of Big Stone, to be numbered and known as County State Aid Highway No. 37.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to adopt the following resolution:

**2011-15**

WHEREAS, it appears to the County Board of the County of Big Stone that the road hereinafter described should be revoked as a County Highway under the provisions of Minnesota Laws.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of the County of Big Stone that the road described as follows, to-wit:

REVOKE COUNTY STATE AID HIGHWAY NO. 36

Beginning at a point on TH 7 at or near the NW¼ corner of the SW¼SW¼ of Section 32-121N-44W; thence along the center line of the established public road described as follows: From said point of beginning extending northerly along or near the W line of Sections 32, 29, 20 and 17-121N-44W; to a point approximately at the NW corner of said Section 17-121N-44W; and there terminating.

be, and hereby is revoked as a County State Aid Highway of said County, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of Minnesota.

ESTABLISH COUNTY STATE AID HIGHWAY NO. 23

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to forward two certified copies of this resolution to the Commissioner of Transportation for his consideration, and that upon his approval of the designation of said road or portion thereof, that same be constructed, improved and maintained with

county state aid funds as a County State Aid Highway of the County of Big Stone, to be numbered and known as County State Aid Highway No. 23.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Wulff and carried to adopt the following resolution:

**2011-16**

WHEREAS, it appears to the County Board of the County of Big Stone that the road hereinafter described should be revoked as a County Highway under the provisions of Minnesota Laws.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of the County of Big Stone that the road described as follows, to-wit:

REVOKE COUNTY HIGHWAY NO. 66

Beginning at a point on CSAH 21 at or near the NW corner of Section 27-124N-45W; thence along the center line of the established public road described as follows: From said point of beginning extending easterly along or near the N line of Sections 27, 26 and 25-124N-45W, to a point approximately at the NE corner of said Section 25-124N-45W; and there terminating.

be, and hereby is revoked as a County Highway of said County, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of Minnesota.

ESTABLISH COUNTY HIGHWAY NO. 54

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to forward two certified copies of this resolution to the Commissioner of Transportation for his consideration, and that upon his approval of the designation of said road or portion thereof, that same be constructed, improved and maintained with county funds as a County Highway of the County of Big Stone, to be numbered and known as County Highway No. 54.

Motion by Wulff, seconded by Olson and carried to authorize payment to Resource Data Services as an auditor warrant when the invoice is received to take advantage of a 3% discount.

Chairman Athey adjourned the meeting at 9:32 AM.

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Wade Athey, Chairman

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