

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
May 17, 2011

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, May 17, 2011. Chairman Athey called the meeting to order with Commissioners Berning, Olson, Sandberg and Wulff present. Also present were Elsie Perrine, 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 May 3rd regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Olson – PrimeWest; Dream for Kids; BSAG

Sandberg – Audit

Athey – WACCO; Toqua Park

Wulff – RC&D; BSAG; MRB; Toqua Park

Berning – Countryside

Attorney Watson provided information on the bid process and reported that he has reviewed the Declaration regarding the landfill that is on the agenda later in the meeting.

Bruce Casey from MCIT presented the 2010 member report.

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

Big Stone SWCD	\$ 2,550.00
BNSF Railway Company	5,240.55
Computer Professionals Unlimited	3,907.33
Hancock Concrete Products	15,496.88
Kandiyohi County	2,915.00
Office Peeps	2,272.35
Pictometry	14,743.15
Prairie Lakes Youth Programs	3,040.00
Schraders Law Enforcement Supply	4,123.40
Tri-County Coop Oil	2,028.38
Waste Management	8,600.38
West Con	11,877.55
59 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>16,064.62</u>
Total	<u>\$92,859.59</u>

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

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the new cell phone policy as presented by IT Systems Technician Terry Ocaña. The policy will replace the current policy included in Section 320 of the Employee Handbook. Ocaña pointed out that Department Heads will need to be mindful of what is actually needed to conduct county business when purchasing equipment and features.

Environmental Officer Darren Wilke reported that because the MPCA used bond funds for capital costs of environmental response actions at the landfill, a Declaration

needs to be recorded on the property records. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Wulff and carried to execute the State of Minnesota GO Bond Financed Property Declaration as presented.

Environmental Officer Wilke reported that asbestos was found in the tax forfeited property at Sunset View so the costs discussed at the last meeting will be higher. Motion by Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to proceed with the cleanup.

Following a break, County Engineer Nick Anderson reported that the Artichoke Lake Outlet appears to be working as it was intended to when constructed.

Engineer Anderson also reported that County Road 64 will be underwater by Patterson Lake and that he is working with DNR to resolve the problem.

The 5-Year Highway Planning Meeting was set for 1:00 PM on Tuesday, July 5, 2011, at the Highway Department.

Discussion was held on the US Hwy 12 bridge upgrade. The upgrade will accommodate enough width for trail users.

Technician Terry LaVoi arrived at the meeting.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to execute the contract with Bituminous Paving for SAP 006-610-23 and SAP 006-613-007.

Discussion was held on the Graceville Main Street Project. Greg Vold from States Borders Construction arrived at the meeting. Engineer Anderson presented information with the recommendation that the project be awarded to Ronglien & Sons Excavating, the 2nd low bidder. Motion by Sandberg and seconded by Olson to award the bid on SAP 006-622-006 to Ronglien and Sons Excavating. Mr. Vold presented information for the Board to consider when deciding who should be awarded the contract. Following further discussion, the motion carried with Commissioner Wulff voting Nay.

Discussion was held on the SSTS legislation. Environmental Officer Wilke reported that he has been following it and will contact Swift County Commissioner Gary Hendricks to follow-up on his e-mail requesting county boards to discuss it.

Chairman Athey adjourned the meeting at 10:15 AM.

Wade Athey, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor