

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
June 21, 2011

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, June 21, 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 Deputy Auditor Sharon Finke. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the minutes of the June 7th regular meeting and the June 13th Board of Appeal & Equalization meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Athey – Planning Commission; Fair Board

Wulff – RC&D; WestMN RLF; PIC; Toqua Park

Berning – Countryside Public Health (did not attend but spoke to director afterwards)

Olson – Collaborative; Pioneerland; Planning Commission

Commissioner Olson reported that he contacted both Kubly and Falk and that Kubly will author a bill to allow the Commissioners to appoint the Auditor, Treasurer and Recorder positions in Big Stone County.

Attorney Watson reported that a complaint had been received and that an outside investigation was going to be required. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the expenditure for the investigation.

HR Director Sue Schultz presented an amendment to the County's Long Term Care Insurance Policy. Motion by Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to approve the amendment.

HR Director Schultz reminded the Board of the retirement reception being held Friday, June 24th from 2-4 PM at Toqua Park for Rollie Bauer.

Upon recommendation from HR Director Schultz, motion by Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to file Big Stone County's Notice of Desire to Negotiate with MN Council 65 AFSCME AFL-CIO.

HR Director Schultz provided seniority contract language, which the Family Services Union group has approved. Attorney Watson is reviewing the language and she requested the Board due the same prior to the next meeting so that it can be approved at that time.

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

Bituminous Paving Inc.	\$ 6,679.44
Bonanza Education Center	3,000.00
Bond Trust Services Corporation	15,655.00
Contech Construction Products	6,674.92
L.G. Everist, Inc.	10,547.03
MAAC, Inc.	7,362.00
Ronglien & Sons Excavating, Inc.	9,030.00
Waste Management of Central MN	8,691.71
Western Consolidated Cooperative	6,960.00
54 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>18,633.83</u>

Total \$93,233.93

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried not to participate in the new standards measure program offered by the Office of the State Auditor.

Motion by Wulff, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the credit card request of County Assessor Sandra Vold per the Big Stone County credit card policy.

Deputy Auditor Finke opened the bid that was received for the personal property from tax forfeited property. Motion by Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to accept the bid received from Leigh Sitter of \$10 for the camper, \$50 for the boat and \$150 for the truck box.

As recommended by Attorney Watson, motion by Sandberg, seconded by Berning and carried that any other items that were not bid on from the tax forfeited property be sold by the Environmental Office through direct sale.

Discussion was held regarding the possible effects of the State shutdown on County government.

Deputy Environmental Officer Ronda Maas reported on a discussion she had with the Deputy Registrar regarding the disposal of the tax forfeited property that could be considered "abandoned vehicles". Due to the possibility of there being issues regarding the items that were abandoned on the tax forfeited property, motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to rescind the prior motion accepting the bids from Leigh Sitter. Attorney Watson will further research statutes regarding forfeiture of personal property and report back to the Board at the next meeting as to how it can be disposed of.

Deputy Environmental Officer Maas reported that she has been in contact with a company that will establish drop sites in Ortonville and Clinton for shoes and clothing. The company recycles items that are recyclable and disposes of the rest.

Curt and Penny Hormann arrived at the meeting at 9:25 AM and responded to questions regarding their planned dog boarding/grooming facility. Upon recommendation of the Planning Commission, motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the Conditional Use Permit Application for Curt and Penny Hormann.

Chairman Athey adjourned the meeting at 9:35 AM.

Wade Athey, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Sharon Finke, Deputy Auditor