

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
July 5, 2011

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, July 5, 2011. Chairman Athey called the meeting to order with Commissioners Berning, Olson, Sandberg and Wulff present. Also present was County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the minutes of the June 21st regular meeting and the June 21st highway 5-year plan meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Olson – RDC; Personnel
Sandberg – Food Shelf; Property
Athey – Personnel; Prairie 5
Wulff – Toqua Park; Extension
Berning – Property

Discussion was held on the outhouse at Toqua Park. Board consensus was to follow the recommendation of the Park Committee to remove the structure due to safety reasons.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to execute the Letter of Agreement with the Family Services AFSCME Union to update seniority language.

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

Big Stone Area Growth	\$ 7,500.00
Big Stone SWCD	14,375.00
City of Graceville	5,000.00
City of Ortonville	5,300.00
Countryside Public Health	20,652.50
LG Everist	9,303.71
M-R Sign Co	2,205.21
Pioneerland Library	15,455.50
Regents of the U of MN	12,399.10
US Postal Service	4,000.00
William Watson	4,109.88
West Con	4,411.80
41 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>11,649.31</u>
Total	\$116,362.01

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the On Sale Liquor License for Club 7-75.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Wulff and carried to provide a Certificate of Support for Main Street Industries for their Rural Development Community Facilities Application to replace their current van/bus with a safe and reliable vehicle.

Auditor Knutson reported that the federal wetland payment had been received and per US Fish & Wildlife staff it was only funded at 20.1%. If it had been fully funded, the Commissioners noted that it would have brought in an additional \$177,310 to the County.

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

Environmental Officer Darren Wilke provided an update on the disposition of the personal property from tax forfeited property. Attorney Watson will be drafting a notice that is required to properly dispose of the abandoned property. Treasurer Cindy Nelson was also present for the update.

County Ditch #2 landowners Rich Huebner and Craig Johnson were present to update the Board on the water issues related to the ditch. Mr. Johnson reported that there was a meeting with Ethan Jenzen of the DNR last week to discuss the issues and possible options to resolve some of the problems. Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to request the DNR to attend the August 16th board meeting to revisit the situation as was offered to do back in September of 2010.

Following a break, Family Services Director Gale Mittelstaedt provided an update on the conversation that was held at Welfare Board regarding the funding of several programs during the state shutdown. Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to fund the PIC contract at \$5,000 for one month. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson to fund the child care program for one month. The funding of both programs will be reevaluated after that time to see if funding will be able to be continued if the state is still shutdown.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to reappoint Terry Gillespie to the Upper Minnesota River Watershed Board of Managers for a 3-year term.

County Recorder Elaine Martig reported that there will be a new system for filing UCC financing statements with the State. The Board will need to make a decision if they want Big Stone County to continue to be a satellite office and if so, there will be a cost to purchase the new software along with ongoing license fees. The Recorder's Office will be able to view the new system before making a financial commitment. Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to follow the Recorder's recommendation regarding the UCC filing changes once the program is available for viewing.

IT Director Terry Ocaña was present to discuss an additional option for the security of the County's servers. Motion by Wulff, seconded by Olson and carried to authorize the purchase of a secured server cabinet and smart UPS unit as presented.

Discussion was held on additional options for purchasing GIS shapefiles. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Berning and carried to set the following fees:

PIN Data Only	\$100
PIN & Tax Data	\$150
PIN, Tax & Pictometry Data	\$300

Building Maintenance Supervisor Jim Hasslen presented the contract with Safe Assure for the Board's approval. Motion by Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to execute a 3-year contract with Safe Assure, but to explore the possibility of including other entities to participate.

Commissioner Olson provided an update on the restructuring discussions that have been held. It was decided that a meeting be scheduled with the adhoc committee for August 8th at 7:00 PM.

Chairman Athey adjourned the meeting at 10:51 AM.

Wade Athey, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor