

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
August 16, 2011

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, August 16, 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 Sandberg, seconded by Wulff and carried to approve the minutes of the August 2nd regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Olson – DREAM for Kids; Restructuring Adhoc; Planning & Zoning; JD 4;
SWCD

Sandberg – Restructuring Adhoc; Property

Athey – JD 4

Wulff – RLF; JD 4

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

Big Stone SWCD	\$ 2,129.78
Bituminous Paving	2,924.00
BNSF Railway Company	3,733.72
Computer Professionals Unlimited	3,791.33
Contech Construction Products	3,308.25
Crop Production Services	7,409.64
Milbank Communications	6,140.75
Motorola	5,365.99
Office of the State Auditor	4,825.78
Tri-County Co-op	2,533.29
Waste Management	8,600.38
West Con	3,826.13
52 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>14,452.31</u>
Total	\$ 69,041.35

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

Discussion was held on the redistricting process. Motion by Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to direct Attorney Watson to send a letter to the City of Ortonville regarding the possibility of changing the precinct boundaries to accommodate possible redistricting changes.

Discussion was held on a letter received from Ditch Attorney Kurt Deter regarding the recording of county drainage systems. The matter was tabled to allow a discussion with Ditch Inspector Nick Anderson.

Vicki Grimli from the Library presented their 2012 budget request and provided an update. Robert Meyer and Jeanette Felton were also present.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the Bailiff job description at Grade 1 as presented.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to place current Bailiffs Robert Meyer and Andrea Crosby at Step 10. Commissioner Athey abstained.

Commissioner Olson reported that the RDC had presented an opportunity to BSAG regarding the submission of a Small Cities Development Grant Application on behalf of the County. Following discussion, motion by Olson and seconded by Sandberg to pursue the grant and authorize the cost of the application. Motion carried with Commissioner Athey voting Nay.

Environmental Officer Darren Wilke provided an update on the recent Planning Commission meeting regarding the updating of the Land and Related Resources Management Ordinance. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Berning and carried to hold a public hearing to consider the adoption of the ordinance. Notice of Intent shall be published with the hearing being set for September 6th at 10:00 AM during the regular meeting of the County Board.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to execute the Feedlot Performance Grant Agreement with the Board of Water and Soil Resources. This will provide the County with an additional \$693 for services.

Environmental Officer Wilke reported that discussion has been held with the SWCD regarding cost saving measures. Consensus was to form a liaison committee with SWCD and appoint the Environmental Committee and Environmental Officer Wilke to represent the County for further discussions.

Attorney Watson left the meeting.

Discussion was held on the preliminary 2012 County budget.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to close the meeting at 9:53 AM to discuss labor negotiation strategy. Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to reopen the meeting at 10:04 AM.

Discussion continued on the preliminary 2012 County budget.

Chairman Athey adjourned the meeting at 10:15 AM.

Wade Athey, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor