

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
August 2, 2011

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, August 2, 2011. Chairman Athey called the meeting to order with Commissioners Olson, Sandberg and Wulff present. Commissioner Berning was absent. 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 Wulff and carried to approve the minutes of the July 19th regular meeting.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the agenda with noted additions.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Olson – Pioneerland Library; RDC

Sandberg – MSI; Public Safety; RRB; Property; Food Shelf

Athey – Prairie 5; Fair Board

Wulff – Toqua Park

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve a request for the use of a 4-wheeler on the Minnesota River Headwaters Recreational Trail during a fundraiser on August 13th.

Attorney Watson reported that he has purchased a computer personally and has added the Law Enforcement Technology Group (LETG) records program.

Attorney Watson also reported that there are County Ordinances that need to be updated and he will be working on those changes.

Discussion was held on a request from a PrimeWest lobbyist for the Board to send a letter of support for LightSquared to erect a cell phone tower based internet system. Due to issues with the FAA and FCC, consensus was to decline.

HR Director Sue Schultz presented an addendum to the settlement agreement with Joanne Jandro requesting a change in the payment arrangement. Motion by Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to approve the addendum as presented.

HR Director Schultz provided a staffing update. Recorder Elaine Martig was present for the discussion. Board consensus was to discontinue discussions on the idea of moving land records to the county office building. Motion by Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to authorize HR to begin the process of filling the part-time Deputy Recorder position that will be vacated by Karol Scherer at the end of the year.

IT Director Terry Ocaña requested a language change to the cell phone policy to include all county business in the Determining Needs section. Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to accept the amended policy as presented.

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

Commerford Gravel	\$ 22,922.07
Motorola	6,232.95
Ratwik, Roszak & Maloney	2,639.05
Ronglien & Sons Excavating	7,190.00
Univar USA	8,567.16

William Watson	4,109.88
West Con	33,575.00
47 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>7,309.41</u>
Total	\$ 92,545.52

Auditor Knutson reported that the County's 2011 MCIT dividend will be \$129,399 and is allocated as follows: Workers' Compensation \$54,887 and Property/Casualty \$74,512.

Sheriff John Haukos was present to request approval of modifications to the Joint Powers Agreement governing the Central MN Emergency Services Board, formerly known as the Regional Radio Board. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to adopt the following resolution:

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WHEREAS, Big Stone County is a member of the Central Minnesota Regional Radio Board; and

WHEREAS, the Central Minnesota Regional Radio Board is governed by the terms of a Joint Powers Agreement between the parties forming the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Powers Agreement governing the Regional Radio Board requires that all parties to the Agreement approve, by resolution of the governing body, all proposed changes to the Joint Powers Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Central Minnesota Regional Radio Board has submitted several proposed modifications to the current Joint Powers Agreement governing the Board, including a change of name to the "Central Minnesota Emergency Services Board", which are attached hereto and made a part of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Central Minnesota Regional Radio Board recommends approval and adoption of the submitted proposed modifications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the recommendation of the Central Minnesota Regional Radio Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners approves the June 2011 modifications to the Joint Powers Agreement governing the Central Minnesota Regional Radio Board including the name change to the Central Minnesota Emergency Services Board.

Discussion was held on the invoicing of public safety costs to the municipalities in the County. Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to bill the same amount for 2011 as was billed in 2010 and then increase the rate by \$.25 every two years beginning in 2012 using the new census figures as recommended by Sheriff Haukos.

VSO Dan Meyer provided information on his office's activities during the past month for the Board's review. VSO Meyer reported that the CVSO Enhancement Grants will not be funded after 2011.

Motion by Wulff, seconded by Sandberg and carried to close the meeting at 9:37 to discuss labor negotiation strategy. HR Director Schultz and Engineer Anderson were also present. Motion by Wulff, seconded by Sandberg and carried to reopen the meeting at 10:03 AM.

Following discussion on the current Highway budget, motion by Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to authorize the Engineer to purchase a new blade in 2011 as budgeted.

Discussion continued on the preliminary 2012 County budget.
Chairman Athey adjourned the meeting at 10:33 AM.

Wade Athey, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor