

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
December 18, 2012**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, December 18, 2012. Chairman Wulff called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Berning, Sandberg and Olson present. Also present were Mike Swenson of the Ortonville Independent, Family Services Director Pam Rud, Social Worker Suzi Kleindl, County Attorney Bill Watson and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the minutes of the December 6th special and regular meetings.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

- Sandberg – Environmental (WP)
- Athey – HRA; MnDOT
- Wulff – RC&D; Pomme de Terre; PIC
- Berning – CSPH
- Olson – Personnel

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to hire Suzi Kleindl for the Social Services Supervisor Position at Grade 14 Step 1 effective December 22, 2012.

Attorney Watson provided an update on his office then left the meeting for court.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to authorize HR Director Dawn Gregoire to start employment as a part-time employee on December 31, 2012 and to move to full-time employment on January 7, 2013.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to adopt the following resolution:

2012-24

WHEREAS, M.S. 375.055 provides that county commissioners shall receive annual salaries for services rendered while serving as a county commissioner and may receive per diem payments and reimbursement for necessary expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2013 salary of the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners shall be \$13,572.00 and the per diem rate shall remain at \$50.00 for service on any board, committee or commission or for the performance of services by individual commissioners when required by law.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Berning and carried to set the salaries for elected officials for 2013 as follows:

Attorney	\$82,485.00
Auditor	\$74,782.50
Recorder	\$51,870.00
Sheriff	\$67,600.00
Treasurer	\$60,781.50

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

Computer Professionals	\$ 3,928.17
L.G. Everist	5,393.75
MAXIMUS	3,350.00

Northwestern MN Juvenile Ctr	2,574.00
Prairie Lakes Youth Programs	5,400.00
Stoptech Ltd	3,561.50
Traverse County	5,642.77
Truenorth Steel	3,967.63
West Con	28,294.77
48 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>14,806.80</u>
Total	\$76,919.39

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Berning and carried to appoint Emergency Management Director Jim Hasslen as the alternate to the Southwest MN EMS Corporation Board.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to appoint Kari Casper and Mary Klages to the Extension Committee for 3-year terms and appoint Rachel Kellen as the youth representative for a 2-year term.

VSO Dan Meyer provided information on his office's activities during the past month for the Board's review. Discussion was held on whether the County should participate in the Veterans Community Transportation Living Initiative. Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to not participate in the program as recommended by VSO Meyer.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Berning and carried to execute the 5-year contract with Kandiyohi County for the operation of a Household Hazardous Waste Management Program and to appoint Environmental Officer Darren Wilke as the authorized representative.

County Engineer Anderson reported that the federal Transportation Enhancement (TE) funding has been replaced with Corridor Investment Management Strategy (CIMS) funding.

Discussion was held on a trail from the Museum to the Minnesota River Headwaters Recreational Trail. Consensus was that the County shouldn't fund the project. It was recommended the Museum discuss the project with the City of Ortonville.

Engineer Anderson reported that he is still working with the DNR on final costs of the Meadowbrook project.

Engineer Anderson reported that quotes are still being received for a new shop in Beardsley and they are waiting to hear back from the Beardsley Elevator regarding purchasing the County's existing shop.

Engineer Anderson reported that they are in the process of updating the County map.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Berning and carried to authorize the Auditor to pay any claims received by December 31st so as to account for them in the current year's business.

Discussion was held on the County vehicle situation and the number of vehicles needed. Consensus was to have Facilities Tech Jared Heck look into purchasing a trailer for maintenance needs.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Big Stone County 2013 budget and levy be established as follows:

	GENERAL	HIGHWAY	FAMILY SERVICES	DEBT SERVICE	DITCH	2013 TOTAL
REVENUES						
Tax Levy & Aids	\$2,781,408	\$900,000	\$836,894	\$92,910		\$4,611,212
Other Taxes	\$9,100	\$35,000				\$44,100
Special Assessments	\$118,125				\$81,725	\$199,850
Licenses & Permits	\$17,550					\$17,550
Intergovernmental	\$415,385	\$3,811,850	\$1,324,483			\$5,551,718
Charges for Services	\$179,920	\$167,000	\$244,310			\$591,230
Investment Earnings	\$45,400	\$15,000				\$60,400
Miscellaneous	\$109,102	\$32,000	\$73,694			\$214,796
Other Financing Sources	\$81,958	\$31,000				\$112,958
TOTAL REVENUES	\$3,757,948	\$4,991,850	\$2,479,381	\$92,910	\$81,725	\$11,403,814
EXPENDITURES						
General Government	\$1,880,279					\$1,880,279
Public Safety	\$1,055,870					\$1,055,870
Highway		\$4,994,620				\$4,994,620
Sanitation	\$190,814					\$190,814
Family Services			\$2,479,381			\$2,479,381
Health	\$95,562					\$95,562
Culture & Recreation	\$167,600					\$167,600
Conservation of Natural Resources	\$257,745				\$82,100	\$339,845
Economic Development	\$49,004					\$49,004
Debt Service				\$84,585		\$84,585
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$3,696,874	\$4,994,620	\$2,479,381	\$84,585	\$82,100	\$11,337,560

Chairman Wulff adjourned the meeting at 9:46 AM.

Walter W. Wulff, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor