

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
February 21, 2012

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, February 21, 2012. Chairman Wulff called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Olson and Sandberg present. Commissioner Berning was absent. Also present were Mike Swenson of the Ortonville Independent, County Attorney Bill Watson, County Auditor Michelle Knutson and numerous citizens. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to approve the minutes of the February 7th meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Sandberg – CBSL; Property; Audit

Athey – HRA; P&Z

Wulff – RC&D

Olson – P&Z

In order to accommodate those present, the meeting was moved to the courtroom.

Attorney Watson reported that he had spoke with land use attorney, Scott Anderson of Ratwick, Roszak & Maloney regarding the Ortonville Township Interim Ordinance. Information received is that the County's process has to continue. The Board of Commissioners will be receiving a recommendation from the Planning Commission and that a decision will have to be made within 120 days of the date of application (due to an extension filed granting another 60 days), which is April 20, 2012. Failure to act will result in an automatic approval of the permit with no conditions. A 4/5's vote is needed for approval.

Motion by Olson and seconded by Wulff to defer holding a hearing to Ortonville Township so that they can be fully informed. Following discussion, the motion failed 3-1 with Commissioner Olson casting the only Aye vote.

Motion by Sandberg and seconded by Athey to set a public hearing for Tuesday, March 13th at 10:00 AM at the Clinton Memorial Building, if available. If not, the hearing will be held in the courtroom. Following discussion regarding setting rules and conditions for conducting the hearing, the motion carried.

Chairman Wulff stated that he had received a petition with signatures from those in opposition to the proposed quarry project.

Further discussion followed. Attorney Watson clarified the legal framework of an ordinance.

The meeting was moved back to the Commissioners' Room.

Sheriff John Haukos reported on the current Dynamic Instruments Recording equipment and the need to replace it. Sheriff Haukos also stated that the Emergency Services Board is looking at setting up a regional logging solution. There are some concerns with the cost of a regional system, but at this time it would be beneficial to be included in the discussions that are held. Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and

carried to adopt the following resolution expressing intent to participate in the regional logger project:

2012-07

WHEREAS, Big Stone County, Minnesota is a member of the Central Minnesota Emergency Services Board (hereinafter "CMNESB" or "Board"); and

WHEREAS, the Central Minnesota Emergency Services Board is governed by the terms of a Joint Powers Agreement (hereinafter "Agreement") between the parties forming the Board; and

WHEREAS, the CMNESB is empowered and encouraged to develop opportunities for the parties to the Agreement to share services and equipment to improve efficiencies and effectiveness of public safety efforts and assist in controlling expenses; and

WHEREAS, the CMNESB has determined that many of the parties to the Agreement will benefit from a regional logging solution intended to increase the efficiency, effectiveness and functionality of required communications logging efforts while controlling expenses in a shared services environment; and

WHEREAS, the CMNESB has obtained a grant to defray a significant portion of the costs of providing a regional logging solution; and

WHEREAS, the CMNESB published an RFP for a regional logging solution intended to meet the requirements of the parties to the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the CMNESB has determined that the response submitted by Verint best meets the current and future needs of the parties to the Agreement in the most cost effective manner and has selected the response submitted by Verint as the basis for developing a final plan to provide regional logging services; and

WHEREAS, determining the quantity, identity and actual needs of those parties to the Agreement desiring to be included is a required component to the development of a regional logging solution final plan; and

WHEREAS, completion of a regional logging solution final plan will result in development of project documents including equipment lists, contracts for equipment, implementation services, training and on-going support; and

WHEREAS, the CMNESB is committed to the development of a funding plan that provides a fair and equitable distribution of initial and on-going costs between and among those parties to the Agreement electing to participate in the regional logging system project, and

WHEREAS, those parties to the Agreement not electing to participate in the initial adoption, installation and implementation of a regional logging solution that elect to participate at a date subsequent to the initial adoption, installation and implantation may not be entitled to participate in grant funding and may be subject to expenses and costs different from those of the parties to the Agreement initially participating; and

WHEREAS, the CMNESB has requested a preliminary, non-binding indication of support and intent to participate or not to participate from all parties to the Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Big Stone County, Minnesota hereby acknowledges its' support for the regional logging solution as proposed by the CMNESB and expresses the intent to participate in the development of a regional logging solution final plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Big Stone County, Minnesota hereby acknowledges that while grant funding is available to defray a portion of the initial costs of the regional logging system project successful completion will require a commitment of local funding to complete and maintain the regional logging solution and that the amount and distribution of those expenses will be determined through the completion of the regional logging solution final plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if upon completion of the regional logging solution final plan the Board of Big Stone County, Minnesota elects to participate they shall execute such agreements as may be required to implement the regional logging solution project.

Discussion was held on the draft Economic Development Tax Abatement Financing Policy. Attorney Watson asked that Commissioners to forward their questions and comments to him and he will update the policy as necessary before approval.

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

CDW Government	\$ 2,231.81
Dell Marketing	9,413.54
Kandiyohi County	3,710.08
Traverse County	3,100.00
Waste Management	8,782.03
62 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>22,599.33</u>
Total	<u>\$49,836.79</u>

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to execute the Agreement for Consulting Services with Hildi Inc. for a Post-Employment Benefit Valuation Report as required under GASB Statement 45.

Discussion was held on the procedure to remove property from a drainage system under M.S. 103E.805. Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried that the petitioner will incur all costs associated with the petition for removal.

Auditor Knutson reported on the senate file bill regarding elections and the constitutional amendment for photo ID.

Auditor Knutson provided an update on redistricting and her conversation with the Ortonville City Attorney regarding the Board's request to adjust precinct boundaries to be compliant. She was informed that they will discuss it again at the next council meeting. Attorney Watson will speak with Attorney McLaughlin as well.

County Assessor Sandy Vold and Appraiser Eric Banken were present for a discussion on the staffing of the Assessor's Office. Assessor Vold is requesting approval to hire a full-time Office Clerk/Appraiser as Banken has asked to be reclassified to part-time. Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to authorize HR Director Sue Schultz to proceed with the process to hire the full-time position. Banken will remain full-time until the new position is filled.

Attorney Watson left the meeting.

Discussion was held on a new mower for Toqua Park. Consensus was to budget it for it in 2013 and purchase it then.

IT Director Terry Ocaña presented a revised Electronic Communication Policy to include portable devices. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Wulff and carried to approve the policy changes as recommended.

HR Director Sue Schultz arrived at the meeting. Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to close the meeting at 10:24 AM to discuss labor negotiation strategy. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to reopen the meeting at 10:35 AM.

Commissioner Athey asked that the Personnel Committee meeting for Thursday be rescheduled. HR Director Schultz will reschedule as requested.

Chairman Wulff adjourned the meeting at 10:39 AM.

Walter W. Wulff, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor