

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
April 17, 2012

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, April 17, 2012. Chairman Wulff called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Berning, Olson and Sandberg present. Also present were Mike Swenson of the Ortonville Independent, Jon Pansch, Elsie Perrine, Heidi Pilot and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the minutes of the April 3rd meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Sandberg – Property; Tech

Athey – Personnel; HRA

Wulff – RLF; RC&D

Berning – Countryside; Property

Olson – PrimeWest; Dream for Kids; Personnel

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to execute the extension of the lease with Jim Kaye for Countryside Public Health as presented by Attorney Watson.

Attorney Watson stated that the Board will need to make a decision on what is part of the public record regarding the Strata CUP at the next meeting after the public hearing is held.

Scott Gillespie and several citizens arrived at the meeting.

Mr. Gillespie presented a map of the Bois de Sioux Watershed District showing the current Board of Managers and their respective districts and reviewed the information sent in a letter regarding why he wanted to be considered for the manager appointment.

Mr. Pansch also reviewed information as to why he was seeking reappointment to the Bois de Sioux Watershed Board. Discussion followed on various projects of the District and several concerns were brought up.

Chairman Wulff stated that if time allowed before the meeting was adjourned, the Board would discuss the information presented and make the appointment. Otherwise, a decision would be made at the next meeting.

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

All Season Motorsports	\$ 3,222.50
Business Brothers Inc	2,578.40
Component Services Inc	2,818.00
Computer Professionals	4,208.17
GeoComm	4,944.60
Hoffman Electric	2,373.00
Kandiyohi County	5,374.80
Regents of the U of MN	12,168.75
Office of the State Auditor	7,804.27
West Con	3,868.88

54 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>20,409.04</u>
Total	\$69,770.41

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to authorize the following internal transactions:

Ditch to Highway – JD 4	\$ 115.86
General to Highway	\$ 5,958.44

Auditor Knutson updated the Board on the redistricting process and asked the Commissioners to submit any plans for consideration by April 25, 2012. A final plan will be adopted at the May 1st meeting along with the terms that will be assigned for each district.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to advertise for bids for the farm lease of the landfill property in Browns Valley Township.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to accept a \$500 donation from the Senior Volunteer Group for Toqua Park to be used towards the purchase of a utility cart for the park.

Auditor Knutson informed the Board that the County had placed an ad for grounds maintenance at the County buildings. Bids will be opened at the May 1st meeting.

County Engineer Nick Anderson reported that the following bids had been received for the gravel crushing project:

Hard Rock Screening	\$65,700
Kingsway Crushing	\$84,300
Central Specialties	\$84,600

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to award the bid to Hard Rock Screening.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Berning and carried to authorize Engineer Anderson to hire a seasonal part-time employee to help with marking right-of-way and other duties at a rate of \$11.00/hour for 40 hours/week for the summer.

Engineer Anderson reported that he would be taking some extension personal leave in the coming weeks. District State Aid Engineer Merle Early has agreed to cover engineer duties when needed. Motion by Berning, seconded by Athey and carried to authorize Maintenance Supervisor Gary Haugen to approve and sign for Engineer Anderson in all other capacities in his absence.

IT Director Terry Ocaña reported that an email encryption software has been purchased.

IT Director Ocaña reported that he had received an estimate in the amount of \$995 for gutter maintenance at the county office building. Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize Ward Construction to perform the repairs per the estimate.

Discussion was held on the building maintenance and custodial staffing since the Building Maintenance Supervisor position has been vacated. Motion by Berning, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize full-time status to Custodian Christine Boyle effective May 1, 2012, and to assign the supervision responsibilities to IT Director Ocaña.

Discussion was held on the new fiber optic line that will be installed from the courthouse to the Family Services building. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey

and carried to execute the joint powers agreements with the City of Ortonville, BCA and OET as presented by IT Director Ocaña.

The staffing of Emergency Management responsibilities was tabled until the May 1st meeting.

Discussion was held on the information presented earlier from the candidates for the Bois de Sioux Watershed Board Manager position. Motion by Olson and seconded by Athey to appoint Scott Gillespie. Motion carried with Commissioner Wulff voting Nay and Commissioner Sandberg abstaining as he is a relative of one of the candidates.

Chairman Wulff adjourned the meeting at 10:24 AM.

Walter W. Wulff, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor