

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

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on Tuesday, April 17, 2012, at 7:00 PM in the Ortonville Armory to take public comment on a conditional use permit (CUP) application to establish a 100+ acre granite quarry in Ortonville Township. Chairman Wulff called the hearing to order with Commissioners Athey, Berning, Olson and Sandberg present. Also present were numerous interested parties, Strata representatives, members of the media, County Attorney Bill Watson, Environmental Officer Darren Wilke, Deputy Environmental Officer Ronda Maas and County Auditor Michelle Knutson.

Chairman Wulff read the written comments that had been submitted prior to the hearing.

Attorney Watson read the hearing guidelines that were distributed to those in attendance.

Strata Corporation Representative Bill LaFond provided a summary of the CUP application. As a follow-up to concerns regarding the proposed rail design, Mr. LaFond provided copies and summarized the new alternative rail design.

The hearing was then opened for public comment, at which time 23 individuals exercised their opportunity to address the Board. Additional written comments were also submitted for consideration from those not able to attend the hearing.

Mr. LaFond stated that Strata appreciated all of the comments, will take all of them under advisement and will respond to the Board in the coming days.

Attorney Watson reiterated that any additional comments must be received in the Auditor's Office by 4:00 PM on April 25, 2012. It was clarified that comments may be submitted electronically.

Chairman Wulff adjourned the hearing at 9:36 PM.

Walter W. Wulff, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor