

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**May 15, 2012**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, May 15, 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, Jason Kirwin, Dave McLaughlin, County Attorney Bill Watson and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the minutes of the May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Sandberg – Property; Tech

Wulff – Toqua Park; RLF

Olson – Dream for Kids; PrimeWest

Environmental Officer Darren Wilke arrived at the meeting.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the Findings of Fact relating to the Strata Corporation Conditional Use Permit Application as prepared by Environmental Officer Wilke and Attorney Watson.

Attorney Watson left the meeting.

Discussion was held on the needed phone system upgrade. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the option to lease a new phone system for both the Courthouse and Family Services locations.

Commissioner Sandberg reported that County Engineer Nick Anderson has requested all county departments begin using the new fuel station at the Highway Department. A \$.10 per gallon fee will be charged to cover future maintenance or replacement of the system. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to approve the use of the fueling system by all county departments and that the additional fee will be set aside in a committed fund for future repairs or replacement.

Due to the hail damage from the recent storms, motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to advertise for two Request for Proposals to repair the damaged buildings. One will be for the buildings at the Museum and the second one will include the courthouse and government building.

Discussion was held on the status of the FSA lease. Since demolition and construction has not begun for their new location, consensus of the Board was to direct Auditor Knutson to send the presented email to Morrell Jordan, the FSA leasing contact, reminding them of the deadlines in the lease.

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

Business Brothers Inc	\$ 3,242.80
Computer Professionals	3,905.17
John Deere	2,137.50
Kandiyohi County Recycling	2,000.00
Kandiyohi County	4,872.73
Ortonville Independent	2,880.50

Prairie Lakes Youth Programs	2,340.00
Ronglien & Sons Excavating	6,025.00
Schraders Law Enforcement Supply	7,722.40
Office of the State Auditor	12,636.04
Tri County Co-op Oil Assn	2,093.85
West Con	5,296.85
41 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>11,350.71</u>
Total	\$66,503.55

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to appoint Commissioner Berning to the Southern MN EMS Corporation Board for a 3-year term. Commissioner Berning will be replacing Deputy Sheriff Mark Brown, who has served the maximum number of terms.

Auditor Knutson asked for questions and/or comments on the year-to-date financial information provided for the Board's review.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to submit Commissioner Wulff's name for consideration for the Bois de Sioux Watershed District Advisory Committee.

Discussion was held on the need to educate the public regarding the constitutional amendment question regarding voter ID that will be on the general election ballot this fall. Consensus was to enlist the services of the Secretary of State's Office for information to publish in our local papers that will assist with this.

Discussion was held regarding an additional 2011 audit exit with the full board and the State Auditors. Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to waive the right to a full-board exit as one was already held with the Audit Committee.

Chairman Wulff adjourned the meeting at 9:22 AM.

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Walter W. Wulff, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor