

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**June 19, 2012**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, June 19, 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, Elsie Perrine and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the minutes of the June 5<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and the June 11<sup>th</sup> Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Sandberg – Property

Athey – HRA; Fair Board

Wulff – Extension

Olson – PrimeWest; Dream for Kids; Broadband Initiative

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

Big Stone Co Ag Society	\$15,000.00
Big Stone SWCD	3,000.00
Bonanza Education Center	3,000.00
Kandiyohi County Recycling	3,328.59
Ortonville Independent	4,749.70
Prairie Lakes Youth Programs	2,340.00
S.W. Inc.	5,370.00
Sullivan Excavating Inc.	3,260.00
West Con	11,066.38
61 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>20,004.53</u>
Total	\$71,119.20

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to execute the Joint Powers Agreement with the Southwest Minnesota Chief Elected Officials Joint Powers Board.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Berning and carried to execute the agreement with the University of Minnesota for providing Extension programs locally and employing Extension staff.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize the advertising for the RFP for shingling at the Museum.

The CPUI 2016-2018 contract extension was tabled for more information.

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

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the new items for display in the rotunda by the Big Stone Arts Council.

Discussion was held on the hail damage to County vehicles. Board consensus was to follow the recommendations of the Department Heads.

Sheriff John Haukos arrived at the meeting.

County Treasurer Cindy Nelson was present to report that the old water treatment plant forfeited property has been approved for sale by the State. Nelson

requested that the Board set a sales price if the City of Ortonville wants to purchase it. Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to set the price for the City at \$100. Following discussion, motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to set all remaining forfeited properties at \$100 if any of the respective cities want to purchase them.

US Fish & Wildlife representatives Cheri Sloneker and Stacy Salvevold were present to request certification of acquisition of lands for habitat easements and a wetland easement in Big Stone, Ortonville and Otrey Townships. Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to certify for acquisition the following described property:

1. T122N, R46W, 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Section 35, that part of Lot A and Lot B of the W1/2 NE1/4.
2. T121N, R46W, 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Section 12, part of the NW1/4; and Except the E 330' of Parcel 1 containing 2.76 acres and lying S of Parcel 2; and Except that part of the SE1/4 NW1/4 more particularly described as Parcel 2 containing 7.17 acres, more or less.
3. T122N, R45W, 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Section 11, Lot B of the W1/2 NE1/4.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the temporary partial closing of County Hwy 28 and Main Avenue in the City of Odessa on July 14, 2012, for a celebration.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to execute the contract with Central Specialties for SAP 006-600-005, SAP 006-618-010 and SAP 006-635-005.

Discussion was held on the signing of County right-of-way. Further discussion was tabled until Engineer Anderson was present.

The Board participated in a conference call regarding the FSA lease with Glenn Schafer and Molly Arnold from the State FSA office. Also present for the call was contractor Ron Carlsen. Discussion was held regarding the current lease's requirement that FSA vacate the space by July 31<sup>st</sup>. Since the new building will not be ready by July 31<sup>st</sup>, two options were brought up for review: Option A – 1-month extension with the County or Option B – Mr. Carlsen would need to find other temporary space for FSA. Following further discussion, motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to grant a final 1-month extension at the current rental rate of \$5,000. Mr. Carlsen will contact Auditor Knutson as to who the lessee will be.

County Engineer Nick Anderson arrived at the meeting during the conference call.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the temporary partial closing of County Hwy 22 in the City of Graceville for Toquatennial Days on June 28-29, 2012.

Discussion was held on tiling in County right-of-way (ROW). Consensus was to not allow the tiling.

Discussion continued on the signing of ROW. Board consensus all crops in the ROW will be mowed off the year after the signs are installed.

Discussion was held regarding the need for restoration in several County road ditches due to unpermitted excavation. Engineer Anderson will inform the individual that restoration must take place by July 1, 2012 at their own expense.

Chairman Wulff adjourned the meeting at 10:15 AM.

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Walter W. Wulff, Chairman

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