

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
August 7, 2012

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, August 7, 2012. Chairman Wulff called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Berning, Olson and Sandberg present. Also present were Elsie Perrine, Mike Swenson of the Ortonville Independent, County Attorney Bill Watson and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the minutes of the July 17th regular meeting and the July 24th special meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Sandberg – ESB; Food Shelf; Museum; Property; Restructuring

Athey – Prairie 5

Wulff – BSAG; Toqua Park

Berning – Property

Olson – PLS; Restructuring; PrimeWest

Commissioner Olson reported that he has been awarded a Bush Foundation Fellowship to be used towards reopening the café in Clinton for local foods producers who wish to create value added products. Commissioner Olson stated that he will need to miss several Commissioner meetings over the next two years to attend meetings/trainings of the Foundation required by the award, but all Commissioners agreed that this is a great opportunity for the County as a whole.

Discussion was held on the language for the ballot questions.

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

Computer Professionals	\$ 3,928.17
Crop Production Services	7,021.65
Hancock Concrete Products	5,826.08
Kandiyohi County Sheriff Dept	28,532.36
Traverse County	25,125.06
Twin Valley Tire	2,471.83
William Watson	4,145.05
West Con	8,576.99
54 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>18,653.38</u>
Total	\$104,280.57

Auditor Knutson reported that the County's 2012 MCIT dividend will be \$133,943 and is allocated as follows: Workers' Compensation \$56,039 and Property/Casualty \$77,904.

The 5-Year Highway Planning Meeting was set for 9:30 AM on Tuesday, August 28, 2012, at the Highway Department.

VSO Dan Meyer provided information on his office's activities during the past two months for the Board's review.

Sheriff John Haukos arrived at the meeting.

Vicki Grimli from the Library presented their 2013 budget request and provided an update on their programming.

Don Kleven of the US Fish & Wildlife was present to request certification of acquisition of lands for fee purchase in Big Stone Township. Bruce Freske of US Fish and landowner Tim Burdick were also present. Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to certify for acquisition the following described property: T122N, R46W, 5th P.M., Section 35, part of the N½ SE¼ lying southerly and easterly of CR 12.

Following a break, Vince Robinson presented the client and activity summary for 2011 for Big Stone Area Growth and presented the 2013 budget request for the Board's consideration.

HR Director Sue Schultz arrived at the meeting.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Berning and carried to execute the Federal Boating Safety Supplemental Equipment Grant Agreement with the State of Minnesota as presented by Sheriff Haukos.

The following bids were received for the 1990 Dodge pickup:

Howard Paulson	\$1,500
Steve Barr	\$1,170
Tom Lewno	\$ 706

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to award the bid to Howard Paulson.

The following bid was received for the 1993 Honda MC:

Phil Blake	\$ 252
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Motion by Athey, seconded by Berning and carried to award the bid to Phil Blake.

Sheriff Haukos provided an update on recent activities of his office.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to execute the Labor Agreement with Highway as presented by HR Director Schultz.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to accept the resignation of Financial Worker Rebecca Hogrefe effective July 31, 2012.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to authorize filling the vacated Financial Worker position from the same pool of applicants that was used for the last hiring.

Commissioner Sandberg reported that tree removal needed to be done on at least one of the tax forfeited properties.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize the purchase of the maintenance software update for the GIS server as presented by IT Director Terry Ocaña.

Discussion continued on the ballot language. Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to adopt the revised language as discussed.

The remainder of the meeting was spent working on the 2013 County budget. Chairman Wulff adjourned the meeting at 11:31 AM.

Walter W. Wulff, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor