

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
September 18, 2012

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, September 18, 2012. Chairman Wulff called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Berning, Olson and Sandberg present. Also present was 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 September 4th regular meeting and the September 5th special meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Sandberg – Museum; Property
Athey – HRA
Wulff – MRB; RC&D; PIC
Berning – CSPH
Olson – PrimeWest; Dream for Kids; BSAG

County Treasurer Cindy Nelson reported that she received a call expressing concerns regarding the condition of one of the forfeited properties. The property will be reviewed after the sale.

Attorney Watson reported that there will be some significant costs related to an upcoming potential case in the County. Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to authorize the additional costs.

Attorney Watson left the meeting.

Countryside Public Health Administrator Liz Auch was present to provide an update on the agency and present a summary of the 2013 budget.

HR Director Sue Schultz and County Engineer Anderson arrived at the meeting.

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

Computer Professionals	\$ 3,948.17
Hillman Bros Excavating	14,093.51
Prairie Lakes Youth Programs	3,420.00
Sewage System Specialties	9,106.70
Tri County Co-op Oil Assn	2,190.40
US Postal Service	4,000.00
44 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>13,834.31</u>
Total	\$50,593.09

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to re-appoint James Kaye and William Stallman to the HRA Board for 5-year terms effective October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2017.

Environmental Officer Darren Wilke reviewed the Natural Resources Block Grant Agreement with the Board. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Berning and carried to execute the Natural Resources Block Grant Agreement and appoint Environmental Officer Wilke as the authorized representative.

Engineer Anderson provided an update on establishment of JD 7 buffer strips.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to approve up to \$5,000 for a cleanout of silt on County Ditch 8 as requested by Engineer Anderson.

Engineer Anderson reported that he has been asked to serve as the secretary for the transportation screening board for a 4-year term. Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to approve Anderson serving.

Discussion was held on the Stotesbery right-of-way issue. No further action was taken.

HR Director Schultz reported that 5 candidates were interviewed for the Facilities Technician/Custodian position. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to authorize the hiring of Jared Heck for the position at Grade 6 Step 5 contingent upon successful pre-employment screening and background check.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Berning and carried to reclass Christi Boyle to part-time status effective one week after the Facilities Technician/Custodian begins employment.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to adopt the following resolution:

2012-19

WHEREAS M.S. 273.061 provides that the term of office for the County Assessor is four years; and

WHEREAS the current term ends on December 31, 2012.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners hereby re-appoints Sandy Vold as the County Assessor for the new term beginning January 1, 2013.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Athey and carried to execute the labor agreement with Family Services as presented by HR Director Schultz.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Berning and carried to execute the Agreement for Services with Stevens Community Medical Center for pre-employment screenings contingent upon Attorney Watson's review and approval.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to close the meeting for labor negotiation strategy at 9:45 AM. Department heads and supervisors were present for the closed session.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to open the meeting at 10:04 AM.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to rescind the portion of the motion from December 1, 2011, which stated that employees hired on or after January 1, 2012, would not receive a sick leave payout upon resignation or a 50% payout of sick leave balance over 100 days at year end.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Athey and carried to approve the amended Section 704 of the Employee Handbook, Benefit Plan for Retired Employees, as presented by HR Director Schultz.

Chairman Wulff adjourned the meeting at 10:10 AM.

Walter W. Wulff, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor