

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
October 1, 2013

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, October 1, 2013. Chairman Berning called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Olson, Sandberg and Wulff present. Also present were Mike Swenson of the Ortonville Independent, County Attorney Bill Watson and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the minutes of the September 17th regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Athey – Prairie 5; Toqua Park; Personnel
Wulff – RC&D; Leadership Training; Toqua Park
Berning – Southwest EMS
Olson – Pioneerland; Personnel
Sandberg – ESB; MSI; Property

Discussion was held on advertising the sale of excess County property on the County's website. Attorney Watson will review the statutes and report back.

Attorney Watson left the meeting.

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

3D Specialties	\$ 5,652.96
Big Stone Area Growth	8,750.00
Big Stone SWCD	15,000.00
GovConnection	2,830.78
Milbank Communications	2,273.02
Pioneerland Library	15,919.25
Prairie Lakes Youth Programs	5,865.00
Ronglien & Sons Excavating	3,075.00
Team Laboratory Chemical Corp	6,498.00
US Postal Service	2,250.00
William Watson	4,202.33
35 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>13,535.04</u>
Total	<u>\$85,851.38</u>

County Treasurer Cindy Nelson was present to request assessed values for the tax forfeited property that will be on the upcoming sale. Motion by Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to set the basic sales prices as follows:

16-0190-000	\$ 500
22-0678-000	\$ 500
22-0818-000	\$ 2,000
22-1499-000	\$10,000

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

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BE IT RESOLVED, that all parcels of tax-forfeited land listed on the List of Tax-Forfeited Land #13-1 be classified as non-conservation land; that the basic sale price of each

parcel on the List of Tax-Forfeited Land #13-1, that is on file with the Clerk of the County Board, be approved and authorization for a public sale of this land be granted, pursuant to M.S. 282.01; that the sale will be held at 9:00 AM, Monday, October 28, 2013, by the Big Stone County Treasurer at the Big Stone County Courthouse, for not less than the basic sale price; and that full payment is required at the time of the sale.

VSO Dan Meyer provided information on his office's activities during the past month for the Board's review. Following discussion, consensus was that due to the workload in the VSO office, no new claims for out-of-county residents will be done by County staff.

Facilities Technician Jared Heck provided quotes on a new lawn mower with snow attachments. Following discussion, motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to authorize the purchase of a zero turn mower with attachments from Titan Machinery in the amount of \$20,065.

Following a short break, County Engineer Nick Anderson was present to discuss establishing nominal fees for oversize/overweight load permits. Motion by Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to establish the following permit fees:

- \$25/trip for oversize
- \$60/trip for overweight
- \$100/year for 6 axle configuration
- \$160/year for 7 axle configuration

Trip permits will be effective October 15, 2013. Annual permits will begin January 1, 2014.

HR Director Dawn Gregoire reviewed data practices rules with the Board. The Board requested that HR Director Gregoire discuss it with the Department Heads and bring it back to the next meeting.

HR Director Gregoire reported that Aflac will be adding Hospital Advantage as an additional option for employees to purchase.

HR Director Gregoire reported that she will be participating in a conference call with Benefits Attorney Darcy Hitesman this afternoon to discuss the guidance received on the Affordable Care Act in relation to the County's health insurance reimbursement plan.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to close the meeting at 9:55 AM for the purpose of discussing labor negotiation strategy.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Wulff and carried to reopen the meeting at 10:31 AM.

Chairman Berning adjourned the meeting at 10:31 AM.

Joseph J. Berning, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor