

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
October 15, 2013

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, October 15, 2013. Chairman Berning called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Sandberg and Wulff present. Commissioner Olson arrived during the Committee Reports. 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 Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to approve the minutes of the October 1st regular meeting.

Motion by Wulff, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the agenda with noted additions.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Athey – HRA; Toqua Park; Personnel

Wulff – Leadership Training; Toqua Park; SMAMHC

Berning – Supporting Hands

Olson – Personnel

Sandberg – Museum; Property

Commissioner Olson is requesting that he be replaced as the County's representative on the Local Collaborative due to a conflict of interest. Motion by Wulff, seconded by Athey and carried to appoint Commissioner Sandberg as his replacement.

Attorney Watson reported on various items that his office has been working on and that there may be some additional costs to the County for out-of-state witnesses for upcoming jury trials.

Attorney Watson left the meeting.

HR Director Dawn Gregoire reported on the Department Heads discussion on data practices. Gregoire will follow-up with Attorney Watson.

HR Director Dawn Gregoire reported on various activities in her office.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to close the meeting at 9:00 AM for the purpose of discussing labor negotiation strategy.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Wulff and carried to reopen the meeting at 9:36 AM.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to execute the contract with the Big Stone County HRA for technology support services as presented by IT Director Terry Ocaña.

Facilities Technician Jared Heck reported that there has been some interest expressed in the County's sweeper. Following discussion regarding the options for disposal, motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to advertise the sale of surplus items on the County's website.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to certify that the Emergency Operations Plan has been reviewed and addresses the planning requirements as presented by Emergency Management Director Jim Hasslen.

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

Computer Professionals	\$ 4,399.07
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Edney Distributing	2,034.70
Hancock Concrete Products	3,395.99
Kandiyohi County Sheriff	29,544.07
Regents of the U of MN	12,290.64
Traffic Marking Service	46,317.81
West Con	6,676.25
51 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>12,428.22</u>
Total	\$117,086.75

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize the following internal transactions:

Family Services to Highway	\$ 430.29
General to Highway	\$ 2,205.65

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

Commissioners Wulff and Athey were appointed as the County's MCIT voting delegates for 2013 as the Chair and Vice Chair will not be attending the AMC Conference and will not be able to attend MCIT's annual meeting.

Motion by Wulff, seconded by Sandberg and carried to submit the PRISM Implementation Grant Application to the Minnesota Department of Revenue for assistance with funding the implementation.

The Board received another request from TC&W Railway Company to support their concerns in response to the final decisions being made on the Southwest Light Rail Transit and their request that a broader view of impacts should be considered. Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to allow TC&W to list Big Stone County as a signer on a letter to Governor Dayton.

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

Motion by Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to adopt the following resolution as presented by County Engineer Nick Anderson:

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WHEREAS, County SAP 006-030-001 has in all things been completed and the County Board being fully advised in the premises.

NOW THEN BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby accepts said completed project for and on behalf of the County of Big Stone, and authorizes final payment to Bituminous Paving, Inc. in the amount shown on final pay estimate.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to authorize the following expenditures for ditch maintenance:

\$2,500 on County Ditch #20
\$3,500 on Joint Ditch #4
\$7,500 on County Ditch #12
\$7,500 on Joint Ditch #24 (emergency repair)

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Wulff and carried to authorize the expenditure to repair the leak in the roof at the Ortonville Shop as requested by Engineer Anderson.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to establish the following additional permit fee for oversize loads at \$100/year for ag related loads.

At 10:00 AM, County Engineer opened the one bid received for the Beardsley Shop from Sibson Gravel. The bid was in the amount of \$20,000, which was the minimum bid. Motion by Wulff, seconded by Athey and carried to accept the bid. Sibson Gravel representatives were present for the bid opening.

Discussion was held on the County Ditch #30 redetermination project. Motion by Olson and seconded by Wulff to authorize payment of the following for the ditch viewers appointed to the project:

Lead Viewer: \$32.50/hour; hotel; mileage; meals

Viewers: \$25.00/hour; mileage; meals (up to \$15/day)

Motion carried with Commissioner Athey voting nay.

Engineer Anderson provided an update on County Road #64 and County Highway #10.

Chairman Berning adjourned the meeting at 10:21 AM.

Joseph J. Berning, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor