

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**February 19, 2013**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, February 19, 2013. Chairman Berning called the meeting to order with Commissioners Olson and Sandberg present. Commissioners Athey and Wulff were absent. 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 Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the minutes of the February 5<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Olson – PrimeWest; P&Z; Dream for Kids; Personnel

Sandberg – Investment; Property; CBSL; Audit

Discussion was held on a letter received from landowner Sherwood Dove regarding the natural flow of water by his property. County Engineer Nick Anderson reported that he had been out to look at the issue and that it is something the Watershed will need to address.

Attorney Watson provided an update on several items in his office.

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

Computer Professionals	\$ 4,114.07
Environmental Systems Research	2,534.38
GHA Technologies	3,389.99
L & O Acres Transport	2,100.30
Prairie Lakes Youth Programs	5,735.00
Strong Realty	2,400.00
Towmaster Inc	107,587.86
Traverse County	4,487.38
Twin Valley Tire	12,156.99
US Postal Service	4,000.00
Waste Management	9,008.27
59 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>23,882.51</u>
Total	\$181,396.75

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

Family Services to Highway	\$ 209.56
General to Highway	\$ 2,156.44

The planning/entrance meeting for the 2012 audit was done via phone with Rick Pietrick, Audit Director for the Office of the State Auditor. The purpose of the call was to communicate matters related to the financial statement audit that are significant and relevant to the responsibilities of those charged with governance in overseeing matters related to financial reporting and the audit.

Kristi Fernholz, Jenifer Fadness and Dawn Hegland from the RDC gave a presentation on Western MN Prairie Waters. Big Stone County's share to participate

would be \$8,952. Vicki Oakes, Bruce Swigerd and Dan Kafka were also present for the discussion.

Environmental Officer Darren Wilke reported that the Planning Commission is recommending the approval of the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application of Sibson Gravel. Clair, Ann, Josh and April Sibson were also present. Following discussion, motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the CUP, but with a 100' steep slope setback instead of 150'.

Engineer Anderson returned to the meeting to request the Board's permission to attend the upcoming National Association of County Engineer's conference in DesMoines, IA. Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize Engineer Anderson to attend the conference.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to adopt the following resolution and execute the Annual County Boat and Water Safety Grant Agreement as presented by Sheriff John Haukos:

**2013-10**

WHEREAS under the provisions of M.S. § 86B.105, the Sheriff of each county is required to carry out the provision of Chapter 86B and the Boat and Water Safety Rules, hereinafter referred to as the "Minn. Rules", including patrol, enforcement search and rescue, watercraft inspection, waterway marking and accident investigation, all hereinafter referred to as the "Sheriff's Duties"; and

WHEREAS in connection with the Sheriff's Duties, M.S. § 86B.701 provides that the County submit to the Commissioner of Natural Resources a budget to carry out the Sheriff's Duties; and

WHEREAS M.S. § 86B.701 and the Minn. Rules provide for the allocation of funds by the Commissioner to the County based on certain criteria and conclusions to assist the funding of the Sheriff's Duties; and

WHEREAS the County has submitted a proposed budget to the State.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the State shall reimburse the County up to \$1,869.00 for the activities stated in Chapter 86B.

Chairman Berning adjourned the meeting at 10:34 AM.

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Joseph J. Berning, Chairman

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