

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**February 5, 2013**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, February 5, 2013. Vice Chairman Olson called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Sandberg and Wulff present. Chairman Berning was absent. Also present were County Attorney Bill Watson and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Wulff and carried to approve the minutes of the January 22<sup>nd</sup> regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Athey – Prairie Five

Wulff – Pomme de Terre

Olson – RDC; Collaborative; Environmental; Supporting Hands

Sandberg – Environmental; Food Shelf; ESB; Property

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

GHA Technologies	\$ 8,641.24
L & O Acres Transport	2,102.18
Nuss Truck & Equipment	118,528.56
William Watson	4,202.33
37 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>11,081.43</u>
Total	\$144,555.74

Motion by Athey, seconded by Wulff and carried to execute the agreement with Countryside Public Health for tobacco compliance checks.

Auditor Knutson presented the County's newest GASB 45 Actuarial Valuation Report for Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) for 2012 that was prepared by Hildi, Inc.

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

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

VSO Dan Meyer provided information on his office's activities during the past month for the Board's review. Admin Assistant Liane Rausch was also present.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Wulff and carried to hire Judy Sprung as an Extension Office clerical fill-in as presented by HR Director Dawn Gregoire.

County Engineer Nick Anderson updated the Board on the position openings in the Highway Department.

Engineer Anderson reported that the following bids had been received for the 1996 Ford Tandem Truck:

John Kleindl	\$13,800
Jason Haugen	\$17,621

Motion by Athey, seconded by Wulff and carried to accept the high bid from Jason Haugen.

Engineer Anderson provided an update on the RFP for the Beardsley Shop.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to authorize the Highway Department to trade-in the year-old John Deere tractors for two new ones at an additional cost of \$4,700 each as requested by Engineer Nick Anderson.

Engineer Anderson reported that the tree removal project on Joint Ditch 4 will not be completed this year as planned.

County Recorder Elaine Martig provided the Board with reports on fees collected and vital statistics for 2011 and 2012. Martig reported that her office continues to be in compliance with the recording requirements set by statute in 2007 and that they started e-recording in July of 2012. Discussion was also held on imaging all of the documents in the Recorder's Office, disposal of 2 file cabinets and accepting credit card payments.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to adopt the following resolution as presented by Environmental Officer Darren Wilke:

**2013-09**

WHEREAS, the legislature of the State of Minnesota requires that Minnesota's counties develop a Solid Waste Management Plan Update (Update) in accordance with Minn. Stat. §§ 115A.46; 115A.417; 115A.551, subds. 6-7; 115A.552; 115A.557, subd. 2-3; 115A.63; 115A.84; 115A.914; 115.96, Subd.6-7; 115A.917; 115A.97; Minn. Rules 9215 and all other applicable statutes and rules; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota counties recognize the need to plan for and practice environmentally sound methods of managing their solid waste stream; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, the legislature of the State of Minnesota enacted legislation to require that Solid Waste Management Plan Updates be amended to include the requirements in Minn. Stat. §§ 115A.551, 115A.914 and 115A.96, Subd. 6 (1991); and

WHEREAS, Big Stone County recognizes the need to plan for and implement waste reduction, recycling, education, yard waste, source separated organic materials composting, special and problem material waste management strategies, and processing of MSW.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners hereby approves and adopts the Big Stone County Solid Waste Management Plan and supporting documentation, dated February 5, 2013.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED, that Big Stone County agrees to maintain and implement the Plan Update as required by Minn. Rules pt. 9215.0530, subp. 1 and 2.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners submits this document to the Commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency pursuant to applicable Minnesota laws and rules.

Discussion was held with Engineer Anderson and Environmental Officer Wilke on issues relating to the relocation of utility poles for road projects.

Vice Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 10:13 AM.

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Brent Olson, Vice Chairman

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