

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**April 16, 2013**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Family Services Board Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, April 16, 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 Wulff and carried to approve the minutes of the April 2<sup>nd</sup> regular meeting.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to approve the agenda with noted addition.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Sandberg – Property

Wulff – RLF; Pomme de Terre; PIC

Berning – Supporting Hands; 5-County Meeting

Athey – Personnel; HRA (2); Prairie 5; SWCD; 5-County Meeting

Olson – Personnel; PrimeWest

Attorney Watson reviewed the Regional Logger Participation Agreement with the Central Minnesota Emergency Services Board that he received from Sheriff Haukos.

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

Discussion was held on the cost for translation for the Munoz-Teran case.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to authorize the expenditure as presented by Attorney Watson.

Vicki Grimli from the Library requested a proclamation for National Library Week.

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

**2013-14**

WHEREAS, libraries are the heart of their communities, campuses and schools; and

WHEREAS, librarians work to meet the changing needs of their communities, including providing resources for everyone and bringing services outside of library walls; and

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians bring together community members to enrich and shape the community and address local issues; and

WHEREAS, librarians are trained, tech-savvy professionals, providing technology training and access to downloadable content like e-books; and

WHEREAS, libraries offer programs to meet community needs, providing residents with resume writing classes, 24/7 homework help and financial planning services to teens applying for student loans to older adults planning their retirement; and

WHEREAS, libraries continuously grow and evolve in how they provide for the needs of every member of their communities; and

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Joseph Berning, Chairman of the Big Stone County Commissioners proclaim National Library Week, April 14-20, 2013. I encourage all residents to visit the library this week to take advantage of the wonderful resources available at your library. Communities matter at your library.

Grimli also updated the Board on various items regarding the library.

US Fish & Wildlife representatives Cheri Sloneker and Mead Klavetter were present to request certification of acquisitions of land for a habitat easement in Otre Township. Motion by Wulff, seconded by Olson and carried to certify for acquisition the following described property:

T122N, R45W, 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Section 19, that part of Government Lots 11, 12, 13 and 14.

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

Atwater Ford	\$ 28,937.00
Border States Cooperative	2,572.93
Computer Professionals	4,264.07
Johnson Hardware	2,805.20
Ortonville Independent	5,768.06
Prairie Lakes Youth Programs	5,740.19
Snow-Wheel Systems, Inc	2,026.34
State Auditor	13,716.38
Stattelman Lumber	6,258.90
Tri-County Coop Oil Assn	5,967.01
Upper MN Valley RDC	11,660.00
54 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>17,676.67</u>
Total	\$107,392.75

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

Family Services to Highway	\$ 208.40
General to Highway	\$ 1,840.21

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

**2013-15**

BE IT RESOLVED that Big Stone County act as the legal sponsor for an application for funding to the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for Maintenance of snowmobile trails managed by Big Stone Lake Area Sno Riders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval of its application by the state, Big Stone County may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above referenced project and that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in the agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair of the Big Stone County Commissioners is authorized to sign such an agreement with the Department of Natural Resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Auditor is authorized to serve as the fiscal agent for the above-mentioned project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Big Stone County act as legal sponsor for 32 miles of snowmobile trails in Traverse County beginning north of Graceville and extending north through Wheaton to the White Rock Dam.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Big Stone County act as legal sponsor for 2 miles of snowmobile trails in Traverse County beginning west of Beardsley and extending west to Browns Valley.

Commissioner Athey reported that he had been asked if the Sports Boosters would be allowed to put advertising on the new score board at Toqua Park. Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the concept, but that any advertising program be developed by the Boosters with approval from the Park Board.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to reappoint Nick Anderson as the County Engineer for a four-year term beginning May 1, 2013.

HR Director Dawn Gregoire provided an update on the hiring of staff at Highway and Family Services as well as other HR activities.

County Engineer Nick Anderson reported that there is an issue with the location for the new shop building in Beardsley. Motion by Sandberg and seconded by Olson to authorize the acquisition of 300' of the old school property. Following discussion, motion carried.

Engineer Anderson reported that he was contacted by another county as to Big Stone County's interest in obtaining property from them that qualifies for wetland credits. He will bring more details to a future meeting.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Wulff and carried to approve the plat for SAP 06-610-022, the CSAH 10 project in Arthichoke Township.

Attorney Watson and Engineer Anderson left the meeting.

Bruce Casey from MCIT presented the 2013 member report.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to authorize annual reimbursement up to \$400 to the Facilities Technician/Custodian for required clothing.

IT Director Terry Ocaña reported that there have been some issues with the free version of Zimbra that the County has been using for email. Ocaña recommended that the County purchase a licensed version that will work with Microsoft Outlook for the desktop email on a one-year trial basis. Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize the purchase. The cost, which was not included in the IT budget, is estimated at \$2,600. The version will be re-evaluated after the one-year trial period to make sure that it is meeting the County's needs.

Chairman Berning adjourned the meeting at 10:25 AM.

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Joseph J. Berning, Chairman

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