

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**June 4, 2013**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, June 4, 2013. Chairman Berning called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Olson and Wulff present. Commissioner Sandberg was 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 Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the minutes of the May 21<sup>st</sup> regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Wulff – Bois de Sioux; Toqua Park

Athey – Toqua Park; 5-County Meeting; Prairie 5

Berning on behalf of Sandberg – Property

Olson – 5-County Meeting; RDC; BSAG

Motion by Olson and seconded by Berning to authorize the expenditures for Commissioner Athey to attend the CAP conference. Commissioner Athey abstained.

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

Big Stone County Ag Society	\$ 15,000.00
Kandiyohi County Recycling	2,000.00
Marihart Surveying	3,798.50
Tri County Co-op Oil Assn	2,114.14
William Watson	4,202.33
West Con	7,220.00
40 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>11,626.13</u>
Total	\$45,961.11

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 Wulff and carried to re-appoint Kathy Morrill as a member of the Local Social Services Agency Board.

Discussion was held on complaints received on the condition of a parcel of tax-forfeited property in the City of Ortonville. Commissioner Berning will assess the property and report back at the next meeting.

VSO Dan Meyer provided information on his office's activities during the past month for the Board's review. Admin Assistant Liane Rausch presented her recent activities in the office.

CGB Girls Softball Coach Mike Piechowski was present to request the County's financial assistance to repair portions of the softball fences at Toqua Park. CGB School has committed \$2,000 per year for 4 years and Coach Piechowski is requesting that the County match that amount. They will take care of raising any additional funds needed. Following discussion, motion by Athey, seconded by Wulff and carried to authorize \$2,000 per year for 4 years beginning in 2014 to replace the backstops and the fences in front of the dugouts/benches with payment being made to CGB School.

County Engineer Nick Anderson presented the following bids received for the seal coat project (SAP 006-030-001):

Bituminous Paving	\$461,763.90
Morris Sealcoat & Trucking	\$518,118.17

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to award the bid to Bituminous Paving.

Engineer Anderson provided an update on the CSAH 10 and CSAH 21 grading projects.

Discussion was held on the newly passed State legislation allowing the counties to assess a wheelage tax of \$10 per vehicle.

Engineer Anderson reported that the redetermination of County Ditch 30 will begin in the next month or so and is expected to be completed in December.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to allow the use of the 1-ton truck for Project Sandbox.

Discussion was held on needed repair to County Ditch #16. Motion by Athey, seconded by Wulff and carried to authorize the repair which is estimated to cost around \$4,000.

HR Director Dawn Gregoire provided an update on the Toqua Park Caretaker position. Discussion followed on options for the maintenance of the Park.

HR Director Gregoire distributed information that will be given to the elected officials to complete which will assist the Board in the salary setting meetings.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Wulff and carried to approve the job description for the new Social Worker position for the waiver program subject to the approval of the HR Director.

HR Director Gregoire reported that Intern Tracy Kellen is starting today at Family Services.

HR Director Gregoire provided an update on various HR items for the Board's information.

Chairman Berning adjourned the meeting at 10:19 AM.

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Joseph J. Berning, Chairman

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