

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
July 2, 2013

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, July 2, 2013. Chairman Berning called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Olson, Sandberg and Wulff present. 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 Olson and carried to approve the minutes of the June 18th regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Athey – Prairie 5; Personnel; Toqua Park

Wulff – MAWD; Toqua Park

Olson – Personnel; Pioneerland; Property; BSAG; RDC; PrimeWest

Sandberg – Property

Attorney Watson expressed his appreciation to the Highway and Sheriff Department staff for assisting with the move of his office after the storm.

Discussion was held on whether the County can compensate Commissioner Athey for handling the reservations for Toqua Park. Motion by Olson and seconded by Berning to authorize per diem for Commissioner Athey when he goes to Toqua Park to check on reservations. Motion carried with Commissioner Athey abstaining.

Attorney Watson left the meeting.

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

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| Big Stone Area Growth | \$ 8,750.00 |
| Big Stone SWCD | 15,000.00 |
| Bond Trust Services Corp | 14,692.50 |
| City of Graceville | 5,000.00 |
| City of Ortonville | 5,000.00 |
| Countryside Public Health | 25,735.00 |
| Nelson Electric | 7,425.00 |
| Ortonville Plbg & Htg | 2,684.26 |
| Pioneerland Library System | 15,919.25 |
| Serocki Excavating | 17,821.77 |
| William Watson | 4,202.33 |
| 48 Payments Less Than \$2,000 | <u>12,877.01</u> |
| Total | \$135,107.12 |

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to authorize a payment of \$283.52 to Regal Flags & Poles as an auditor warrant.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to reappoint Brent Hasslen to the Upper Minnesota River Watershed Board of Managers for a 3-year term effective August 13, 2013 to August 9, 2016.

Discussion was held on the County's mileage reimbursement rate. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Wulff and carried to begin reimbursing at the full IRS rate effective July 2, 2013.

Discussion was held on replacing the sign at the County Office Building to remove FSA and add Countryside Public Health. Commissioner Sandberg reported that Main Street Industries has almost completed the new sign.

VSO Dan Meyer provided information on his office's activities during the past month for the Board's review.

Auditor Knutson reminded the board members of the guidelines regarding the payment of per diems.

Facilities Technician Jared Heck gave an update on the courthouse roof and the recent meeting with representatives from the MN Historical Society and MCIT. Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize Heck to proceed with a slate roof replacement.

Countryside Public Health Administrator Liz Auch was present to provide an update on the agency.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to authorize the lateral move of Social Worker Beth Bohlen to the new position for the waiver program as presented by HR Director Dawn Gregoire. Social Services Supervisor Suzi Kleindl was also present.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Wulff and carried to authorize filling the open Social Worker position.

HR Director Gregoire provided an update on the outstanding County insurance claims.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to accept the resignation of Custodian Christine Boyle effective July 12, 2013, as presented by HR Director Gregoire.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to authorize per diem payments for Commissioners who attend the leadership training sessions.

Following a break, a work session was held to begin meeting with individual elected officials as part of the new salary setting process.

Chairman Berning adjourned the meeting at 11:43 AM.

Joseph J. Berning, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor