

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
August 20, 2013

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, August 20, 2013. Chairman Berning called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Olson, Sandberg and Wulff present. Also present were Kaylee Athey, County Attorney Bill Watson and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to approve the minutes of the August 6th regular meeting and the August 6th Highway 5-year plan meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Athey – Extension; Fair Board; Toqua Park; HRA; Personnel

Wulff – Extension; Pomme de Terre

Olson – Personnel; Pioneerland

Sandberg – CBSL

Dianne Radermacher from Upper MN River Watershed District was present for a discussion on the Whetstone Project. Radermacher reported that the Corps will not be able to take on the study at this time and are recommending that the Watershed move forward on its own without waiting for federal funding. With all local agencies on board with the project, motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to allocate the County's \$25,000 commitment towards the Whetstone Project for the initial study. This will allow a plan to be developed to be presented to the legislature for consideration of other funding options to complete the project.

Attorney Watson reported that he had reviewed various contracts that are on the agenda and they are ready for approval. Attorney Watson left the meeting.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Wulff and carried to approve the temporary partial closing of CSAH 24 in the City of Clinton on September 21, 2013, from 11:00 AM to 9:30 PM for the Big Stone County Cancer Support Group Walk of Hope.

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

Central Specialties	\$ 7,694.60
Computer Professionals	4,054.07
Envirotech Services	13,759.77
Nelson Electric	7,425.00
Ortonville Plbg & Htg	3,159.00
Tri County Co-op Oil Assn	3,271.20
West Con	24,275.28
73 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>8,178.68</u>
Total	\$81,817.60

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

Family Services to Highway	\$ 285.21
General to Highway	\$ 3,272.64
Ditch to Highway	\$ 656.28

County Ditch #2	\$ 49.92
County Ditch #30	\$106.36
Joint Ditch #7	\$500.00

Commissioner Sandberg presented the Proclamation received from the State of Minnesota proclaiming Big Stone County a Yellow Ribbon County. This will provide a bigger network of resources to assist service members and their families.

Discussion was held on the County Museum's request for funding assistance to build a cold storage building. Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to budget \$10,000 per year for up to four years to help with the project.

A work session was held to continue reviewing the 2014 budget.

Commissioner Athey reported that the fair board had to do some extensive electrical work prior to the start of the fair and had requested some assistance from the County. Following discussion, motion by Athey, seconded by Wulff and carried to appropriate \$2,000 in 2013 towards the expense.

Sheriff John Haukos presented the contract for public safety answering point (PSAP) services with Kandiyohi County for the Board's approval. It is a 2-year contract with a 2% annual increase each year. Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to execute the contract.

Paul Kalibabky from Waste Management was present with Environmental Officer Darren Wilke to discuss the recycling proposal. Mr. Kalibabky stated that they want to maintain the partnership with the County for recycling services and provided an update on some of the changes that have taken place. The first year of the contract will be at a cost of \$108,108 with 3% annual increases after the first year. Motion by Sandberg and seconded by Olson and carried to accept the proposal as presented. Discussion followed on comments received from constituents on the drop off site in Ortonville. Following the discussion, motion carried.

A work session was held to continue meeting with individual elected officials as part of the new salary setting process.

Chairman Berning adjourned the meeting at 10:40 PM.

Joseph J. Berning, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor