

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
April 1, 2014

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, April 1, 2014. Chairman Olson called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Berning, Sandberg and Wulff present. Also present were Mike Swenson of the Ortonville Independent and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the minutes of the March 18th regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Wulff – RLF; Pomme de Terre; PIC; Red River Basin Conference

Berning – Property

Olson – Personnel; RDC

Sandberg – Property; Broadband; ESB; Audit; MSI; Beyond the Yellow Ribbon

Athey – Personnel; Prairie 5; Fair Board

Discussion was held on signage for being a Beyond the Yellow Ribbon community. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Wulff and carried to authorize the purchase of signage to be added to the "Big Stone County" signs when entering the County.

Commissioner Sandberg provided an update on the sale of the old communications tower. Following discussion, motion by Sandberg, seconded by Berning and carried to try and sell the tower on Ebay.

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

Library representatives Vicki Grimli and Amy Anderson were present to request the Board proclaim April 13 -19, 2014, as National Library Week and to provide an update on various library activities. Motion by Berning, seconded by Wulff and carried to adopt the following resolution:

2014-10

WHEREAS, libraries help lives change in 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 the Big Stone County Commissioners proclaim National Library Week, April 13-19, 2014. We encourage all residents to visit the library this week to take advantage of the wonderful library resources available at your library. Lives change at your library.

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

Big Stone Area Growth	\$ 8,750.00
Big Stone SWCD	15,000.00
GovConnection	3,057.69
Lieffort Painting	11,331.00
Pioneerland Library	16,396.75
Regents of the U of MN	12,474.39
William J Watson	4,370.42
35 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>9,198.90</u>
Total	\$80,579.15

Commissioner Athey inquired if there were any names for the HRA Board appointments. No names were brought forth.

Motion by Wulff, seconded by Sandberg and carried to execute the Workforce Investment Act Joint Powers Agreement. The only change to the agreement was for renewal dates. The agreement will be effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to authorize an auditor warrant for \$100 to Cenex for car wash tokens for County vehicles.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Berning and carried to appoint Joyce Reynolds and Iva Lou Gillespie to fill out remaining terms of James Reynolds and James Kaye on the HRA Board. Their terms will run until September 30, 2015, and September 30, 2017, respectively.

Commissioner Athey inquired about the purchase of office supplies from vendors within the County. Board consensus was to encourage vendors to contact the Board if they are interested in the opportunity.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Sandberg and carried to adopt the following resolution and execute the Annual County Boat and Water Safety Grant Agreement as presented by Sheriff John Haukos:

2014-11

WHEREAS under the provisions of M.S. § 86B.105, the Sheriff of each county is required to carry out the provision of Chapter 86B and the Boat and Water Safety Rules, hereinafter referred to as the "Minn. Rules", including patrol, enforcement search and rescue, watercraft inspection, waterway marking and accident investigation, all hereinafter referred to as the "Sheriff's Duties"; and

WHEREAS in connection with the Sheriff's Duties, M.S. § 86B.701 provides that the County submit to the Commissioner of Natural Resources a budget to carry out the Sheriff's Duties; and

WHEREAS M.S. § 86B.701 and the Minn. Rules provide for the allocation of funds by the Commissioner to the County based on certain criteria and conclusions to assist the funding of the Sheriff's Duties; and

WHEREAS the County has submitted a proposed budget to the State.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the State shall reimburse the County up to \$1,865.00 for the activities stated in Chapter 86B.

Facilities Technician Jared Heck and County Attorney Bill Watson arrived at the meeting.

The Property Committee provided an update on the needed repairs to the lower level. The other offices will also now need to be done as well as the moisture issues were also detected in those areas. Due to the immediate need to address the issues, motion by Sandberg, seconded by Berning and carried to authorize the additional mold abatement expenditures. The tiling around the Courthouse and the internal reconstruction will be treated as separate projects.

Discussion followed on several different options for how to set up the lower level and the location of County offices. Consensus was to have further discussion on future plans at the next department head meeting.

Attorney Watson reported that he will be presenting a contract to the City of Graceville for services at Toqua Park at their next council meeting and then will bring it to the County Board for their approval.

Discussion was held on gravel tax correspondence received from Silver Springs. Attorney Watson will contact Mr. Wollschlager to try and settle the matter and report back.

Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 10:18 AM.

Brent Olson, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor