

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
June 17, 2014

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, June 17, 2014. Vice Chairman Sandberg called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Berning and Wulff present. Chairman Olson arrived later in the meeting. Also present were Sue Kaercher-Blake of the Ortonville Independent, County Attorney Bill Watson and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Wulff, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the minutes of the June 3rd regular meeting and the June 16th Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Wulff – RLF; Pomme de Terre; PIC

Berning – Property

Sandberg – Property

Athey – HRA; Fair Board

Attorney Watson reported on his recent US Court of Appeals case.

4-H Program Coordinator Suzanne Souza reported that they have an opportunity to work with Main Street Industries for additional help with the summer programming.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Berning and carried to authorize 1.5 hours per week for 9 weeks for summer help.

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

Computer Professionals	\$ 4,179.00
EnviroTech Services	21,802.20
Kandiyohi County Recycling	2,000.00
Plotz Timber Harvest	13,780.00
PrimeWest Health	2,955.34
West Con	5,620.76
47 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>11,015.12</u>
Total	\$61,352.42

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

General to Highway	\$ 1,971.21
Family Services to Highway	\$ 405.21
Ditch to Highway	\$ 809.91
Joint Ditch 4	\$331.86
County Ditch 20	\$478.05

Motion by Berning, seconded by Wulff and carried to abate the mobile home tax on parcel 22-8347-000 as requested by County Treasurer Cindy Nelson. Treasurer Nelson reported that the mobile home was abandoned and will be disposed of.

County Recorder Elaine Martig reported that she has received a letter of cancellation from the Secretary of State for the satellite office agreement for administration of UCCs. Recorder Martig asked if the Board would be willing to send a

letter of support for keeping the satellite offices as a service to our community. Consensus was to support keeping the service local, but asked Recorder Martig to see if her association has contacted AMC to see if there is statewide effort to oppose the cancellation by the Secretary of State.

Following a short break, Chairman Olson arrived at the meeting.

County Engineer Nick Anderson presented the bid summary for SAP 006-621-024. Motion by Berning, seconded by Sandberg and carried to award the bid to the low bid, Midwest Contracting, LLC for the amount of \$514,457.47.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Wulff and carried to execute the Joint Powers Agreement for the Administration of Federal HSIP Safety Grant as presented by Engineer Anderson.

Discussion was held on the Joint Ditch 4 tree removal project. Engineer Anderson reported that the project was as complete as we can get it and that the contractor made concessions for the unexpected clean-up the County will be taking care of.

Engineer Anderson reported that a hydraulic analysis of the County Ditch 2 system needs to be completed to determine if there would be an adverse impact by replacing the rock weir. Motion by Berning, seconded by Athey and carried to authorize the expenditure of \$2,500 for the study.

Engineer Anderson demonstrated of the new campground software. Consensus was to continue to use it and re-evaluate its use at the end of the season. Motion by Athey, seconded by Wulff and carried to provide internet access to the park worker who needs access to the program in order to assist with timely reservations.

Chairman Olson reported on the PrimeWest committee meeting he attended.

Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 9:45 AM.

Brent Olson, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor