

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
July 15, 2014

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, July 15, 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, County Attorney Bill Watson and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the minutes of the July 1st regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Wulff – BSAG; RLF; Pomme de Terre

Berning – CSPH; Supporting Hands

Olson – BSAG; UMRWD

Sandberg – Museum; Beyond the Yellow Ribbon; CBSL; Property

Athey – Prairie 5; HRA

Larry Helgeson from the Museum arrived at the meeting during committee reports so the Historical Society's loan request was discussed at this time. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Wulff and carried to approve the following resolution:

2014-15

WHEREAS, it has been determined on the basis of the current Construction Work Plan that financing is needed for an addition to the Big Stone County Museum; and

WHEREAS, the Big Stone County Historical Society would like to borrow from Big Stone County to complete the project and is requesting \$40,000 to be used for the building addition at the Museum.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Big Stone County approves the loan request to be paid back over four years at 1% interest with the option to pay off early if sufficient donated funds become available.

Attorney Watson stated he had nothing to report and left the meeting.

The 5-Year Highway Planning Meeting was set for 11:00 AM on Tuesday, August 5, 2014, at the Highway Department.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the temporary partial closing of County Hwy 28 and Main Avenue in the City of Odessa on July 19, 2014, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 AM July 20, 2014, for a celebration.

Following discussion, motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to adopt the following resolution as presented by Nancy Lee from the HRA:

2014-16

WHEREAS, the Big Stone County Housing & Redevelopment Authority is in the process of submitting an Application for the Rural Development (RD) Housing Preservation Grant Program Funds for Housing Rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, this is a program designed specifically for Very Low Income range people; and

WHEREAS, these Grant funds will benefit the Very Low Income residents of Big Stone County who are otherwise unable to secure a loan for repairs to their residences.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Big Stone County Housing & Redevelopment Authority is hereby authorized to apply for these funds on behalf of Big Stone County.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Wulff and carried to approve the following 3-year assessment agreements as presented by Deputy Assessor Barb Amundson: Townships of Akron, Almond; Artichoke, Big Stone, Foster, Graceville, Malta, Moonshine, Odessa, Otrej, Prior and Toqua and the City of Johnson.

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

Computer Professionals	\$ 4,378.00
Ortonville Independent	2,471.27
Pictometry	18,260.07
Rice Stromgren Architects	8,418.13
Rick's Heating & Air Conditioning	2,043.00
Seachange Printing	3,487.44
State Auditor	23,468.45
56 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>14,972.32</u>
Total	\$77,498.68

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

General to Highway	\$ 2,081.08
Family Services to Highway	\$ 334.76
Ditch to Highway	\$ 5,398.25
Joint Ditch 4	\$3,270.62
Combined Ditch 10/11	\$1,786.95
County Ditch 12	\$ 157.69
County Ditch 20	\$ 35.50
Joint Ditch 24	\$ 147.49

Motion by Wulff, seconded by Athey and carried to reappoint Terry Gillespie to the Upper Minnesota River Watershed Board of Managers for a 3-year term effective August 12, 2014 to August 8, 2017.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the On Sale Liquor License for Club 7-75.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Wulff and carried to approve the 2014 tobacco license application for Dollar General effective August 10, 2014.

Discussion was held on bonding options if needed for the courthouse repairs.

A work session was held to begin discussing the 2015 budget.

Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 10:23 AM.

Brent Olson, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor