

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
August 5, 2014

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, August 5, 2014. Chairman Olson called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Berning, Sandberg and Wulff present. Also present were Larry Helgeson, 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 Berning and carried to approve the minutes of the July 15th regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Wulff – RLF; RRB; Toqua Park

Berning – SW EMS; Property

Olson – HR Sharing; Personnel; Pioneerland; RDC; Broadband; Hazard Mitigation Plan; Insurance

Sandberg – Museum; MSI; Safety; Broadband; Food Shelf; ESB; Property

Athey – Prairie 5; Personnel

Discussion was held on how to move forward with insuring all of the buildings at the Museum. Attorney Watson reviewed what options are available. Consensus was for the Museum to pass a resolution indicating the severance of the land from the buildings on the property and the Museum to cover the insurance on the buildings with the County continuing to own the land. Current lease agreements would follow the buildings.

Attorney Watson reported that after reviewing the Collaborative agreement with Greater MN Family Services, he is recommending that the Board approve the agreement with one small wording change. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the agreement with the recommended change. Chairman Olson abstained due to a conflict of interest.

At 9:00 AM Chairman Olson declared the public hearing to take comment on the Big Stone County Public Pool Ordinance open. Countryside Public Health Environmental Health Director Kris Lee reviewed the reason for the ordinance with those present. There being no comments from the public, the hearing was closed at 9:06 AM.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Wulff and carried to adopt the Big Stone County Public Pool Ordinance and to publish a summary of the ordinance in the official minutes:

**SUMMARY OF AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF
PUBLIC POOLS WITHIN BIG STONE COUNTY IN CONSORTIUM WITH CHIPPEWA,
LAC QUI PARLE, SWIFT AND YELLOW MEDICINE COUNTIES
AS COUNTRYSIDE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE**

The Ordinance, referred to as the Big Stone County Public Pool Ordinance, provides for the Regulation of Public Pools Within Big Stone County in Consortium with Chippewa, Lac Qui Parle, Swift and Yellow Medicine Counties as Countryside Public Health Service and is adopted to protect and provide for public health, safety and general

welfare of the County and its residents by licensing, inspecting and regulating public pools.

- Section I: Legal Authority Provisions
- Section II: Contains a listing of Definitions
- Section III: Adoption by reference of State Law and Minnesota Rules
- Section IV: Permits action to be taken by Environmental Health Director
- Section V: Plan Review – Responsibility of Minnesota Department of Health
- Section VI: Provides for Licensing and Inspecting Pools, Suspension and Revocation of Licenses, Appeals of Action Taken, and Enforcement Provisions
- Section VII: Repeal of Previous Ordinances if any
- Section VIII: Effective Date of Ordinance

A printed copy of the entire ordinance is available at the office of the Big Stone County Auditor, 20 2nd St SE, Ortonville, MN.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Wulff and carried to approve the solid waste licenses for the City of Beardsley, City of Clinton, Mattheisen Disposal, Engebretsen, Wittrock & Sons and Waste Management as presented by Environmental Officer Darren Wilke.

Auditor Knutson presented claims for payment. Following discussion on the sidewalk repair bill, motion by Sandberg, seconded by Berning and carried to authorize payment of the following claims as presented by Auditor Knutson:

City of Graceville	\$ 3,555.00
Crop Production Services	12,719.14
Door Service Company	4,893.80
The Sherwin Williams Co	4,280.00
The Shop	4,252.21
Traverse County	20,552.67
Traverse County Sheriff	2,659.68
Truenorth Steel	2,228.00
William J Watson	4,370.42
West Con	5,683.30
60 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>21,680.62</u>
Total	\$86,874.84

Auditor Knutson asked for questions and/or comments on the year-to-date financial information provided for the Board's review.

Motion by Wulff, seconded by Athey and carried to execute the Joint Powers Agreement with Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative (MCCC).

Auditor Knutson reported that the County's 2014 MCIT dividend will be \$51,474 and is allocated as follows: Workers' Compensation \$28,558 and Property/Casualty \$22,916.

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

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to appoint the following to the EMAC Committee of the Central MN Emergency Services Board:

- Representative – EMD Jim Hasslen
- Alternate – Assistant EMD Dawn Koch

IT Director Terry Ocaña updated the Board on the broadband initiative grant offered by the Minnesota State DEED office. Federated Telephone is considering applying for funding that would result in a fiber optic network, benefiting some of the rural residents in parts of Big Stone County. Discussion was held on the County's involvement and support.

HR Director Dawn Gregoire reported that the Credit Card Policy has been updated to reflect the tip reimbursement change previously approved in the handbook.

Gregoire also updated the Board on possible payroll timekeeping software and stated that she would like to budget for it in 2015.

A work session was held to continue discussion on the 2015 budget.

Architect Jeff Stromgren presented draft plans for the repair and remodel of the Courthouse and Government Building. Stromgren will incorporate the Board's comments into the plans and present them to Department Heads at their next meeting.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Wulff and carried to approve the needed 4" parge coating for the Courthouse as recommended.

The meeting was recessed for the 5-Year Highway planning meeting at 11:00 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 1:28 PM.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Berning and carried to close the meeting for the purpose of discussing labor negotiation strategy as requested by HR Director Dawn Gregoire.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Berning and carried to re-open the meeting at 2:20 PM.

The work session on the 2015 budget continued.

Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 3:42 PM.

Brent Olson, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor