

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
January 20, 2015

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, January 20, 2015. Chairman Sandberg called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Backer, Berning and Olson 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 Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the minutes of the January 6th reorganizational meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Berning – CSPH
Olson – PrimeWest; BSAG; Pioneerland
Sandberg – CBSL; Property
Athey – SWCD; Fair Board
Backer – BSAG; Bois de Sioux

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

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| Ammerman Plumbing & Heating | \$11,500.00 |
| Barr's/Conroy Electric | 10,071.44 |
| Big Stone SWCD | 2,600.00 |
| Computer Professionals | 5,195.00 |
| Environmental Systems Research | 2,500.00 |
| Kandiyohi County Sheriff Dept | 4,303.55 |
| L&O Acres Transport | 3,588.75 |
| Marco | 6,123.75 |
| Regents of the U of MN | 12,474.39 |
| Rice Stromgren Architects | 3,217.50 |
| 40 Payments Less Than \$2,000 | <u>12,225.12</u> |
| Total | \$73,799.50 |

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to execute the engagement letter to retain Ehlers as Dissemination Agent for continuing disclosure requirements for the County's bond issues.

County Assessor Sandy Vold was present to request the Board set the date for the County Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting. Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to set the meeting for Tuesday, June 16th at 7:00 PM.

Following a break, motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to execute the contract with Koehl Excavating for the Joint Ditch 24 tile project as presented by County Engineer Nick Anderson.

Engineer Anderson provided an update of the meeting he had with Widseth Smith and Nolting regarding the Ortonville Shop.

Engineer Anderson reported on his recent ditch inspections.

Countryside Public Health Administrator Liz Auch and Erin Simmons representing the American Lung Association were present to provide information on tobacco products including e-cigarettes and recommended policy changes to provide

solutions for the growing problems associated with them. More information for updating the County's policies will be forthcoming. Amber Amdahl from Countryside was also in attendance.

Chairman Sandberg adjourned the meeting at 10:16 AM.

Roger Sandberg, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor