

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
November 3, 2015

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, November 3, 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 October 20th regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Berning – Supporting Hands

Olson – Pioneerland; Dream for Kids; Personnel

Sandberg – MSI; Collaborative; Museum; Property

Athey – Prairie 5; Personnel; Toqua Park

Backer – Toqua Park; SWEMS

Motion by Backer, seconded Athey and carried to appoint Commissioner Olson as this year's MCIT voting delegate since the Chairman and Vice Chairman are not attending the AMC conference.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Backer and carried to approve a Perpetual Conservation Easement and Restrictions for Wetland and Upland Buffer Area owned by Thomas, Kerri and Bruce Herberg as presented by Attorney Watson.

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

Hitesman & Wold	\$ 2,500.00
William Watson	4,413.00
32 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>7,127.71</u>
Total	\$14,040.71

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

Motion by Athey, seconded by Berning and carried to execute the FY 2016 Snowmobile Maintenance Grant Agreement for the Big Stone Lake Area Sno Riders with the MN DNR.

Auditor Knutson distributed copies of MCIT's annual report for the Board's review.

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

The public hearing for the Redetermination of County Ditch #30 is scheduled for December 2nd at 10:00 AM.

Commissioner Backer provided information on a grant to be used towards the purchase of playground equipment for Toqua Park. The total cost will be \$21,211.10. The grant would cover \$5,594 and the County's share will be \$8,657. The remainder will be covered by the City of Graceville and other local funds. Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the purchase and accept the donations from the City and the local citizens.

Chairman Sandberg reported on the MSI building expansion opportunity. The property next door currently owned by Border States Cooperative is up for sale.

Chairman Sandberg declared the public hearing to take comment on the County's All-Hazard Mitigation Plan open at 9:30 AM. RDC Community Development Planner Emily Zandt presented the Plan priorities and the prioritized strategies. Emergency Management Director Jim Hasslen was also present. There being no comments from the public, Chairman Sandberg closed the hearing at 9:35 AM.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Olson and carried to adopt the following resolution:

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WHEREAS, the Big Stone County has participated in the hazard mitigation planning process as established under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Act establishes a framework for the development of a multi-jurisdictional County Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Act as part of the planning process requires public involvement and local coordination among neighboring local units of government and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Big Stone County Plan includes a risk assessment including past hazards, hazards that threaten the County, an estimate of structures at risk, a general description of land uses and development trends; and

WHEREAS, the Big Stone County Plan includes a mitigation strategy including goals and objectives and an action plan identifying specific mitigation projects and costs; and

WHEREAS, the Big Stone County Plan includes a maintenance or implementation process including plan updates, integration of the plan into other planning documents and how Big Stone County will maintain public participation and coordination; and

WHEREAS, the Plan has been shared with the Minnesota Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for review and comment; and

WHEREAS, the Big Stone County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan will make the County and participating jurisdictions eligible to receive FEMA hazard mitigation assistance grants; and

WHEREAS, this is a multi-jurisdictional Plan and cities that participated in the planning process may choose to also adopt the County Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Big Stone County supports the hazard mitigation planning effort and wishes to adopt the Big Stone County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

HR Director Dawn Gregoire reported that the Insurance Committee's recommendation to the County Board is that the rules of the Hybrid Healthcare Plan include requiring employees to have an Eligible Individual Policy as a condition of eligibility for coverage. Board consensus was to follow the Committee's recommendation. Deputy Auditor Sharon Finke was also present.

Gary Haugen was present to present information refuting the information presented by the DNR at the last meeting regarding the landowners' request for a shoreland exemption. Following the presentation, Attorney Watson recommended that the Board draft specific findings before any official action is taken. Following further discussion, it was decided that the Environmental Committee will meet with Environmental Officer Darren Wilke and Attorney Watson to review all information

submitted and prepare findings for the next board meeting. Dennis Larson, Bill Moberg, Jason Haugen, Terry Gillespie, Gene Moberg, Dan Wiegman, Doug Nelson, Dan Morrill and County Assessor Sandy Vold were also present.

Commissioner Olson and Attorney Watson left the meeting.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Athey and carried to close the meeting at 10:34 AM pursuant to MS 13D.05, Subd 3(b)(3) to develop an offer for the possible purchase of the following described property: easterly 12'2" of Lot 2 and Lot 3 (except west 30' of south 65') of Block 7 of Erickson's 1st Addition in the City of Clinton.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Berning and carried to re-open the meeting at 10:44 AM.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Backer and carried to authorize the Property Committee to proceed with submitting a bid on the property described above.

Chairman Sandberg adjourned the meeting at 10:47 AM.

Roger Sandberg, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor