

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
December 1, 2015

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 4:30 PM on Tuesday, December 1, 2015. Once a quorum was present, Chairman Sandberg called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM with Commissioners Backer and Olson present. Commissioners Athey and Berning were absent. Also present were Mike Swenson of the Ortonville Independent and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the minutes of the November 17th regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Olson – Pioneerland; RDC

Sandberg – MSI

Backer – RRB

County Engineer Nick Anderson reported that Schuneman's will not be buying back the 2015 tractors or allow the County to lease additional ones for 2016. Titan Machinery is also not interested in a leasing option. Larson's in Wheaton is willing to lease some at a rate of \$10/hour. Engineer Anderson also reported that one of the County's previously leased tractors is up for bids and asked if the Board is interested in bidding on it. Following discussion, motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to authorize the Engineer to bid up to \$75,000 on the tractor or purchase an equivalent one for that price. Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to authorize leasing 2 tractors from Larson's for \$10/hour.

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

Brian's Glass & Door	\$ 2,375.00
GovConnection	2,825.60
Office Peeps	3,154.35
Ronglien & Sons Excavating	4,519.49
William Watson	4,413.00
32 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>10,937.63</u>
Total	\$28,225.07

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

Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the following tobacco license applications for 2016:

C & E Short Stop

DG Retail, LLP dba Dollar General

Headquarter's Bar, Inc.

Holiday Stationstore

One More, Inc.

Tri-County Coop

TD&C Inc dba S & D One Stop

Motion by Backer, seconded by Olson and carried to execute the one-year agreement with Shred-N-Go for shredding services in 2016.

Discussion was held on the highway signs for Toqua Park. Motion by Backer, seconded by Olson and carried to authorize the purchase of replacement signs in the amount of \$1,574.40. Since payment needs to be included with the permit application to MnDOT by December 14th, motion by Backer, seconded by Olson and carried to authorize the amount be paid as an auditor warrant.

Auditor Knutson reported that the 2014 cost allocation report has been received and is on file in her office.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to close the meeting at 5:31 PM as required by MS 13D.05 Subd 2(4)(b) for preliminary consideration of allegations against an individual subject to its authority.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to reopen the meeting at 5:52 PM.

At 6:00 PM, Chairman Sandberg asked for public comment on the County's 2016 budget and levy. No public comments were received. Auditor Knutson reviewed the summary budget and levy information.

Chairman Sandberg adjourned the meeting at 6:03 PM.

Roger Sandberg, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor