

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
April 21, 2015

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, April 21, 2015. Chairman Sandberg called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Backer, Berning and Olson present. Also present were Elsie Perrine, Mike Swenson of the Ortonville Independent, County Attorney Bill Watson and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the minutes of the April 7th regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Berning – Countryside; Pomme de Terre; Annual Township Meeting

Olson – Personnel; Annual Township Meeting; Pioneerland

Sandberg – Annual Township Meeting

Athey – Personnel; Annual Township Meeting; SWCD; HRA

Backer – EDA; Bois de Sioux; SWEMS; Annual Township Meeting

Attorney Watson reported on recent correspondence from bond counsel regarding agreements the County will be executing.

Commissioner Berning left the meeting.

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

3D Specialties	\$ 6,979.63
Apple Computer	2,538.00
Big Stone Area Growth	8,750.00
Big Stone SWCD	15,000.00
Computer Professionals	4,599.00
Fischers Outback	2,149.70
Hasslen Construction	103,291.00
Office Peeps	3,229.13
Ortonville Independent	4,367.52
Pioneerland Library System	16,888.75
Shores Edge Excavating	19,500.00
63 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>15,676.86</u>
Total	\$202,969.59

Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to authorize the following internal transactions:

Family Services to Highway	\$ 393.96
General to Highway	\$ 2,912.62
Ditch to Highway	\$ 85.69

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to approve a county credit card for HR Director Dawn Gregoire per the County credit card policy.

County Engineer Nick Anderson presented the following bids for this summer's paving projects (SAPs 006-606-019, 006-607-015, 006-611-009, 006-621-027, 006-624-004 and 078-615-013):

Central Specialties	\$2,251,994.99
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Bituminous Paving \$2,492,516.56

Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to award the bid to Central Specialties.

Engineer Anderson presented a bid summary for the miscellaneous used equipment for sale at the Highway Department. Motion by Backer, seconded by Olson and carried to award the bids on the equipment as presented by Engineer Anderson.

Engineer Anderson provided an update on various ditches.

HR Director Dawn Gregoire brought up the tabled item of filling the Highway Maintenance Worker position from the last meeting. Motion by Olson to fill the position. Due to the lack of a second, the motion failed.

IT Director Terry Ocaña provided an update on recent proposed legislation that would detrimentally impact the County regarding its IT relationship with the State. Director Ocaña read a letter he has drafted to send to our legislators. Consensus was to send the letter as presented.

Environmental Officer Darren Wilke reported that the Planning Commission has two vacancies and is recommending Don Lundell to fill one of them. Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to appoint Don Lundell to fill the vacant term that expires December 31, 2016.

Environmental Officer Wilke reported that one of the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) billboards will be going up by Club 7-75 and that several banners will also be made.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to hold a public hearing on May 19, 2015, at 9:00 AM to consider adopting a business subsidy policy under Minnesota Statutes, Sections 116J.993 through 116J.995. County staff is authorized and directed to cause notice of the public hearing to be published in accordance with Minnesota law.

Since April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to extend their profound gratitude to all the hardworking, dedicated people who work in Child Protection. Their work is difficult, often unappreciated, but of immense value to society and the citizens of Big Stone County.

Chairman Sandberg adjourned the meeting at 9:35 AM.

Roger Sandberg, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor