

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
May 19, 2015

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, May 19, 2015. Chairman Sandberg called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Backer, Berning and Olson present. Also present were Joel Swanson from MCIT, Mike Swenson of the Ortonville Independent, County Attorney Bill Watson and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the minutes of the May 5th regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Berning – Property

Olson – Insurance; Personnel; PrimeWest; BSAG

Sandberg – Property

Athey – Extension; Planning & Zoning; Personnel

Backer – BSAG

Joel Swanson from MCIT presented the 2015 member report.

Attorney Watson provided an update on upcoming cases and associated expenditures. Attorney Watson reported that the State of Minnesota will pay up to \$60/day for lost wages and 28 cents/mile from the state border to the courthouse for the complainant. Motion by Olson and seconded by Berning to authorize funds to provide additional compensation for mileage from Texas to the Minnesota border. Following discussion, motion carried. In addition, the County should be receiving the invoice for translation costs from the Federal government as discussed at previous meetings.

Chairman Sandberg opened the public hearing at 9:00 AM to consider the adoption of a business subsidy policy. Hearing no public comment, Chairman Sandberg closed the hearing at 9:01 AM.

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

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WHEREAS, Big Stone County (the "County") acknowledges the need to provide financial assistance to businesses to further the economic development objectives of the County; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 116J.993 through 116J.995 requires any state or local government agency with the authority to grant a business subsidy to establish business subsidy criteria before any new business subsidy can be provided; and

WHEREAS, the County Board has performed all actions required by law to be performed prior to the adoption of the Big Stone County Business Subsidy Policy, including the holding of a public hearing upon published notice as required by law.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Big Stone County Board hereby adopts the Big Stone County Business Subsidy Policy.

A copy of the policy is available at the Auditor's Office.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Backer and carried to authorize payment of the

following claims as presented by Auditor Knutson:

Big Stone SWCD	\$ 5,365.13
Computer Professionals	4,293.00
Elections Systems & Software	3,919.59
O'Kayes Home Center	2,040.00
Ortonville Independent	4,092.55
Schuneman Equipment Company	2,493.88
Towmaster, Inc	39,803.00
62 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>14,286.46</u>
Total	\$76,293.61

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

Family Services to Highway	\$ 137.61
General to Highway	\$ 1,259.83
Ditch to Highway	\$ 5,388.01

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the Off Sale Beer License for Lakeshore RV Park.

Discussion was held on the proposed 3-year Memorandum of Agreement with University of Minnesota Extension. Consensus was to have Kathy Schwantes come and review the changes with the Board at an upcoming meeting.

HR Director Dawn Gregoire and Deputy Auditor Sharon Finke arrived at the meeting.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to close the meeting for labor negotiations at 9:11 AM.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Olson and carried to re-open the meeting at 9:29 AM.

Countryside Public Health Administrator Liz Auch was present to provide an update on the agency.

Environmental Officer Darren Wilke reviewed two conditional use permit (CUP) applications. Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the CUP for Jerry's U-Save for a diked containment area for above ground fuel tanks as recommended by the Planning Commission. Motion by Athey, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the CUP for Bituminous Paving for a gravel pit as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Environmental Officer Wilke provided an update on the recent buffer initiative legislation.

Chairman Sandberg adjourned the meeting at 9:53 AM.

Roger Sandberg, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor