

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**June 2, 2015**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, June 2, 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 Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the minutes of the May 19<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Olson – Personnel; Dream for Kids; Pioneerland; CD 10/11; Insurance

Sandberg – CD 10/11

Athey – Personnel; Fair Board; CD 10/11

Backer – EDA (Conf Call for Bonding)

Attorney Watson reported that he has responded to a Petition for Post Conviction Relief for Danny Barnes.

Attorney Watson reported on the conference call that was held last Friday with bond counsel and Ehlers. Federated will be paying the agent fee for disclosure reporting until the County is done paying on the current capital improvement bond and then the County will pay the fee on this bond issue.

Bruce Kimmel from Ehlers presented the bid tabulation for the \$4,000,000 taxable general obligation abatement bonds. There were three bids and the winning bid was Baird at a true interest rate of 3.759%. Mr. Kimmel also presented the Standard & Poor's credit rating report. Following discussion, motion by Olson and seconded by Berning to adopt Resolution **2015-14** awarding the sale; prescribing the form and specifications; directing the execution and delivery; and providing for payment of \$4,000,000 Taxable General Obligation Abatement Bonds, Series 2015A. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Discussion was held on the various agreements needed for the project with Federated including the Loan Agreement, the Collateral Account Security Agreement and the Account Control Agreement. Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to execute the agreements.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Backer and carried to execute the Paying Agent Agreement with Bond Trust Services.

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

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| Envirotech Services           | \$ 34,742.90 |
| Hasslen Construction          | 17,513.00    |
| John Deere                    | 2,000.00     |
| Kandiyohi County Sheriff Dept | 29,972.53    |
| Dillon Schlimme               | 2,711.67     |
| Team Laboratory Chemical Corp | 18,135.00    |
| TrueNorth Steel               | 9,510.20     |
| William Watson                | 4,413.00     |

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| 34 Payments Less Than \$2,000 | <u>12,135.38</u> |
| Total                         | \$131,133.68     |

Auditor Knutson reported that the following bids were received for the farm leases in Browns Valley Township:

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| Section 16 (Landfill)  | Kenneth Hendricks | \$73/acre |
| Section 31 (Rieck Pit) | James Stotesbery  | \$82/acre |

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to accept the bids.

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

Discussion was held on establishing a post issuance compliance policy. Since one is not required for the current bond issue, consensus was to wait to pass a policy until it is needed.

Auditor Knutson reported that the County has received the 2014 wetland payment from US Fish and Wildlife and that Congress only allocated funds to cover 24% of the payment.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Berning and carried to hold a public hearing to consider the adoption of the amended Tobacco Ordinance and the Electronic Delivery Device Use Ordinance. Notice of Intent shall be published with the hearing being set for July 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM during the regular meeting of the County Board.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Backer and carried to appoint Lori Riley to the Planning Commission to fill out a term ending December of 2016 as presented by Environmental Officer Darren Wilke.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to execute an additional FY 2015 MPCA County Feedlot Performance Grant Agreement with the Board of Water and Soil Resources and authorize Environmental Officer Darren Wilke to sign the agreement. This will provide the County with an additional \$423 for services.

HR Director Dawn Gregoire presented the Seasonal Highway Maintenance Worker Job Description for the Board's approval. Motion by Berning and seconded by Athey to approve the job description as recommended at Grade 7. Following discussion, motion carried.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to ratify the approval to hire an Adult Services Social Worker in place of the Nurse Care Coordinator position.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the Seasonal Extension Worker job description at Grade 1 and authorize hiring to fill the position.

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

Following a break, County Engineer Nick Anderson presented building layouts and estimates for the Board's information. Following discussion, consensus was to take some time to review the information and discuss at a future meeting.

Engineer Anderson reported that they have been pumping the slough on County Road 67. They will have to tile there eventually so will need to request a permit.

Engineer Anderson reported that the Riparian Protection and Water Quality Practices Act (regarding buffer strips) passed, but was vetoed by the Governor. The law would require the SWCD to make the determinations whether a landowner is in compliance, but the County would be the enforcement agency. Engineer Anderson

stated that County Ditches 20 and 20A are the only ditches that do not have the buffer strip.

The Board set a County Ditch 12 meeting for 10:00 AM during the July 7<sup>th</sup> regular board meeting. This is to discuss the needed repair in Sections 5 and 6 of Artichoke Township.

Discussion was held on the need to repair County Ditch 13 tile south of CSAH 6. The project is estimated to cost approximately \$90,000. Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to authorize the Engineer to do the repair.

Engineer Anderson provided an update on the contractor schedule for projects in Clinton.

Discussion was held on the crack sealing project. Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to authorize the partial payment of \$12,000 to Lawrence Schreffler as an auditor warrant as requested by Engineer Anderson.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to authorize the Engineer to get bids on the needed seal coat project.

Engineer Anderson reported that he has been asked by the Big Stone Arts Council to do some surveying for their building project down by the lake. Consensus was to allow the department to do the work and charge to authorized work.

County Assessor Sandy Vold was present to discuss staffing needs in her office. Following discussion, motion by Athey, seconded by Backer and carried to authorize hiring a part-time employee who will work 4/5<sup>th</sup>'s time from April – December and 3/5<sup>th</sup>'s time from January – March each year. The position will be posted internally for 7 days before advertising. Deputy Assessor Barb Amundson and HR Director Gregoire were also present for the discussion.

Chairman Sandberg adjourned the meeting at 10:49 AM.

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Roger Sandberg, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor