

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
March 15, 2016

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, March 15, 2016. Chairman Athey called the meeting to order with Commissioners Backer, Berning, Olson and Sandberg 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 Backer, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the minutes of the March 1st regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Olson – JD 4; PrimeWest; BSAG

Athey – JD 4; Department Head; HRA

Backer – JD 4; BSAG; RLF

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize Commissioner Athey to attend the Red River Watershed Management Board and Red River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Work Group Joint Conference on March 23-24, 2016 in Moorhead.

Attorney Watson reviewed the purchase agreement for the CHS building in Clinton. He stated that the seller usually provides an updated abstract. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Backer and carried to authorize the execution of the agreement with the request that they provide the updated abstract.

Attorney Watson reported that there will be some expenses for experts that were called in for the trial last week.

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

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| Brookings County Sheriff's Office | \$ 2,600.00 |
| Computer Professionals | 4,456.00 |
| Fidlar Companies | 2,500.00 |
| GovConnection | 7,391.39 |
| Midstates Supplies | 13,064.40 |
| Waste Management | 9,557.65 |
| Ziegler Inc | 2,022.48 |
| 49 Payments Less Than \$2,000 | <u>22,190.84</u> |
| Total | \$63,782.76 |

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Berning and carried to authorize the following internal transactions:

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| General to Highway | \$ 1,615.90 |
| Family Services to Highway | \$ 101.77 |
| Ditch to Highway | \$ 4,386.53 |
| Joint Ditch 4 | \$ 290.54 |
| County Ditch 30 | \$4,095.99 |

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

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Berning and carried to execute the 3-year agreement with MAXIMUS for the completion of the 2015, 2016 and 2017 Indirect Cost Allocation Plans.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Berning and carried to authorize IT Director Terry Ocaña to execute a confidentiality agreement with Marco.

4-H Program Coordinator Suzanne Souza and students Mary Larsen, Zakari Angelo and Sergio Clark-Carbjal gave a presentation on their aquatic robotics and AIS project. They have been and will be presenting to various classes in the area schools and are planning to have a booth at the Sports and Leisure Show in Ortonville.

County Engineer Nick Anderson was present to discuss how to handle the reseeding of buffer strips on the drainage systems. Motion by Berning, seconded by Sandberg and carried to assess a \$500 fee in addition to the actual reseeding costs to the affected landowners.

Emergency Management Director Jim Hasslen provided an update on recent activities in his office.

Commissioner Olson left the meeting.

HR Director Gregoire reported that the LEAN 101 training has been scheduled for Thursday, April 14th from 12:30-3:00 PM in the basement of the Ortonville Library.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Backer and carried to close the meeting at 9:39 AM for labor negotiations.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Sandberg and carried to reopen the meeting at 9:43 AM.

Chairman Athey adjourned the meeting at 9:45 AM.

Wade Athey, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor