

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**April 19, 2016**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, April 19, 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 and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the minutes of the April 5<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Olson – PrimeWest; LEAN 101; Dream for Kids

Sandberg – Property

Athey – Department Head; Prairie 5; LEAN 101

Backer – MN Rural County Caucus; LEAN 101

Berning – Pomme de Terre; Countryside

Commissioner Backer asked Commissioners to contact Representative Greg Davids, the Chair of the Taxes Committee, to show support for the proposed changes to County Program Aid in the tax bill.

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

Big Stone County HRA	\$ 2,094.00
Computer Professionals	4,553.30
Marco	4,750.00
Ortonville Independent	2,758.92
State Auditor	11,668.00
West Con	2,760.48
45 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>11,942.05</u>
Total	\$40,526.75

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize the payment of \$9,936 to LiftOff for Microsoft Licensing as an auditor warrant.

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

General to Highway	\$ 921.10
Family Services to Highway	\$ 59.50
Ditch to Highway (CD 10/11)	\$ 51.93

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Backer and carried that the 2015 financial statements be approved and ordered published.

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

Auditor Knutson reported that a letter has been received from the DNR stating that the 4<sup>th</sup> benchmark for the Snowmobile Trails Assistance Program will not be disbursed for fiscal year 2016.

Rachel Davis from the Downtown Revitalization Committee was present to update the Board on their project to sell flower planters to businesses on mainstreet. The matter was turned over to the Property Committee to take care of.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Olson and carried to accept the resignation of Social Worker Molly Taffe with regret. HR Director Gregoire stated that her last day will be August 11, 2016. Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to authorize the filling of the Social Worker position vacated by Taffe.

HR Director Gregoire provided an update on the LEAN 101 training that was held on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Sheriff John Haukos presented new Joint Powers Agreements with the State of Minnesota, Department of Public Safety and the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and related Court Data Services Subscriber Amendment on behalf of the County Attorney and Sheriff to use systems and tools available over the State's criminal justice data communications network. Sheriff Haukos stated that there is a one-time \$960 fee. Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to adopt the following resolution and execute the amendments to the CJDN Subscriber Agreements:

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WHEREAS, the County of Big Stone on behalf of its County Attorney and Sheriff desires to enter into Joint Powers Agreements with the State of Minnesota, Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to use systems and tools available over the State's criminal justice data communications network for which the County is eligible. The Joint Powers Agreements further provide the County with the ability to add, modify and delete connectivity, systems and tools over the five year life of the agreement and obligates the County to pay the costs for the network connection. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Big Stone, Minnesota as follows:

1. That the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements by and between the State of Minnesota acting through its Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the County of Big Stone on behalf of its County Attorney and Sheriff are hereby approved. Copies of the two Joint Powers Agreements are attached to this Resolution and made a part of it.
2. That the Sheriff, John Haukos, or his or her successor, is designated the Authorized Representative for the Sheriff. The Authorized Representative is also authorized to sign any subsequent amendment or agreement that may be required by the State of Minnesota to maintain the County's connection to the systems and tools offered by the State.
3. That the County Attorney, William J. Watson, or his or her successor, is designated the Authorized Representative for the County Attorney. The Authorized Representative is also authorized to sign any subsequent amendment or agreement that may be required by the State of Minnesota to maintain the County's connection to the systems and tools offered by the State.
4. That Wade Athey, the Chair of the County of Big Stone, and Michelle R. Knutson, the Auditor, are authorized to sign the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements.

County Engineer Nick Anderson presented the bids received for SAP 006-635-006 project. He reported that the Engineer's estimate was \$870,868.80 and the range

of bids received was \$586,427.00 to \$913,891.70. Motion by Berning, seconded by Sandberg and carried to award the project to the lowest bidder, Riley Brothers Construction.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Olson and carried to execute the contract with Bituminous Paving for paving projects CP 006-001-016, 006-002-016 and 006-003-016, as presented by Engineer Anderson.

Discussion was held on ADA access in Toqua Park. Consensus by the Board was to install a paved path only to the shelter at this time.

Engineer Anderson provided an update on buffers along county ditches and reported that the robot camera project for County Ditch 12 is rescheduled to next week due to the rain.

The remainder of the meeting was spent continuing discussions on strategic planning for the County.

Chairman Athey adjourned the meeting at 9:44 AM.

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Wade Athey, Chairman

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