

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**April 5, 2016**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, April 5, 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 Deputy Auditor Sharon Finke. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the minutes of the March 15<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Olson – BSAG; Food System Study; Township Officer Meeting

Sandberg – MSI; Collaboration; Audit; Township Officer Meeting; ESB; Museum

Athey – Fair Board; EDA; Prairie 5; District Fair Board; Toqua Park

Backer – Toqua Park; Collaboration; Bois de Sioux (2); PIC; EDA; BSAG

Attorney Watson provided an update on the status of the building purchase from CHS.

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

Berkner Plumbing & Heating	\$ 2,575.00
Big Stone Area Growth	10,000.00
Big Stone SWCD	15,000.00
Midway Ford	46,818.60
Pioneerland Library System	17,395.50
State Auditor	13,747.73
TrueNorth Steel	6,052.40
Viking Garage Door Company	7,569.00
William Watson	4,510.16
West Con	12,868.22
Ziegler Inc.	2,223.56
54 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>15,368.87</u>
Total	\$154,129.04

Motion by Berning, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the Consumption and Display Permit and the On Sale Beer License for Graceville Golf Club.

HR Director Dawn Gregoire informed the Board that the Union groups met and discussed the healthcare proposal from PrimeHealth. Both groups voted against participation in the program. Following discussion, motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to instruct HR Director Gregoire to inform PrimeWest that Big Stone County will not be participating in the PrimeHealth program.

HR Director Gregoire reported that the LEAN 101 training will be held in the lower level of the Ortonville Library on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, from 12:30 PM to 3:00 PM.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Backer and carried to adopt the following resolution and execute the Annual County Boat and Water Safety Grant Agreement as presented by Sheriff John Haukos:

**2016-09**

WHEREAS under the provisions of M.S. § 86B.105, the Sheriff of each county is required to carry out the provision of Chapter 86B and the Boat and Water Safety Rules, hereinafter referred to as the “Minn. Rules”, including patrol, enforcement search and rescue, watercraft inspection, waterway marking and accident investigation, all hereinafter referred to as the “Sheriff’s Duties”; and

WHEREAS in connection with the Sheriff’s Duties, M.S. § 86B.701 provides that the County submit to the Commissioner of Natural Resources a budget to carry out the Sheriff’s Duties; and

WHEREAS M.S. § 86B.701 and the Minn. Rules provide for the allocation of funds by the Commissioner to the County based on certain criteria and conclusions to assist the funding of the Sheriff’s Duties; and

WHEREAS the County has submitted a proposed budget to the State.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the State shall reimburse the County up to \$1,903.00 for the activities stated in Chapter 86B.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Berning and carried to adopt the following resolution regarding the Probation Office serving Big Stone County:

**2016-10**

WHEREAS, the new Minnesota Government Access Accounts, allowing government agencies to view appropriate electronic court records and documents stored in the Minnesota Court Information System for cases in Minnesota district courts, require authorization from the governing body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the County Board of Big Stone County, Minnesota as follows:

1. Approves and authorizes, Melanie Lupkes, to sign the Master Subscriber Agreement for Minnesota Court Data Services for Governmental Agencies.
2. Approves and authorizes that, Melanie Lupkes, is the designated Authorized Representative for the Traverse, Big Stone, Grant, Stevens, and Wilkin Counties Probation Office. 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.

IT Director Terry Ocaña informed the Board that it has become cost effective to change vendors for the lease of the copier in the Auditor/Recorder’s Office. Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to authorize IT Director Ocaña to sign the lease agreement with Marco for a Canon copier contingent upon Attorney Watson’s approval.

VSO Dan Meyer provided information on his office’s recent activities for the Board’s review.

Big Stone National Wildlife Refuge Manager Scott Simmons arrived at the board meeting to introduce himself and to encourage the Commissioners to contact him with any questions or concerns regarding the Refuge.

County Engineer Nick Anderson present the following bids that were received for CP 006-001-016:

Bituminous Paving	\$353,939.00
Central Specialties Inc.	\$357,847.30
Mark Sand & Gravel	\$401,062.00

Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to award the bid to Bituminous Paving.

Engineer Anderson discussed the penalty that will be assessed to violators of the buffer zones along the ditches. Consensus was that the penalty will be \$500 for all violations.

Engineer Anderson reported that it was necessary to hire a backhoe to clean a section of Joint Ditch 7. Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to approve spending \$5,000 to clean Joint Ditch 7.

Chairman Athey adjourned the meeting at 9:38 AM.

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Wade Athey, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sharon Finke, Deputy Auditor