

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
May 17, 2016

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, May 17, 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 Sandberg and carried to approve the minutes of the May 3rd regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Olson – PrimeWest; P&Z; BSAG

Sandberg – Museum

Athey – P&Z

Berning – Pomme de Terre

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

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| Computer Professionals | \$ 4,456.00 |
| Election Systems & Software | 3,919.59 |
| GovConnection | 2,701.98 |
| Hillman Bros & Guy Dittel | 11,361.30 |
| Kris Engineering | 11,310.00 |
| Nelson Electric | 6,606.40 |
| Ortonville Independent | 3,999.37 |
| Shores Edge Excavating | 3,060.00 |
| State Auditor | 2,528.50 |
| 64 Payments Less Than \$2,000 | <u>17,985.10</u> |
| Total | \$67,928.24 |

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

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| General to Highway | \$ 1,917.79 |
| Family Services to Highway | \$ 145.01 |
| Ditch to Highway | \$10,439.47 |
| County Ditch 2 | \$ 72.81 |
| Joint Ditch 4 | \$1,231.58 |
| Joint Ditch 7 | \$3,051.77 |
| County Ditch 8 | \$ 220.00 |
| County Ditch 13 | \$ 330.00 |
| County Ditch 20 | \$ 675.32 |
| County Ditch 30 | \$4,857.99 |

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

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WHEREAS, Big Stone County has made significant progress in meeting the need for housing rehabilitation in the cities and rural areas of the County; and

WHEREAS, an unmet need remains for the repair and rehabilitation of rental housing units; and

WHEREAS, the Rental Rehabilitation Deferred Loan Program, sponsored by Minnesota Housing (MHFA), may provide a means for rehabilitating rental housing units in Big Stone County; and

WHEREAS, Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership has been selected and found to have the capacity to administer the Rental Rehabilitation Loan Program for Minnesota Housing; and

WHEREAS, there is no cost to the County to participate in the Rental Rehabilitation Deferred Loan Program, sponsored by Minnesota Housing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership is hereby approved to act as the administrative body for the implementation of this program in Big Stone County.

Commissioners Berning and Sandberg will represent the County at the AMC District Meeting on June 1st.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to appoint Commissioner Sandberg to the Public Safety Committee to replace Commissioner Athey.

The Public Safety Committee reported that they discussed the previous request from the Sheriff for a change in County policy regarding overtime that was tabled from September of 2015. The discussion was deferred to the Personnel Committee. They meet with the Sheriff and bring a recommendation to the Board.

HR Director Dawn Gregoire reported on the information she has gathered regarding the Emergency Management Director (EMD) position. Following discussion, motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to explore sharing the position with a neighboring county.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to authorize the hiring of a 4-H Summer Assistant for 30 hours per week June 1-July 31 as requested by 4-H Program Coordinator Suzanne Souza.

Environmental Officer Darren Wilke reviewed the conditional use permit (CUP) application for Gerald Murphy for a gravel pit in Section 32 of Browns Valley Township. Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the CUP as recommended by the Planning Commission.

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

Chairman Athey adjourned the meeting at 9:54 AM.

Wade Athey, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor