

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
June 21, 2016

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, June 21, 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, County Sheriff John Haukos, Keith Anderson and County Deputy Auditor Sharon Finke. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the minutes of the June 7th regular meeting.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the minutes of the June 14th Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Olson – Board of Equalization; DREAM for Kids; Pioneerland
Sandberg – EMS; Property; Watershed
Athey – Department Head
Backer – Bois de Sioux; PIC; Toqua Park; Personnel
Berning – CPH

Keith Anderson presented concerns he had regarding trespassing issues from a case he was involved in during 2011.

Countryside Public Health Administrator Liz Auch was present and provided statistics on the financial and staffing changes to her agency over the past 10 years.

Big Stone National Wildlife Refuge Manager Scott Simmons informed the Board of a grant option he was aware of that could help to fund the paving of the remaining portion of the bike trail located within the refuge. The application must be completed by September. Sheriff Haukos pointed out that most, if not all, of that section of the trail is located in Lac qui Parle County. Simmons will return to the next board meeting with additional information about the application.

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

Big Stone SWCD	\$ 8,665.00
Computer Professionals Unlimited	4,501.00
Govconnection, Inc.	2,545.99
Marco Technologies LLC NW 7128	2,382.97
Pictometry Visual Intelligence	19,648.75
Truenorth Steel	3,240.40
Waste Management of Central MN	9,557.65
50 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>15,896.63</u>
Total	\$66,438.39

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the Off Sale Beer License for Lakeshore RV Park.

Commissioner Olson reported that representatives from the City of Clinton were unable to be at the meeting as scheduled. Board members discussed the 2 dilapidated properties in the City of Clinton. Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to

contribute \$3,000 toward the cost of demolition and clean-up of each of the dilapidated houses located at 729 Lake Street and 327 5th Street in Clinton. The Board instructed the Auditor's Office to send letters to all cities in the County inviting a representative to come to the next board meeting, bringing along a list of dilapidated properties in their city, so that an assessment of needs can be done.

HR Director Dawn Gregoire arrived at the meeting. Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to move Deputy Mike LaMee from parttime to fulltime status effective July 1, 2016.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Sandberg and carried to hire Jonathan Nielsen as a temporary 4-H Assistant at Grade 1 Step 1 effective June 27, 2016.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Olson and carried to hire Al Kleindl as an Intermittent Highway Maintenance Worker at Grade 7 Step 1 effective June 27, 2016.

HR Director Gregoire stated that a meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 22nd, with representatives from Stevens and Traverse Counties to discuss the sharing of an Emergency Management Director.

County Engineer Nick Anderson presented the bids received for SAP 006-599-010 project. He reported that the Engineer's estimate was \$161,350.00 and the range of bids received was \$106,695.50 to \$162,006.60. Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to award the project to the lowest bidder, Riley Brothers Construction.

Engineer Anderson gave an update of the various construction projects.

Engineer Anderson stated that the cleaning of Joint Ditch 4 is probably going to go over budget. After discussion, motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to complete the project this year and take the overage to the next joint ditch meeting for approval.

The board members received a list of the statements that will be sent to landowners for the cost of reseeding the county ditches.

Upon recommendation from Engineer Anderson, motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to authorized execution of a permanent easement to the City of Graceville for utility purposes over and across the North ten (10) feet of Lots 7,8,9 & 10, Block 11, King's Addition, City of Graceville.

Chairman Athey adjourned the meeting at 10:24 AM.

Wade Athey, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Sharon Finke, Deputy Auditor