

RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
January 17, 2017

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, January 17, 2017. Chairman Backer called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, 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 Sandberg, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the minutes of the January 3rd re-organizational meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Sandberg – Property
Athey – MRC
Backer – Personnel; BSAG; RLF; Woodland
Berning – Property; Personnel
Olson – BSAG; PrimeWest

Attorney Watson reported that the cities of Beardsley, Clinton and Graceville all agreed to sign contracts for county attorney services. Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to execute the agreements as presented by Attorney Watson. Commissioners Backer and Sandberg will meet with the City of Ortonville to discuss a contract with them for criminal work.

Discussion was held on how the County wants to proceed with a replacement for Attorney Watson. Following discussion, motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to hire a full-time county attorney.

Countryside Public Health Administrator Liz Auch was present to provide an update on the agency.

County Assessor Sandy Vold was present to request the Board set the date for the County Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting. Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to set the meeting for Tuesday, June 20th at 7:00 PM.

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

Bond Trust Services Corporation	\$148,288.75
Computer Professionals	4,657.00
Countryside Public Health	30,090.00
Environmental Systems Research	2,500.00
JK Engineers	57,430.00
Kandiyohi County Sheriff Dept	69,648.77
MCIT	127,261.00
MRC	2,100.00
Pioneerland Library System	12,482.63
SafeAssure Consultants	4,280.70
Stevens County	5,135.74
38 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>10,600.09</u>
Total	<u>\$474,474.68</u>

IT Director Terry Ocaña introduced Andrew Albin, the new IT Tech Support employee, to the Board.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to execute the agreement with Pro-West & Associates for a parcel fabric migration project as presented by IT Director Ocaña.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to authorize IT Director Ocaña to purchase a new fire wall and county server as budgeted.

EMD Dona Greiner introduced Deputy EMD Krista Hartman to the Board.

EMD Greiner provided a program update. There will be a federal planning exercise in May.

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

2017-09

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 353.64, Subdivision 2, permits the governing body of a governmental subdivision to declare that a position is that of a police officer and that the person who holds said position on a part-time basis is to be covered by the Police and Fire retirement plan if the following employment duties and qualification requirements are met.

1. The position requires a license by the Minnesota peace officer standards and training board and the employee is so licensed;
2. The primary (over 50%) duty of the position is to enforce the general criminal laws of the state;
3. The position charges the employee with the prevention and detection of crime;
4. The position gives this employee the full power of arrest, and
5. The position is assigned to a designated police or sheriff's department.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners hereby declares that the position of Deputy Sheriff in the satisfies all of the requirements listed above and declares its desire to provide all future employees holding said part-time law enforcement position with coverage under the Police and Fire plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this governmental unit will provide a copy of this resolution to PERA each time it provides Police and Fire membership to a person who is hired to said part-time position and will indicate the name of the employee eligible for such coverage.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to execute the Purchase of Service Agreement with Stevens County for Emergency Management Director Services as presented by HR Director Dawn Gregoire.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize the hiring of a baliff for up to 40 hours per year.

Commissioner Sandberg provided an update on locating space for Woodland Centers. Chairman Backer will be meeting with them again this week and will follow-up with the Property Committee on their space needs.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to accept \$20,000 from the City of Ortonville towards the trail project in collaboration with the County and US Fish and Wildlife Service.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to adopt the following resolution as presented by Environmental Officer Darren Wilke:

2017-10

WHEREAS, Pomme de Terre River Association's purpose currently is to develop and implement plans to improve and maintain the quality of water in the streams, lakes and ground water; and

WHEREAS, the participating Counties and Soil and Water Conservation Districts have identified organizational impediments to optimal development of a Watershed Management Plans; and

WHEREAS, the participating Counties and Soil and Water Conservation Districts have provided motions and resolutions unanimously supporting the collaborative pursuit of a Watershed Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Resources has developed policies for coordination and development of comprehensive watershed management plans, also known as One Watershed, One Plan, consistent with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.801, Comprehensive Watershed Management Planning Program; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.301, Comprehensive Local Water Management Act, authorizes Minnesota Counties to develop and implement a local water management plan; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103C.331, subdivision 11, Comprehensive Plan, authorizes Minnesota Soil and Water Conservation Districts to develop and implement a comprehensive plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Pomme de Terre River Association amend the existing Joint Powers Agreement to reflect the following additions:

Article 2. D. Collectively develop and adopt a coordinated watershed management plan for implementation per the provisions of the plan.

Article 6.2.7 Watershed Management Plan.

6.2.7 A. Submittal of the Plan. The PDTRA will recommend the plan to the Parties of this agreement. The PDTRA will be responsible for initiating a formal review process for the watershed-based plan conforming to Minnesota Statutes Chapters 103B and 103D, including public hearings. Upon completion of local review and comment, and approval of the plan for submittal by each party, the PDTRA will submit the watershed-based plan jointly to BWSR for review and approval.

6.2.7 B. Adoption of the Plan. The Parties agree to adopt and begin implementation of the plan within 120 days of receiving notice of state approval, and provide notice of plan adoption pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapters 103B and 103D.

Discussion was held on enforcement of the new buffer requirements. Consensus was to table the discussion for a month to see what, if anything, the legislature will do regarding this.

County Recorder Elaine Martig provided the Board with reports on fees collected and vital statistics for 2015 and 2016. Martig reported that her office continues to be in compliance with the recording requirements per statute.

Chairman Backer adjourned the meeting at 9:57 AM.

Jay Backer, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor