

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**October 3, 2017**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, October 3, 2017. Chairman Backer called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Berning, Olson and Sandberg present. Also present were Mary Meyer, Mary Gustafson, Janet Spalinger, Mike Swenson of the Ortonville Independent, County Attorney Joe Glasrud, County Auditor Michelle Knutson and Deputy Auditor Holly Wellendorf. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the minutes of the September 19<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and Highway 5-Year Plan meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Sandberg – MSI; ESB  
Athey – HRA; Prairie 5; MRC  
Backer – Woodland; BdSWD; Personnel  
Berning – Personnel  
Olson – Insurance

Attorney Glasrud provided an update on recent office activities.

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

Big Stone Area Growth	\$ 6,062.50
Big Stone SWCD	17,500.00
City of St. Cloud	11,935.48
John Cunningham	2,232.30
Serocki Excavating	11,650.00
Hancock Concrete	2,527.76
Kandiyohi County Sheriff	3,710.00
Pioneerland Library	17,143.50
Regents of the U of MN	2,483.25
West Con	3,401.01
Yellow Medicine Co. Jail	4,759.47
43 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>10,761.81</u>
Total	\$94,167.08

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to execute the FY 2018 Snowmobile Maintenance Grant Agreement for the Big Stone Lake Area Sno Riders with the MN DNR.

Commissioners Berning and Sandberg will represent the County at the AMC District meeting on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The County's ATP 4 Board representative, Rusty Dimberg, was present to report that Hwy 12 is slated to be redone from Ortonville to Hwy 59 in 4 years.

IT Director Terry Ocaña provided an update on his department.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the hiring of Crystal Ervin as a Financial Worker at Grade 7 Step 1 effective November 6, 2017 as presented by HR Director Dawn Gregoire.

HR Director Gregoire also reported that the Personnel Committee met with Environmental Officer Wilke about the employment needs in his office. They are going to work on a job description and when complete it will be sent to Tessia Melvin for review.

Environmental Officer Wilke was called into the meeting to address an inquiry of the sale of tillable land around the landfill in Beardsley. Wilke gave a brief history including that the landfill was conveyed back to the State in 2014. Wilke will do some research as to what can be done with the tillable land still owned by the County. He will report back at the next board meeting.

The remainder of the meeting was spent in a strategic planning work session.

Prior to adjournment, Janet Spalinger inquired about the status of hiring an assistant in the Veteran's Service Office. Chairman Backer stated she would need to meet with the Personnel Committee to discuss her concerns.

Chairman Backer adjourned the meeting at 9:26 AM.

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Jay Backer, Chairman

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