

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
November 21, 2017

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, November 21, 2017. Chairman Backer called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Berning, Olson and Sandberg present. Also present were Mary Gustafson, Janet Spalinger, Mike Swenson and Dillon Dwyer of the Ortonville Independent, County Attorney Joe Glasrud, County Auditor Michelle Knutson and Deputy Auditor Holly Wellendorf. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Sandberg, second by Berning and carried to approve the minutes of the November 7th regular meeting.

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

Attorney Glasrud provided an update on recent office activities. He left the meeting after his report.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Athey – SWCD; Fair Board

Backer – BdS; Woodland; Red River; BSAG; Personnel

Berning – Countryside

Olson – BSAG; Labor Negotiations

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

Kandiyohi Co Sheriff	\$35,467.99
Kris Engineering	4,254.28
Lac qui Parle Sheriff	3,520.00
Larson's	7,010.00
Sullivan Excavating	2,550.00
West Con	3,826.10
Yellow Medicine Co Jail	2,256.54
40 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>10,682.07</u>
Total	\$69,566.98

Motion by Olson, second by Berning and carried to authorize the following internal transactions:

Highway to General	\$ 1,513.43
General to Family Service	37.94
General to Ditch – CD 30	<u>330.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,881.37

Blake Knisely from US Fish & Wildlife was present to request certification of acquisition of land for habitat easements in Otrey and Odessa Township. Charles Henningson, Harley Helgeson, and Alex Galt from US Fish & Wildlife were also present. Following discussion, motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to certify for acquisition the following described properties:

1. T 122 N, R 45 W, 5th P.M., Section 26, part of the W1/2SW1/4, part of SE1/4SW1/4, Section 35, NW1/4NW1/4, to be determined by a survey.
2. T121N, R45W, 5th P.M., Section 20, part of the SE1/4 and the E1/2NE1/4

Highway Maintenance Supervisor Darwin Karsky reported the findings from Pipe Detectives on the tile lines in County Ditch 13 and 14. In CD 13 the camera showed that the lines have collapsed and broke in several spots. There was also a spot where there was a tee and no cap was put on which caused it to fill up with mud. In CD 14 the pipe is in good condition, but has elevation issues. The pipe is full of water in some areas and completely empty in others.

County Engineer Todd Larson provided an update from the highway department. Larson reported that the speed study requested from MnDOT on CSAH 15 is in progress. Cleaning on County Ditch 8 is currently being completed. Discussion was held on the 2018 motor grader replacement. Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to go with the John Deere model.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Sandberg and carried to close the meeting at 9:35 AM for labor negotiations with only the Board and HR Director Gregoire present.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Berning and carried to reopen the meeting at 10:29 AM.

Chairman Backer adjourned the meeting at 10:30 AM.

Jay Backer, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor