

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
November 7, 2017

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, November 7, 2017. Chairman Backer called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Berning, Olson and Sandberg present. Also present were Mary Meyer, Mary Gustafson, 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 Olson, second by Sandberg and carried to approve the minutes of the October 17th regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Sandberg – MSI; Museum; District AMC; Collaborative

Athey – Prairie 5

Backer – SW EMS; BDSWD; Personnel

Berning – District AMC; Supporting Hands

Olson – Pioneerland; RDC; IT; PrimeWest

Phil Blake arrived at the meeting during committee reports.

Attorney Glasrud provided an update on recent office activities.

IT Director Terry Ocaña reported on lease options for the Assessor/Environmental offices. The copier needs to be able to make high resolution copies/photos. Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize Ocaña to sign and execute the new lease.

Maintenance Supervisor, Darwin Karsky updated the Board on the different land options for the Big Stone County Highway Garage. Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the purchase of the following land owned by Stephen and Andrew Strei at a price of \$53,000: OL 172 and Lot 4 of OL 119 in the City of Ortonville.

Dennis and Sandy Foley addressed the Board with concerns they have with the Shoreland Ordinance not being enforced with adjacent property. Chairman Backer referred them to the Board of Adjustment.

Environmental Officer Darren Wilke, Attorney Ann Goerring, and Deputy Auditor Sharon Finke arrived at the meeting during Foley's comments.

HR Director Dawn Gregoire, reported the need for an extension of the 2017 shared services agreement with Stevens County for the County Engineer until December 31st. Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the extension.

Deputy Auditor Finke reported on a possible option for a group plan for retirees.

Commissioner Olson will represent the County and be the voting representative at the MCIT Annual Meeting.

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

Computer Professionals	\$ 4,626.00
Office Peeps	2,601.79
Shreffler/Lawrence	2,000.00

TrueNorth Steel	3,286.75
West Con	8,440.00
Yellow Medicine Co. Jail	3,437.34
35 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>14,496.88</u>
Total	\$38,888.76

Auditor Knutson asked for questions/comments on the year-to-date financial information provided for the Board's review.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Athey and carried to execute the agreement with Countryside Public Health for tobacco compliance checks.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Athey and carried to close the meeting at 10:02 AM for labor negotiations per the recommendation of Attorney Goering. Only Board members, Human Resources, and Attorney Goering would be present.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Olson and carried to reopen the meeting was reopened at 11:59 AM.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to remove Commissioner Berning from the negotiations committee and replace him with Commissioner Olson.

Chairman Backer adjourned the meeting at 12:00 PM.

Jay Backer, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor