

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
May 2, 2017

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, May 2, 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 and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the minutes of the April 18th regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Sandberg – Collaborative
Athey – Park; Prairie 5; Fair Board
Backer – SWEMS; BDSWD; Park; Dept Head
Berning – Supporting Hands
Olson – Pioneerland

Discussion was held on the four applications received for dilapidated structure funding. Motion by Berning, seconded by Olson and carried to grant funding to the City of Barry for the following parcels even though the projects were completed prior to submitting an application and approval for funding:

15-0034-000	\$1,900
15-0064-000	\$3,000
15-0039-000	\$1,700

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to grant \$1,900 to Stefanie Haugen for parcel 22-1573-000.

Jane Hennagir from MCIT presented the 2017 member report.

IT Director Terry Ocaña and Beau Peterson from SWCD were present to discuss SWCD's request for tech support services from the County. Motion by Athey, seconded by Berning and carried to authorize the IT Department to provide services at the following rates until a formal agreement can be drafted and approved:

\$30/hour for basic tech support
\$50/hour for advanced tech support

Actual cost reimbursement for any software or hardware purchases

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

ASF	\$ 2,833.90
Dacotah Paper	2,395.46
Guardian Fleet Safety	8,885.33
James Nitz Construction	18,745.00
Kandiyohi County Sheriff	31,838.95
M-R Sign Co	11,664.67
Pro West & Associates	2,891.31
Ridgeview Excavating	10,195.00
State Auditor	9,998.00

Stevens County	2,787.88
TrueNorth Steel	3,502.74
West Con	14,799.03
47 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>19,187.97</u>
Total	\$139,725.24

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

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BE IT RESOLVED that Big Stone County act as the legal sponsor for an application for funding to the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for Maintenance of snowmobile trails managed by Big Stone Lake Area Sno Riders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval of its application by the state, Big Stone County may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above referenced project and that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in the agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair of the Big Stone County Commissioners is authorized to sign such an agreement with the Department of Natural Resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Auditor is authorized to serve as the fiscal agent for the above-mentioned project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Big Stone County act as legal sponsor for 32 miles of snowmobile trails in Traverse County beginning north of Graceville and extending north through Wheaton to the White Rock Dam.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Big Stone County act as legal sponsor for 2 miles of snowmobile trails in Traverse County beginning west of Beardsley and extending west to Browns Valley.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to approve the temporary partial closure of County Hwy 24 in the City of Clinton on June 24, 2017, from 6:00 PM to 2:00 AM for a street dance as requested by the Clinton Fire Department.

Commissioner Olson suggested that the County begin budgeting funds every year to be set aside for a new Highway Department building.

Commissioner Olson asked for an update on the status of a VSO assistant.

Chairman Backer stated that it will be discussed in an upcoming Kaizen event that deals with staffing for the whole courthouse.

Chairman Backer adjourned the meeting at 9:38 AM.

Jay Backer, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor