

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**June 20, 2017**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, June 20, 2017. Chairman Backer called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Olson and Sandberg present. Commissioner Berning was absent. Also present were Mike Swenson of the Ortonville Independent, County Attorney Joe Glasrud and Deputy Auditor Sharon Finke. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to approve the minutes of the June 6<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

- Sandberg – Safety
- Athey – SWCD; HRA; District AMC
- Backer – Dept Head
- Olson – District AMC; Pioneerland

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

3D Specialties, Inc.	\$ 4,876.08
Computer Professionals	4,626.00
M-R Sign Co, Inc	3,154.56
Pioneer Public TV	5,000.00
Pro West & Associates Inc.	11,762.00
S.W. Inc.	3,080.00
Schlimme/Dillon	2,257.99
Stevens County	12,089.00
Western Consolidated Coop	3,522.96
50 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>14,534.14</u>
Total	<u>\$64,902.73</u>

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to authorize the following internal transactions:

General to Highway	\$ 2,825.17
Family Services to Highway	\$ 91.00
Ditch to Highway	\$ 5,131.67
JD 4	\$2,941.19
CD 8	\$ 220.00
CD 13	\$1,530.48
JD 24	\$ 220.00
CD 28	\$ 220.00

Deputy Auditor Finke asked for questions and/or comments on the year-to-date financial information provided for the Board's review

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to reappoint Kathy Morrill to the Local Social Services Agency Board for a 2-year term.

MN DNR Area Wildlife Supervisor Curt Vacek was present to request approval for the acquisition of land in Browns Valley Township to enhance and preserve the native prairie. Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to approve the acquisition of the following described properties as requested by the MN DNR:

1. Parcel 05-0049-000: SW1/4, except Lot C, of Section 14, Township 124N, Range 49W
2. Parcel 05-0050-000: GLs 4 & 5 in Section 15, Township 124N, Range 49W
3. Parcel 05-0056-076: Part GL 1 and the NENW1/4, except from Paradise Retreat South in Section 23, Township 124N, Range 49W
4. Parcel 05-0055-000: GL 1 in Section 22, Township 124N, Range 49W

IT Director Terry Ocana was present to inform the Board that he had received notice that the grant application submitted for a NG 911 State GIS Database Repair was successful and the County will be receiving approximately \$22,000.

County Engineer Todd Larson arrived at the meeting. He presented the bids that had been received for the pavement striping for 2017. Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to award the bid to AAA Striping Service at a cost of \$35,636.13.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to execute the contract with Otter Electric, LLC for lighting projects SP 006-072-002, 021-072-002, 026-072-002, 061-072-002, 075-072-002, 076-072-002 and 078-072-002, as presented by Engineer Larson.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to adopt the following resolution as presented by Engineer Larson:

**2017-22**

WHEREAS, CP 006-003-017, CP 006-004-017, CP 006-005-017, and CP 006-006-017 have in all things been completed and the County Board being fully advised in the premises.

NOW THEN BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby accepts said completed projects for and on behalf of the County of Big Stone, and authorize final payment to Bituminous Paving, Inc. in the amount shown on final pay estimate.

Engineer Larson reported on the information he has gathered regarding a new building for the highway department. He will be discussing options with MnDOT and report back at the next meeting.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to ratify the hiring of a Social Services Supervisor.

HR Director Dawn Gregoire reported that Mackenzie Moen submitted her resignation effective August 11, 2017. Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to accept Moen's resignation, recognizing her hard work and wishing her well.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize filling the vacated Social Worker position.

EM Director Dona Greiner was present to update the Board on the tracking of the June 13<sup>th</sup> storm. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to adopt the following resolution as presented by EM Director Dona Greiner:

**2017-23**

WHEREAS the June 13, 2017 Severe Weather Event impacted the population of Big Stone County and its cities; and

WHEREAS the June 13, 2017 event has caused a significant amount of public property damage; and

WHEREAS the Big Stone County Department of Emergency Management requests the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners to declare Big Stone County in a STATE OF EMERGENCY for the June 13 event of 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners declares Big Stone County in a State of Emergency for conditions resulting from the severe weather event of June 13, 2017.

SWCD Manager Beau Peterson and Environmental Officer Darren Wilke arrived at the meeting. Following discussion, motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to accept the final resolution that the SWCD Board adopted on June 6<sup>th</sup> which includes a Summary of Watercourses that will be included in Big Stone County's Water Management Plan.

Environmental Officer Wilke reviewed the various programs that his office is required to administer and discussed the need for an increase in staff. There is State funding with the new programs they have taken on recently. He will be meeting with the personnel committee to address those needs.

Environmental Officer Wilke asked the Board if they were still will to be the holder of a conservation easement for a Rare Plant Protection Area that will be necessary in the Strata Quarry property. The Board stated that it would be an option, but would prefer if other options were investigated. They do not want to have any costs or responsibilities as a result of being the easement holder.

Chairman Backer adjourned the meeting at 9:50 AM.

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Jay Backer, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sharon Finke, Deputy Auditor