

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
August 15, 2017

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, August 15, 2017. Chairman Backer called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Berning, Olson and Sandberg present. Also present were Mary Gustafson, Mike Swenson of the Ortonville Independent, County Attorney Joe Glasrud and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the minutes of the August 1st regular meeting.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the agenda with deletion.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Sandberg – Museum; CBSL

Athey – SWCD; HRA

Backer – Dept Head; Woodland; Personnel

Berning – Supporting Hands

Olson – PrimeWest; IT; Grow Your Own

Sheriff John Haukos and IT Director Terry Ocaña arrived at the meeting during committee reports.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the updated Data Practices Policy as reviewed by Attorney Glasrud.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to execute the Cooperative Agreement with the City of Minneapolis for security assistance during the 2018 Super Bowl. Deputies Josh Bohlen and Mike LaMee will be participating.

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

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| Computer Professionals | \$ 4,626.00 |
| Crop Production Services | 13,895.73 |
| Hancock Concrete Products | 8,210.90 |
| Kandiyohi County Sheriff Dept | 2,693.29 |
| West Con | 8,938.36 |
| 38 Payments Less Than \$2,000 | <u>13,640.56</u> |
| Total | \$52,004.84 |

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

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| General to Highway | \$ 1,615.98 |
| Family Services to Highway | \$ 85.37 |
| Ditch to Highway – Joint Ditch 4 | \$ 1,075.20 |

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to close the meeting at 9:00 AM for attorney/client privilege.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to reopen the meeting at 9:19 AM. Attorney Glasrud stated that the closed session was regarding a proposed agreement with TriMin Systems.

IT Director Terry Ocaña was present to request \$12,000 in unbudgeted funds for 2017 to purchase back-up drives. Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the expenditure.

EMD Dona Greiner provided an update on the office's recent activities. Deputy EMD Krista Hartman was also present.

Auditor Knutson reported that the County's 2017 MCIT dividend will be \$41,648 and is allocated as follows: Workers' Compensation \$13,849 and Property/Casualty \$27,799.

County Treasurer Cindy Nelson was present to request the Board set sale prices for this year's tax forfeited properties for the respective cities if they want to purchase them. Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to set the price at \$100 each.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Olson and carried to adopt the following resolution for tax-forfeited land as requested by Treasurer Nelson:

2017-27

WHEREAS, the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners desires to offer for sale certain parcels of land that have forfeited to the State of Minnesota for non-payment of taxes; and

WHEREAS, said parcels of land have been viewed by the County Board of Commissioners and have been classified as non-conservation lands as provided for in Minnesota Statute 282.01.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners hereby certifies that all parcels of land on the attached list have been viewed and comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 85.012, 92.461, 282.01, Subd. 8 and 282.018 and other statutes that require the withholding of tax-forfeited lands from sale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners hereby requests approval from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the sale of said lands.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to approve the solid waste licenses for the City of Beardsley, City of Clinton, Mattheisen Disposal, Engebretsen & Sons Disposal Service, and Waste Management as presented by Environmental Officer Darren Wilke.

Engineer Todd Larson provided an update on the Highway Department activities.

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

2017-28

WHEREAS, County CP 06-1701-SP has 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 project for and on behalf of the County of Big Stone, and authorizes final payment to Wm D Scepaniak, Inc. in the amount shown on final pay estimate.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Berning and carried to request MnDOT to do a speed study on CSAH 15 from TH 12 to the Ortonville city limits.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to approve the temporary partial closure of CSAH 24 in the City of Clinton on September 16, 2017, from 11:00 AM

to 9:00 PM for the Walk of Hope as requested by the Big Stone County Cancer Support Group and presented by Engineer Larson.

The Highway 5-Year Plan Meeting was set for September 19th at 12:30 PM at the Highway Department.

Discussion was held on options for a new highway department building.

The meeting was recessed at 10:10 AM for the Local Social Services Agency Board meeting.

The meeting reconvened at 12:30 for the review of the County's 2018 budget. Ambulance service representatives were present to provide additional information for the Board's consideration in funding their services in 2018. Various departments were also present to discuss their respective budgets.

HR Director Dawn Gregoire reviewed the results of the strategic planning and staffing meetings that were held.

Discussion was held on the proposed TriMin Systems agreement. Upon the consensus that the arrangement be re-evaluated in 6-months, motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to adopt the following resolution and execute the agreement contingent upon final language approval by Attorney Glasrud:

2017-29

BE IT RESOLVED that Big Stone County execute the purchase of services agreement with TriMin Systems in the pursuit of innovation, expansion of knowledge base and assistance to other counties to be more efficient with current financial technology.

Chairman Backer adjourned the meeting at 3:00 PM.

Jay Backer, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor