

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
Highway Department Five-Year Plan Meeting
September 19, 2017

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the conference room at the Highway Department at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, September 19, 2017. Chairman Backer called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Berning, Olson and Sandberg present. Also present were Scott Peterson from Morton Buildings, Shannon Millerbernd, Darby Karsky, Toby Reiffenberger, Derrick Loeschke, Jon Kirchberg, County Engineer Todd Larson, County Auditor Michelle Knutson, and Deputy Auditor Holly Wellendorf.

Engineer Larson reviewed options for the Ortonville Shop Facility. Joining the meeting via phone were Brad Kollman from Morton Buildings and Lyle Prior from Municipal Development & Funding. Larson explained that Stevens County has explored several building options. He feels that Ortonville could mirror the plans of the proposed facility in Stevens County on the current site. Discussion was held on the possible purchase of adjacent land. Karsky will research and report back.

Engineer Larson reviewed the 5-year plan for road construction. Larson explained that the County will be using federal funding on CSAH 23 for a mill and overlay in 2018. Following further discussion on the plan, motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to approve the 5-year plan as presented.

The 5-year plan for major equipment expenditures was also presented. Motion by Berning, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the plan.

Engineer Larson reported that the County did not get the FLAP Matching Grant Funds for the trail project. Board consensus was to apply again next year.

Engineer Larson reviewed the ditch projects. A request has been received for repair on County Ditch 8. They are having problems along Joint Ditch 4 with landowners tilling and planting crops where the buffer has been seeded. Crops have been mowed down and landowners have been billed, but some have not paid for the re-seeding. The ditch system will reimburse Highway and proceed with collection.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to install a drainage tile near Greg Kellen's to get water off County Road 60.

Discussion was held on right of way markers and area where crops have been mowed. Several landowners still have not paid for costs to mow and replace signage.

Chairman Backer declared the meeting adjourned at 2:18 PM.

Jay Backer, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor