

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
April 3, 2018

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, April 3, 2018. Chairman Olson called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Backer and Berning present. Commissioner Sandberg was absent. Also present were Dillon Dwyer of the Ortonville Independent and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Athey and carried to approve the minutes of the March 20th regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Backer – Personnel; RRBC
Berning for Sandberg – ESB
Olson – Personnel; RDC; Dept Head
Athey – Prairie 5

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

Big Stone Area Growth	\$ 11,062.50
Big Stone SWCD	17,500.00
Lac qui Parle Sheriff	2,097.00
Little Falls Machine	2,462.88
Pioneerland Library System	18,275.75
Ratwik Roszak & Maloney	2,256.88
Regents of the U of MN	18,348.00
Richard Rydell Farms	2,384.00
Twin Valley Tire	2,720.00
West Con	12,597.18
40 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>11,431.16</u>
Total	\$101,135.35

Motion by Backer, seconded by Berning and carried to authorize the additional expenses for an additional staff to attend the upcoming election training conference as requested by Auditor Knutson.

Auditor Knutson reported that the County was not contacted by anyone other than Scott Gillespie for interest in serving as the County's rep to the Bois de Sioux Watershed. Motion by Athey, seconded by Backer and carried to re-appoint Scott Gillespie to the Bois de Sioux Watershed Board Manager position.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Backer and carried to adopt the following resolution:

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WHEREAS, all Minnesota counties, including Big Stone County, have a unique and critical role in the local, state, and federal election process; and

WHEREAS, this role includes the responsibility for ballot layout and printing as well as the purchase and maintenance of election supplies and equipment, including accessible voting equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota House of Representatives Government Operations and Elections Policy Committee adopted HF 3221 which includes the language of HF 1569 (SF 1141); and

WHEREAS, this legislation will soon be heard by the Minnesota Senate State Government Finance and Policy and Elections Committee; and

WHEREAS, this legislation (which includes HF 1569/SF 1141) will allow Minnesota counties the ability to utilize additional technology that will make the voting process more efficient and effective for voters and administrators.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners supports Minnesota House of Representatives House File 3221 (Senate File 3021) with the inclusion of House File 1569 (Senate File 1141).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests the assistance of legislative members of the Minnesota House of Representatives and the Minnesota Senate in passing this legislation.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Backer and carried to adopt the following resolution:

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WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 471.38, allows for the use of electronic funds transfers as a means of making various payments; and

WHEREAS, a local government may make an electronic funds transfer for the following:

- a. For a claim for a payment from an imprest payroll bank account or investment of excess money;
- b. For a payment of tax or aid anticipation certificates;
- c. For a payment of contributions to pension or retirement fund;
- d. For vendor payments; and
- e. For payment of bond principal, bond interest and fiscal agent service charge from the debt redemption fund; and

WHEREAS, the County Board shall annually delegate the authority to make electronic funds transfers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Big Stone County Board delegates County Auditor Michelle Knutson the authority to make electronic fund transfers.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Athey and carried to appoint the following to the County's Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Committee as recommended by Environmental Officer Darren Wilke:

Roger Sandberg, Commissioner
Danny Tuckett, Environmental Technician
Suzanne Souza, 4-H Program Coordinator
Dianne Radermacher, UMRWD Administrator
Chris Domeier, MN DNR Area Fisheries Supervisor
2 Citizens At Large
Representative from South Dakota Side of Big Stone Lake

Motion by Athey, seconded by Backer and carried to execute the gravel crushing contract with Brown Excavating as presented by Highway Maintenance Supervisor Darby Karsky.

Terry Gillespie and approximately 25 other landowners were present to discuss their concerns with the buffer law and the County's proposed buffer ordinance. Mr.

Gillespie started off the discussion by thanking the Board for keeping local control. All present encouraged the Board to look at all options and to possibly wait to hold a hearing on the ordinance until after May. Commissioner Backer reported that the current draft does not contain an administrative penalty order (APO). Allen Wold from Traverse County and Bois de Sioux Watershed provided an update on what several other counties are considering and expressed his concerns with BWSR's interpretation of the law. Several suggestions for minor changes to the proposed ordinance were discussed and again, several landowners present expressed their thanks to the Board.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Berning and carried to close the meeting at 9:45 AM for labor negotiations.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Berning and carried to reopen the meeting at 10:10 AM.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the settlement with the unions on the condition that final language will be submitted within 60 days. Retro pay will be paid no earlier than May 1st.

Sheriff Haukos was present as well as HR Director Dawn Gregoire via phone for a discussion on the compensation payment to the deputies who were on assignment for the Super Bowl. Motion by Athey, seconded by Berning and carried to pay any extra reimbursement above the County's costs to the deputies and to allow the deputies to keep the vacation pay already received.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the job description for the Seasonal Extension Worker at Grade 1 on the new classification system.

Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 10:50 AM.

Brent Olson, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor