

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
May 15, 2018**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, May 15, 2018. Chairman Olson called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Backer, Berning and Sandberg present. Also present were Dillon Dwyer of the Ortonville Independent, Mark Thompson, Chuck Thompson, Janet Spalinger, Mary Gustafson, County Attorney Joe Glasrud and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

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

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Backer – BSAG; SW EMS, CEOB
Berning – Supporting Hands; CSPH
Olson – BSAG; PrimeWest; LAC; Personnel
Sandberg – PrimeWest Compliance; Museum
Athey – ARMR; HRA

Attorney Glasrud provided a brief update on his office's activities.

Discussion was held on a letter received from Stevens County inquiring whether the County would be interested in sharing a Sentence-to-Serve Coordinator. No action was taken.

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

Computer Professionals	\$ 4,787.00
Kandiyohi County Sheriff Dept	6,023.94
Marco Technologies	5,005.93
Ortonville Independent	3,420.50
Pro West & Associates	3,455.00
Rinke-Noonan	2,175.00
TrueNorth Steel	4,697.27
West Con	4,824.36
Ziegler	62,504.25
41 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>12,222.36</u>
Total	\$109,115.61

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

General to Highway	\$ 1,416.44
Family Services to Highway	\$ 83.32
Ditch to Highway – CD 2	\$ 700.80

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

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Backer and carried to authorize payment to Pro West & Associates in the amount of \$18,176.04 as an auditor warrant.

Chairman Olson will represent the County at the AMC District meeting on June 8th.

Mark and Chuck Thompson were present to request the Board's help to change the classification on their deceased father's farm. They stated that they are still in litigation and also have legislators writing a bill to "fix" the law. Attorney Glasrud stated that the request should go to the Board of Appeal and Equalization first. Following discussion, the request was tabled until Attorney Glasrud reviews all of the information related to the situation.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Berning and carried to award the bid for SP 006-623-004 to Central Specialties as recommended by County Engineer Todd Larson. Due to the timing of the award of the project, Engineer Larson also asked that the contract also be signed. Motion by Berning, seconded by Sandberg and carried to execute the contract with Central Specialties as recommended by Engineer Larson.

A brief discussion was held on the lack of state funding for the trail.

Engineer Larson provided an update on various department activities.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the temporary partial closing of County Hwy 28 in the City of Odessa on July 21, 2018, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM for water fights and from 8:00 PM – 1:00 AM for a street dance as requested by the Fire Department.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Backer and carried to allow County Road 11 to be a one-way on July 12th during the Big Stone County Fair to allow for better flow of traffic for the scheduled concert.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the hiring of Mackenzie Spaulding for the Seasonal Extension Worker position at Grade 1 Step 1 as recommended by HR Director Gregoire.

Commissioner Backer reported that the Personnel Committee is recommending the following salaries for elected officials for 2018:

Attorney	\$89,000
Recorder	3%
Auditor	2%
Sheriff	2%
Treasurer	2%

County Recorder Elaine Martig and County Treasurer Cindy Nelson were also present. Discussion will continue after the scheduled closed session.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Backer and carried to authorize Highway Maintenance Supervisor Darby Karsky to move from a Step 5 to a Step 7 to compensate for ditch responsibilities.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Athey and carried to close the meeting at 9:43 AM for labor negotiations.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Backer and carried to reopen the meeting at 9:50 AM.

Janet Spalinger, Mary Gustafson, Treasurer Nelson, Recorder Martig and Auditor Knutson returned to the meeting.

Discussion continued on elected officials' salaries. Motion by Backer and seconded by Berning to establish the salaries as recommended by the Personnel Committee. Following further discussion, motion by Athey to amend the previous

motion to move everyone except the Attorney and Auditor to 3%. Motion failed for lack of a second. Following further discussion, and a final request by Auditor Knutson and Treasurer Nelson to give 4.5% to elected officials in order to stay consistent with the compensation plan already approved by the Board, the vote was called. The original motion carried with Commissioner Athey voting Nay.

Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 10:29 AM.

Brent Olson, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor