

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**July 17, 2018**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, July 17, 2018. Chairman Olson called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey and Sandberg present. Commissioners Backer and Berning were absent. Also present were Dillon Dwyer of the Ortonville Independent, IT Director Terry Ocaña, County Attorney Joe Glasrud, and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to approve the minutes of the July 3<sup>rd</sup> regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Olson – PrimeWest; CSPH; CPT

Sandberg – Museum; CBSL; Property

Athey – SWCD; Toqua Park; Fair

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to appoint the following commissioners to the Counties Providing Technology (CPT) Joint Powers Board:

Director            Commissioner Olson

Alternate          Commissioner Sandberg

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to adopt the following resolution to approve the Bois de Sioux Watershed District One Watershed, One Plan Policy Committee Rules as presented by Environmental Officer Wilke:

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WHEREAS, the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources has developed policies for coordination and development of comprehensive watershed management plans, also known as One Watershed, One Plan, consistent with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.801, Comprehensive Watershed Management Planning Program; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.301, Comprehensive Local Water Management Act, authorizes Minnesota Counties to develop and implement a local water management plan; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103D.401, Watershed Management Plan, authorizes Minnesota Watershed Districts to develop and implement a watershed management plan; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103C.331, subdivision 11, Comprehensive Plan, authorizes Minnesota Soil and Water Conservation Districts to develop and implement a comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, the counties, soil and water conservation districts, and watershed district within the Bois de Sioux – Mustinka Watersheds have interest in developing a comprehensive watershed management plan for the Bois de Sioux – Mustinka Watersheds; and

WHEREAS, representatives from the counties, soil and water conservation districts, and watershed district within the Bois de Sioux – Mustinka Watersheds have developed a set of Policy Committee Rules (attached).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Big Stone County recognizes and supports watershed-scale planning efforts consistent with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.801, also known as One Watershed, One Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the One Watershed One Plan Policy Committee Rules are approved on behalf of Big Stone County.

David Drown from DDA Human Resources presented the County's final report from the classification/compensation study. HR Director Dawn Gregoire was also present for the report.

Community Development Coordinator Vicki Oakes with the Ortonville EDA was present to request permission for the Big Stone Lake Area Chamber of Commerce to install a digital sign on the Museum property. All costs would be paid by the EDA. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to approve the installation of a digital sign on the County's Museum property. This will allow the Chamber to proceed with City and MnDOT sign applications.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve an additional 6-month contract with ProWest for application development for departmental needs and authorize IT Director Terry Ocaña to execute the contract.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize a repair to the County Ditch #15 tile in the south half of Section 15 in Graceville Township as requested by Don Stueve and presented by County Engineer Todd Larson.

Engineer Larson provided an update on various department activities.

Discussion was held on selling the shop building in Correll. Motion by Olson and seconded by Sandberg to authorize Engineer Larson to advertise the property for sale. Motion failed with Commissioner Athey voting Nay.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to set the annual Highway 5-Year Plan meeting for August 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM at the Highway Department.

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

Bob Walsh Enterprises	\$ 2,260.00
Bonanza Education Center	2,000.00
Central Applicators	11,222.12
City of Ortonville	2,609.00
Comm of Transportation	3,874.07
Computer Professionals Unlimited	4,867.00
F.I.R.E.	3,425.00
Groebner Plumbing	2,580.70
Guardian Fleet Safety	15,153.76
S.W. Inc.	2,840.00
Stevens County	6,845.75
Traverse County Sheriff	4,420.00
West Con	9,235.00
53 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>18,782.44</u>
Total	\$90,114.84

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

General to Highway	\$ 2,549.26
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Family Services to Highway	\$	108.15
Ditch to Highway	\$	338.63
County Ditch 2	\$111.13	
Joint Ditch 4	\$227.50	

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to execute the farm leases with Kenneth Hendricks and James Stotesbery.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to approve the On Sale Liquor License for Club 7-75.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to authorize a \$175,000 capital contribution to the newly formed Counties Providing Technology (CPT) joint powers organization. The funds are intended to address the expenses associated with the creation of the new entity, including the purchase of CPUi and provide initial cash flow.

Discussion was held on whether to continue having the County's annual financial audit performed by a CPA firm or go back to using the State Auditor. Consensus was to continue with a CPA firm and therefore, per Attorney Glasrud, no notice is required to be provided to the State Auditor per M.S. §6.481, Subd. 7.

Auditor Knutson reported that a letter has been received notifying the County that since the old Columbian property burned down in 2016, it will be officially removed from the National Register of Historic Places.

The remainder of the meeting was a work session to continue discussing the County's strategic plan. Consensus of the Board was to invite Matt Hilgart from AMC out to discuss county structure options. Budget discussions were tabled until the next meeting. Department heads Gregoire, Martig, Rud, Ocaña, Vold and Wilke were also present for the session.

Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 10:22 AM.

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Brent Olson, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Knutson, Auditor