

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
February 15, 2005

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, February 15, 2005. Chairman Swigerd called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Janssen, Olson and Tomschin present. Also present were HR/EM Director Darlene Nichols-Born, County Attorney Bill Watson and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

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

Motion by Olson, seconded by Tomschin and carried to approve the agenda.

Committee reports were presented. The Purchasing Committee reported that the proposed plans to move the Food Shelf and RSVP into the Government Building was not feasible. Ryan Stattelmann of the Ortonville Independent arrived at the meeting.

Attorney Watson reported on the recent Law Library meeting and that presentations had been given regarding computerizing the library.

Attorney Watson also reported that the City of Graceville will contribute 25% towards the demolition of the old Ed's Feed Store building in Graceville and that the EDA would purchase the property and sell it. Any profits will be shared by the same percentages. Environmental Officer Darren Wilke reported that he is working on finding a site for the debris.

Attorney Watson stated that he reviewed a contract with Midcontinent for leasing space on their tower for the antenna for the Sheriff's Department. Following discussion, Attorney Watson was directed to do further research. Watson left the meeting.

Discussion was held on a request from the Leonardsville 4-H Club to provide partial funding for the construction of dugouts at Toqua Park. Reference was made to a previous request at the October 19, 2004, meeting from a different club. Commissioner Tomschin was directed to follow-up with both clubs and report back to the Board.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Janssen and carried to authorize payment of the following claims:

General	\$ 38,955.62
Highway	\$ 88,529.84
Ditch	\$ 150.00
State	<u>\$ 475.00</u>
Total	\$128,110.46

Motion by Tomschin, seconded by Janssen and carried to execute the holder of record agreement with the Ortonville Police Department relating to National Criminal Information Center Telecommunications.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to execute the Memorandum of Intent with the University of MN Extension Service for the Nutrition Education Program for 2005.

The Board directed the Auditor to contact Don Walsh and set up a time for him to meet with them regarding aggregate tax audit services he could provide for the County.

Auditor Knutson reviewed various administrative policies for the new Board members' information.

Following a break, motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the preliminary plat for the Third Addition to Sunset View with noted correction as recommended by Environmental Officer Darren Wilke.

Discussion was held on the duties and responsibilities of the County Weed Inspector. Motion by Athey, seconded by Janssen and carried to authorize Engineer Anderson to submit a job description to The Archer Company for classification.

Engineer Anderson updated the Board on the proposed County Road 80 project.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Tomschin and carried to authorize the advertising and sale of the 1990 Suburban at the Highway Department.

Discussion was held on needed repairs to the swimming dock at Toqua Park. Motion by Tomschin, seconded by Athey and carried to authorize the repair with all-weather decking material.

Discussion was held on the disposal of old equipment. Board consensus was to take it to Farrell Auction.

Further discussion was held on leasing tower space from Midcontinent as the Highway Department also has an antenna on it. Engineer Anderson will meet with the County Attorney and Sheriff and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

Engineer Anderson reported that he needed to do more research on County Ditch 16 and would report back to the Board.

Discussion was held on the request for a resolution in support of AMC's Transportation Funding Package. Motion by Olson to adopt the resolution. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Chairman Swigerd adjourned the meeting at 10:48 AM.

Bruce Swigerd, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor