

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
April 19, 2005

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, April 19, 2005. Chairman Swigerd called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Janssen, Olson and Tomschin present. Also present were Ryan Stattelmann of the Ortonville Independent, 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 Tomschin and carried to approve the minutes of the April 5th regular meeting.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Janssen and carried to approve the agenda with noted addition.

Committee reports were presented.

Upon recommendation of Attorney Watson, motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to execute the lease agreements with Elaine Cartwright for RSVP and Food Shelf effective through December 31, 2006.

Motion by Janssen, seconded by Tomschin and carried to execute the agreement with Ron Reisdorph for lawn mowing and snow removal services.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Janssen and carried to execute the Criminal Justice Data Communications Network (CJDN) Agreement with the BCA for utilizing available CJDN bandwidth.

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

General	\$44,664.08
Highway	<u>\$46,866.44</u>
Total	\$91,530.52

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to authorize the following transfers:

General to Highway	\$ 3,567.96
Ditch to Highway	\$ 1,737.89
JD #4	\$1,442.32
CD #8	\$ 85.19
CD #16	\$ 210.38
Family Services to General	\$19,489.64
Highway to Tax	\$ 4,689.32

Discussion was held on the Fair Board's request for additional funding and the possibility of insurance coverage through MN Counties Insurance Trust (MCIT). The funding decision will be made when a decision on the insurance has been reached.

Watson left the meeting.

MCIT Account Executive Bruce Underdahl presented the 2005 Member Report. Underdahl also presented a plaque to the County for its commitment to MCIT.

HR Director Nichols-Born reported that Robert Meyer submitted his resignation as Part-time Deputy Sheriff effective April 23, 2005. The Board accepted his resignation with regret. Motion by Olson, seconded by Janssen and carried to authorize filling the position.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Tomschin and carried to accept The Archer Company's recommendation to classify the County Weed Inspector at Grade 12 on the County's Job Classification List.

Motion by Janssen, seconded by Olson and carried to move the current Weed Inspector, Harold Nelson, to Grade 12, Step 1 retroactive to January 1, 2005.

Nichols-Born reported that County Recorder Gloria Arndt has requested that the job descriptions in her office be updated as she will not be seeking re-election.

Discussion was held on updating any other positions that have not been done.

Discussion was held on the proposed resolution authorizing the dispatch and use of County equipment and services in an emergency. Nichols-Born will gather further information and report back at the next meeting. Stattelmann left the meeting.

Following a break, motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the Conditional Use Permit Application by Art and Tom Fridgen as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Environmental Officer Darren Wilke reported that the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on May 10th to consider changing the setback for tree planting from 150' to 100'.

Environmental Officer Wilke reported that he is still working on securing a demolition debris site for the tax forfeited property in Graceville.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Tomschin and carried to authorize the purchase of records database software for the Sheriff's Department.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Janssen and carried to execute the Sentence to Serve (STS) agreement with the State of Minnesota for the next biennium. It includes a 2% increase over the previous contract.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Tomschin and carried to authorize up to \$3,000 for tree removal on County Ditch #8.

Motion by Janssen, seconded by Olson and carried to authorized up to \$12,000 for repairs on County Ditch #16.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Tomschin and carried to authorize up to \$1,000 for repair on County Ditch #30.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Tomschin and carried to execute an amendment to the Agreement with the State of Minnesota extending the final date until June 30, 2006, for the construction of a Public Water Access to Big Stone Lake in Foster Township.

Discussion was held on the notification received from Wesley Olson's attorney regarding his property bequest.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the Off Sale Malt Liquor License for Lakeshore RV Park & Fruit Farm.

Notice was received that the Big Stone County Solid Waste Management Plan has been approved for an additional 5 years.

Motion by Tomschin, seconded by Athey and carried to authorize Main Street Industries to continue cleaning at Toqua Park. Commissioner Olson abstained.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Tomschin and carried to offer a letter of support for transportation funding for repairing the Meadowbrook road.

At 11:00 AM, Engineer Technician Terry LaVoi opened bids on the SAP 06-606-17 etal:

BIDDER	AMOUNT
Bituminous Paving Inc.	\$147,424.66
Morris Seal Coat	\$148,186.25
Astech Corp.	\$170,531.60

Following review of the bids by Engineer Technician Mark Dietz, motion by Olson, seconded by Janssen and carried to award the bid to Bituminous Paving Inc.
Chairman Swigerd adjourned the meeting at 11:20 AM.

Bruce Swigerd, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor