

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
December 16, 2008

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, December 16, 2008. Chairman Janssen called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Sandberg and Olson present. Commissioner Tomschin was absent. Also present were Mike Swenson of the Ortonville Independent, HR Director Sue Schultz and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the minutes of the November 25th regular meeting and the December 4th Truth in Taxation hearing.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the agenda with noted additions.

Committee reports were presented. Family Services Director Gayle Robinson, Steve Grong from Carlson Construction and County Attorney Bill Watson arrived at the meeting during the reports.

Discussion was held on the remodeling plans for the north end of the Family Services building. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the updated 3-year plan as presented, which included minor revisions to the floor plan.

Discussion was held on the disclaimer of coverage received from MCIT regarding the County's water damage claim at the Family Services building. Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to request MCIT review their decision.

Chairman Janssen declared the public hearing open at 9:06 AM to take public comment on the consideration of the County's termination of application of the Aggregate Resource Preservation Property Tax Law. Upon hearing no public comment, Chairman Janssen declared the hearing adjourned.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to terminate the County's application of the Aggregate Resource Preservation Property Tax Law.

Committee reports were continued.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve payment of the following claims:

General	\$41,360.69
Highway	30,076.73
Ditch	<u>4,067.50</u>
Total	<u>\$75,504.92</u>

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the following tobacco license applications for 2009:

- Bill's Super Valu Plus
- Bonnie's Hometown Grocery
- CHS Inc dba Cenex C-Store (Ortonville)
- George's Bar & Grill Inc.
- Graceville Bar & Lounge
- Graceville Country Market
- Headquarter's Bar, Inc.
- Holiday Stationstore #105
- KJ's Kountry Store

Nebben Country Market
Tri County Coop

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to execute the license agreement with Pictometry.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to amend the 2008 General Fund budget as follows:

General Government	\$628,035
Public Safety	87,058
Sanitation	2,144
Conservation	<u>2,696</u>
Total	\$719,933

Attorney Watson left the meeting.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Janssen and carried to carried to amend Section E of the GASB 34 Related Policies as presented by Auditor Knutson.

Auditor Knutson informed the Board of the upcoming price increase from MN Elevator.

Chairman Janssen called the subsequent hearing for the adoption of the 2008 levy to order at 9:30 AM. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to adopt the following resolution:

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Big Stone County 2009 budget and levy be established as follows:

	GENERAL	HIGHWAY	FAMILY SERVICES	DITCH	2009 TOTAL
REVENUES					
Tax Levy & Aids	\$2,358,961	\$850,000	\$899,525		\$4,108,486
Other Taxes	\$10,600	\$35,000			\$45,600
Special Assessments	\$115,000			\$52,300	\$167,300
Licenses & Permits	\$17,620				\$17,620
Intergovernmental	\$334,250	\$2,812,000	\$1,341,600		\$4,487,850
Charges for Services	\$177,656	\$118,000	\$87,500		\$383,156
Investment Earnings	\$202,000	\$10,000			\$212,000
Miscellaneous	\$57,547	\$25,000	\$237,400		\$319,947
Proceeds from Sale of Bonds		\$1,035,000			\$1,035,000
Sale Proceeds		\$100			\$100
TOTAL REVENUES	\$3,273,634	\$4,885,100	\$2,566,025	\$52,300	\$10,777,059
EXPENDITURES					
General Government	\$1,626,823				\$1,626,823
Public Safety	\$1,087,444				\$1,087,444
Highway		\$4,151,663			\$4,151,663
Sanitation	\$225,386				\$225,386
Family Services			\$2,675,095		\$2,675,095
Health	\$78,285				\$78,285
Culture & Recreation	\$143,470				\$143,470
Conservation of Natural Resources	\$236,340			\$23,900	\$260,240
Economic Development	\$42,541				\$42,541
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$3,440,289	\$4,151,663	\$2,675,095	\$23,900	\$10,290,947

Building Maintenance Supervisor Jim Hasslen presented his summary evaluation of the County custodial situation. Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried

to authorize a status change for Custodian Jim Scheff to regular part time. HR Director Sue Schultz and Family Services Director Gayle Robinson were also present.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to execute the Resignation and Settlement Agreement with Office Support Specialist Ladonna Klapel.

Discussion was held on Enhancement Grant funds available for Veterans Service Offices. HR Director Schultz will meet with VSO Johnson regarding possible application.

Following break, motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize the Auditor to pay Main Street Industries \$7,280 as an Auditor Warrant for the scanning project in the Recorder's Office. Commissioner Olson abstained.

County Engineer Nick Anderson presented a Certificate of Performance for SP 006-630-003 with Robert R. Schroeder Construction, Inc. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to adopt the following resolution:

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WHEREAS, County SAP 006-630-003 has in all things been completed and the County Board being fully advised in the premises.

NOW THEN BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby accepts said completed project for and on behalf of the County of Big Stone, and authorize final payment to Robert R. Schroeder Construction, Inc. in the amount shown on final pay estimate.

Engineer Anderson reported that the County will be receiving \$84,388 to be used toward safety projects. The funds will be used to do a shouldering project on County Road #6 and light the intersection of Hwy 75 and Golf Course Road.

Chairman Janssen adjourned the meeting at 10:32 AM.

Howard Janssen, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor