

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
February 20, 2018

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, February 20, 2018. Chairman Olson called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Backer and Sandberg present. Commissioner Berning was absent. Also present were Mary Meyer, Mary Gustafson, Dillon Dwyer of the Ortonville Independent, County Attorney Joe Glasrud and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the minutes of the February 6th regular meeting.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the agenda. Janet Spalinger arrived at the meeting.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

- Backer – Extension; EMS Conference; RLF; Woodland; Personnel
- Olson – IT; Personnel; Countryside
- Sandberg – CBSL; Pioneerland
- Athey – HRA; Prairie 5

The Board offered their congratulations to Auditor Knutson for receiving the Minnesota Association of Auditors, Treasurers, and Finance Officers (MACATFO) Outstanding Member of the Year Award at the annual conference last week.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Sandberg and carried to appoint Chairman Olson as the alternate to the Countryside Public Health Board.

Environmental Officer Darren Wilke reported that Bois de Sioux One Watershed One Plan is looking for a designated grantee. Wilke recommended that the County not serve as the grantee, but to support looking into the establishment of a Joint Powers Board.

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

Audio & Security Engineers	\$ 8,069.60
Big Stone SWCD	4,388.50
Computer Professionals	4,787.00
GoFasters Powersports	3,476.61
Hasslen Construction	2,250.00
Kandiyohi County Sheriff Dept	6,642.00
Traverse County Sheriff	2,040.00
Upper MN River Watershed	4,000.00
West Con	2,553.10
Yellow Medicine County Jail	3,686.69
47 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>17,053.08</u>
Total	\$58,946.58

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Backer and carried to adopt the following resolution:

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WHEREAS, the new Minnesota Government Access Accounts, allowing government agencies to view appropriate electronic court records and documents stored in the

Minnesota Court Information System for cases in Minnesota district courts, require authorization from the governing body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Big Stone County, Minnesota, approves and authorizes Pam Rud, Big Stone County Family Services Director, or her successor, as the designated and Authorized Representative for Family Services, to sign the Master Subscriber Agreement for Minnesota Court Data Services for Governmental Agencies. The Authorized Representative is also authorized to sign any subsequent amendment or agreement that may be required by the Minnesota Judicial Branch to maintain the County's connection to the systems and tools offered by the Minnesota Judicial Branch.

County Engineer Todd Larson provided an update on Highway Department activities. The Department is planning to mix and apply calcium chloride with County equipment instead of purchasing from a vendor. Engineering is preparing for a March 27th bid opening. Engineer Larson reported that the new GPS equipment came in well under budget so the savings will be applied towards the purchase of the new scanner. Larson and Commissioner Sandberg will be meeting with Hasslen Construction to discuss their possible participation as Construction Managers on the project and the next step toward the design and funding of a new facility. Updates were also given on plan development for a small concrete structure on Lake Eli and using LIDAR to explore options on installing an outlet on Otrey Lake.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Backer and carried to authorize lighting at the intersection of county highways 35 and 12 in cooperation with the City of Ortonville.

Building Maintenance Supervisor Jared Heck presented the following three proposals for tuckpointing and caulking the courthouse:

Mid-Continental Restoration	\$32,125
Bradco Restoration	\$46,450
Karr Tuckpointing	\$36,258

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to accept the low bid from Mid-Continental Restoration. Heck reported that the plan is to complete the project this summer.

IT Director Terry Ocaña provided an update on recent IT equipment purchases. Ocaña also provided an update on the possible data practices legislation.

Sheriff John Haukos provided an update on the State's regional approach for Text-to-911. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Backer and carried to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with Mille Lacs County to temporarily receive texts to 911 from the Big Stone County PSAP area as presented by Sheriff Haukos.

Sheriff Haukos reported that he would like to dispose of the department's snowmobile as it is not used enough to justify the ongoing maintenance and space needs to house it. Motion by Athey, seconded by Backer and carried to authorize the sale of the County's snowmobile and trailer as recommended by Sheriff Haukos.

The Board thanked Sheriff Haukos for installing lights at the public accesses.

Vicki Oakes representing the Ortonville EDA was present to update the Board on the new opportunity zones program. The City of Ortonville is the only census tract in the County that is eligible to apply. Motion by Athey, seconded by Backer and carried to offer the County's support and encouragement for the City's application to the program.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the hiring of Alicia Radermacher as a Social Worker at Grade 11 Step 1 contingent upon completion of final screenings as presented by HR Director Dawn Gregoire.

HR Director Gregoire reported that Extension is once again requesting additional staff prior to and during the county fair. Motion by Athey, seconded by Backer and carried to authorize the hiring of seasonal help for Extension beginning the last week of May through July.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Sandberg and carried to close the meeting at 9:58 AM for labor negotiations.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Athey and carried to re-open the meeting at 10:24 AM.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Backer and carried to close the meeting at 10:24 AM under attorney-client privilege regarding a legal matter.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Sandberg and carried to re-open the meeting at 10:34 AM.

Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 10:34 AM.

Brent Olson, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor