

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**May 21, 2019**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, May 21, 2019. Chairman Sandberg called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Backer, Klepel and Olson present. Also present were Dillon Dwyer of the Ortonville Independent, Pat Curto, Ryan Ziegler, Paul Maxwell, Mary Meyer, Janet Spalinger, Mary Gustafson, HR Director Dawn Gregoire, County Attorney Joe Glasrud and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the minutes of the May 7<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Olson – LAC; Countryside; Pioneerland

Sandberg – Museum

Athey – Prairie 5

Backer – BSAG; Bois de Sioux; Woodland; CPT

Discussion was held on legislation that would broaden the scope of county probation officers (CPO) to allow them to supervise felons. Consensus of the Board was that until they had clarification of what additional duties the CPO would have and what the price tag would be for our county, they would not be in support of any changes.

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

3D Specialties	\$ 4,930.75
Counties Providing Technology	4,922.00
Guardian Fleet Safety	6,701.90
Hancock Concrete Products	9,100.08
Kandiyohi County Sheriff Dept	3,435.24
Lac qui Parle County Sheriff	14,094.24
Pro West & Associates	3,094.51
Titan Machinery	2,500.00
59 payments less than \$2,000	<u>20,899.05</u>
Total	<u>\$69,677.77</u>

Motion by Athey, seconded by Backer and carried to authorize hiring Nicole Larson for the Accounting Technician position at Grade 6 Step 1 as requested by HR Director Gregoire.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to authorize re-hiring MacKenzie Spaulding for the Seasonal Extension Worker at Grade 1 Step 2 effective June 3<sup>rd</sup> as requested by HR Director Gregoire.

BSAG representative Lisa Graphenteen was present to provide an update on MNbump. Ms Graphenteen reported that they will be introducing a survey tool this summer for use in the evaluation of MNbump. They are also reaching out to cities to promote MNbump and BSAG services.

Following a short break, Carrie Bendix, Executive Director for the Private Industry Council (PIC) was present to update the Board on the plans in place to address

workforce development issues in the region. Ms. Bendix reviewed the Workforce Development Plan's goals and strategies and shared various workforce statistics.

Environmental Services Director Darren Wilke provided an overview of process that took place for the Ratcliff Development Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application for a Dollar General store in Graceville Township. Director Wilke informed those present that Findings of Fact will be drafted based on today's decision and approved at the next meeting. Director Wilke reported that the Planning Commission voted 5-4 to deny the CUP siting 11.5.2 of the County's Land and Related Resources Management Ordinance, specifically due to impacting use and enjoyment of nearby residences. Motion by Olson and seconded by Backer to uphold the Planning Commission's ruling and deny the CUP. Commissioner Olson stated not only would there be impacts to the existing residences, but there are also vacant residential lots to be developed that are closer. Motion failed with Commissioners Athey, Sandberg and Klepel voting Nay. A motion was then made to approve the CUP by Athey and seconded by Sandberg. Upon no further discussion, the motion passed 3-2 with Commissioners Backer and Olson voting Nay. However, due to the ordinance requirement that approval needs a 4/5's vote, the CUP was not approved. Director Wilke asked if there were any conditions that may alleviate the impacts. No comments were offered. Director Wilke stated that the Board will adopt Findings of Fact at their June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Attorney Scott Johnston and several community members were also present during this time.

County Engineer Todd Larson provided an update on recent department activities. Larson informed the Board of issues he had obtaining a permit from the DNR on the CSAH 21 project, however, it has now been received.

Engineer Larson presented a Special Events Permit for the Board's consideration for use when County road closures are requested. Following discussion, motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the use of the permit.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to authorize the Engineer to hire temporary maintenance help.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Klepel and carried to execute the Joint Powers Agreement for the Administration of Federal HSIP Safety Grant as presented by Engineer Larson.

Emergency Management Director (EMD) Dona Greiner provided an update on the office's activities.

Chairman Sandberg adjourned the meeting at 10:40 AM.

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Roger Sandberg, Chairman

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