

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
September 18, 2018

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, September 18, 2018. Chairman Olson called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Backer and Sandberg present. Commissioner Berning was absent. Also present were Dillon Dwyer of the Ortonville Independent, Mary Meyer, Mary Gustafson, Janet Spalinger, Erick Klepel and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the minutes of the September 4th regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Backer – BSAG; CPT; RLF

Olson – BSAG; PrimeWest; IT; JD4; LAC

Sandberg – Museum

Athey – SWCD; HRA; JD4; Extension; AMC Environmental Policy

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

Anoka County Treasury Office	\$ 2,000.00
Bituminous Paving	10,179.78
Computer Professionals	4,812.00
Madison Hospital	2,066.00
Pioneer Public TV	2,500.00
Stevens County	9,003.25
Waste Management	10,139.81
44 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>20,758.31</u>
Total	\$61,459.15

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to authorize the following internal transactions:

General to Highway	\$ 2,283.38
Family Services to Highway	\$ 116.26
Ditch to Highway	\$ 2,185.78
County Ditch 2	\$ 380.00
County Ditch 13	\$1,805.78

Auditor Knutson asked for questions and/or comments on the year-to-date financial information provided for the Board's review.

Motion by Athey, second by Sandberg and carried to re-appoint Don Sykora for a 5-year term to the HRA Board effective October 1st.

Discussion was held on the quotes received for a new motorgrader for Highway. The 2018 State Bid Contract expires on September 30th and prices are expected to increase for the 2019 contract. Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize the Highway Department to order a 2018 John Deere 772G motorgrader from RDO Equipment in the amount of \$264,697. This purchase is budgeted for in 2019 and will be paid for after the first of the year.

Environmental Officer Darren Wilke presented the final amendment to the recycling contract for the Board's approval. Waste Management representative Paul Kalibabky was also present. The major changes include a contamination fee at drop sites and more recycling education. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the amendment contingent on County Attorney Glasrud's approval and to authorize Environmental Officer Wilke to sign the amendment.

County Attorney Joe Glasrud arrived at the meeting.

Attorney Glasrud provided a brief update on his recent leadership forum for the County Attorney's Association. The agenda item regarding IV-D reimbursements is not ready so will be addressed at a future meeting.

Commissioner Athey brought up the possibility of requesting Legacy funds for the operation of MNbump. Commissioner Backer with discuss the possibility with Vince Robinson at BSAG.

County Treasurer Cindy Nelson was present to request that the Board set sale prices for this year's tax forfeited properties for the respective cities if they want to purchase them. Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to set the price at \$100 each.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Backer and carried to adopt the following resolution for tax-forfeited land as requested by Treasurer Nelson:

2018-23

WHEREAS, the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners desires to offer for sale certain parcels of land that have forfeited to the State of Minnesota for non-payment of taxes; and

WHEREAS, said parcels of land have been viewed by the County Board of Commissioners and have been classified as non-conservation lands as provided for in Minnesota Statute 282.01.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners hereby certifies that all parcels of land on the attached list have been viewed and comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 85.012, 92.461, 282.01, Subd. 8 and 282.018 and other statutes that require the withholding of tax-forfeited lands from sale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners hereby requests approval from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the sale of said lands.

Discussion was held to finalize the 2019 preliminary County budget and levy. Department heads Gregoire, Ocaña and Vold were also present for the session. Following discussion, Board consensus was to increase the SWCD appropriation by \$20,000. In addition, Gregoire received notice that the County's PEIP rates will be increasing 3.062% for 2019.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve a 1% levy increase and adopt the following resolution:

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BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the proposed 2019 budget be approved and the net levy be established at \$5,130,650.

The public meeting to take comments on the proposed budget and levy was set for Tuesday, December 4th at 6:00 PM in the Commissioners' Room.

The start time for the regular board meeting on December 4th will be changed to 4:30 PM to accommodate the public comment period.

Dwyer and Spalinger left the meeting.

The remainder of the meeting was a continuation of the strategic planning discussions.

Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 10:15 AM.

Brent Olson, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor