

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**October 1, 2019**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, October 1, 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, Mary Meyer, Mary Gustafson, Janet Spalinger, Randy Shelstad, Paul Kalibabky of Waste Management and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Klepel and carried to approve the minutes of the September 17<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Klepel – ESB

Olson – Countryside; Pioneerland

Sandberg – Personnel; Dept Head; ESB

Athey – Personnel; Prairie 5; Fair Board

Backer – CPT; Bois de Sioux; RDC

Environmental Director Darren Wilke, County Attorney Joe Glasrud and HR Director Dawn Gregoire arrived at the meeting during committee reports.

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

AAA Striping	\$ 33,330.81
Big Stone Lumber	74,185.06
Bituminous Paving	30,007.00
CBS Squared	3,412.07
James Nitz Construction	108,955.00
Westmore Industries	29,543.00
Yellow Medicine County Jail	2,769.52
28 payments less than \$2,000	<u>12,307.91</u>
Total	\$294,510.37

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Ortonville and US Fish and Wildlife to agreed terms of cooperation for the Minnesota River Headwaters Trail.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Klepel and carried to ratify a letter of support for BSAG seeking funding through the Laura Jane Musser Fund for the MNbump initiative.

Discussion was held on contracting for additional time from Jim Mulder to assist with updating the exempt employee vacation policy. Commissioners Athey and Backer requested additional information before a decision could be made. Auditor Knutson will contact Mr. Mulder for a written proposal for the services to be provided.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Olson and carried to approve mileage and per diem expenditures for Commissioner Athey to attend the MRC annual business meeting and membership program on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Olson will represent the County Board at the AMC District Meeting on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

County Treasurer Cindy Nelson was present to request assessed values for the tax forfeited property that will be on the upcoming sale. Following discussion, motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to set the basic sale price at 10% of assessed market value on parcel 22-0301-000, which is \$300.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to adopt the following resolution:

**2019-27**

BE IT RESOLVED, that all parcels of tax-forfeited land listed on List of Tax-Forfeited Land #19-1 be classified as non-conservation land; that the basic sale price of each parcel on List of Tax-Forfeited Land #19-1, that is on file with the Clerk of the County Board, be approved and authorization for a public sale of this land be granted, pursuant to M.S. 282.01; that the sale will be held at 9:00 AM, Friday, October 25, 2019, by the Big Stone County Treasurer at the Big Stone County Courthouse, for not less than the basic sale price; and that full payment is required at the time of the sale.

Environmental Director Wilke and Mr. Kalibabky from Waste Management reviewed the contamination issues at the Ortonville recycling site. The Board authorized Wilke to install a temporary camera at the site to monitor usage. It was also recommended that further education be provided through MNbump as well as assistance from Dillon Dwyer for published information in the Ortonville Independent.

Ditch Inspector Darby Karsky led a discussion on County Ditch 21 and whether it should stay as open ditch or revert back to a tile as originally constructed. Karsky reviewed a timeline on the history of the ditch and provided an estimate on what it would cost to revert it back to a county tile as well as clean the ditch as it is currently. If the ditch remains as an open ditch, another redetermination will need to be completed to establish the required buffers. A redetermination will more than likely bring in additional landowners. Following a lengthy discussion, motion by Athey and seconded by Olson to proceed with keeping it an open ditch and move forward on reestablishing the ditch records as they are incomplete on the change from a county tile to an open ditch. Following further discussion, motion carried. The following benefited landowners were also present for the discussion: Randy Shelstad, Don and Janet Stock, Warren Wiese, Scott Meyer, Ron Schmidt, Bill Pansch, Rich Guse, and Paul Maas.

Chairman Sandberg adjourned the meeting at 9:56 AM.

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Roger Sandberg, Chairman

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