

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
October 18, 2022

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, October 18, 2022. Chairman Klages called the meeting to order with Commissioners Sandberg, Olson, Backer and Athey present. Also present were Dillon Dwyer of the Ortonville Independent and Coordinator Pam Rud. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

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

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to approve the minutes from the October 4th regular board meeting.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

- Sandberg – Woodland
- Olson – PW, SW 18 Consortium
- Backer – Woodland, CPT (2)
- Athey – UMNRRWD, HRA

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

Axon Enterprise	\$ 14,816.00
Bituminous Paving	4,148.44
Brock White	3,425.00
CPT	5,837.00
Greg Schmidt Construction	4,800.00
Kandiyohi County Sheriff Department	37,208.25
Lac qui Parle Sheriff	3,858.75
M-R Sign Co	4,586.78
MN UI Fund	6,560.00
Pro West & Associates	4,421.41
Regents of the U of MN	19,237.25
Stevens County	2,512.82
TrueNorth Steel	21,009.16
West Con	6,811.32
36 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>31,507.45</u>
Total	<u>\$170,739.63</u>

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

General to Highway	\$ 2,926.54
Family Services to Highway	\$ 195.31
Ditch to Highway	\$ 1,866.68
County Ditch 2	\$387.50
Joint Ditch 4	\$500.13
Joint Ditch 7	\$337.50
Comb Ditch 10/11	\$381.55
County Ditch 20	\$260.00

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

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Backer and carried to ratify Knutson executing the agreement for actuarial services with USI Consulting Group, formerly Hildi Inc.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to adopt the following resolution establishing procedures relating to compliance with reimbursement bond regulations under the IRC:

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WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Service has issued Treas. Reg. § 1.150-2 (the “Reimbursement Regulations”) providing that proceeds of tax-exempt bonds used to reimburse prior expenditures will not be deemed spent unless certain requirements are met; and

WHEREAS, the County expects to incur certain expenditures that may be financed temporarily from sources other than bonds, and reimbursed from the proceeds of tax-exempt bonds; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined to make this declaration of official intent (“Declaration”) to reimburse certain costs from proceeds of tax-exempt bonds in accordance with the Reimbursement Regulations.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) of Big Stone County, Minnesota (the “Issuer”) as follows:

1. The County proposes to finance various capital improvements set forth in its five-year Capital Improvement Plan for the years 2022 – 2026 (the “Plan”), which describes certain capital improvements in the County including without limitation capital improvements to the County’s Courthouse, County Office Building, Government Building, Toqua Park Upgrades, Storage Building, and Law Enforcement Center (the “Project”).

2. The County reasonably expects to reimburse the expenditures made for certain costs of the Project from the proceeds of tax-exempt bonds in an estimated maximum principal amount of \$2,149,000.00.

The County reasonably expects to reimburse the expenditures made for certain costs of the Project from the proceeds of tax-exempt bonds in a principal amount currently estimated not to exceed \$2,149,000.00. All reimbursed expenditures related to the Project will be capital expenditures, costs of issuance of the tax-exempt bonds or other expenditures eligible for reimbursement under Section 1.150-2(d)(3) of the Reimbursement Regulations.

3. This Declaration has been made not later than 60 days after payment of any original expenditure to be subject to a reimbursement allocation with respect to the proceeds of tax-exempt bonds, except for the following expenditures: (a) costs of issuance of bonds; (b) costs in an amount not in excess of \$100,000 or 5% of the proceeds of an issue; or (c) “preliminary expenditures” up to an amount not in excess of 20% of the aggregate issue price of the issue or issues that finance or are reasonably expected by the County to finance the project for which the preliminary expenditures were incurred. The term “preliminary expenditures” includes architectural, engineering, surveying, soil testing, reimbursement bond issuance, and similar costs that are incurred prior to commencement of acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of a project, other than land acquisition, site preparation, and similar costs incident to commencement of construction.

4. A reimbursement allocation with respect to tax-exempt bonds will be made not later than 18 months after the later of: (i) the date the original expenditure is paid; or (ii) the date the Project is placed in service or abandoned, but in no event more than 3 years after the original expenditure.

5. This Declaration is an expression of the reasonable expectations of the County based on the facts and circumstances known to the County as of the date hereof. The anticipated original expenditures for the Project and the principal amount of the tax-

exempt bonds described in paragraph 2 are consistent with the County's budgetary and financial circumstances. No sources other than proceeds of tax-exempt bonds are reasonably expected to be reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside pursuant to the County's budget or financial policies to pay such expenditures for which bonds are issued.

6. The action is intended to constitute a declaration of official intent for purposes of the Reimbursement Regulations.

Because Big Stone County is an eligible revenue sharing county for federal wetlands, the County can apply for \$100,000 in federal funds through the US Treasury's Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) program. The grant funds would be split between 2023 and 2024. Motion by Backer, seconded by Olson and carried to apply for the funds and appoint Knutson as the authorized representative.

Bill Chukuske from National Insurance Services presented information on the 2023 PEIP health insurance rates for Big Stone County. Health insurance premiums increased 50%. Bill will be working with the Insurance Committee to come up with insurance options for 2024 and beyond.

Jessica Foley with DSI presented information on the Small Cities Development Grant. The grant will cover the City of Correll and rental units in the City of Ortonville. The funding request will be \$600,000.00 for a total project cost of \$802,000. The Conflict-of-Interest form was discussed and Commissioners Sandberg and Klages have potential conflicts of interest in this project and will be abstaining from voting for the SCDG. Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to approve the local match request of \$10,000. Commissioners Sandberg and Klages abstained.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the pre-application process for the SCDG. Commissioners Sandberg and Klages abstained.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to approve the SCDG Citizen Participation Plan. Commissioners Sandberg and Klages abstained.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Olson and carried to authorize the Vice Chair to sign the SCDG application. Commissioners Sandberg and Klages abstained.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Olson and carried to hold a Public Hearing on January 17, 2023 on the SCDG. Commissioners Sandberg and Klages abstained.

Building Maintenance Supervisor Jared Heck shared information on the HVAC engineering design project. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Backer and carried to approve using Associated Consulting Engineering, Inc to complete the HVAC design for the Courthouse.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to proceed with Engen Associates to develop a master plan for Toqua Park.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the amended contract for the Eagle View Flight for GIS as presented by Environmental Technician Danny Tuckett.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the Family Service warrants as presented by Director Laura Laub.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the 2023 Purchase of Service Agreement for Woodland Centers.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the 2023 BCBS rates for the retiree benefits.

Discussion was held regarding the Prime West Joint Powers Board meeting on November 3rd to discuss procurement and the expansion of Prime West Counties.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to increase the marriage credentialing fee from \$5.00 to \$20.00 effective January 1, 2023.
Commissioner Klages adjourned the meeting at 9:36 AM.

Jeff Klages, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Pam Rud, Coordinator