

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**November 1, 2022**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, November 1, 2022. Chairman Klages called the meeting to order with Commissioners Sandberg, Olson, and Backer present. Commissioner Athey was absent. Also present were Dillon Dwyer of the Ortonville Independent and Coordinator Pam Rud. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve agenda.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the minutes of the October 18<sup>th</sup> regular Board meeting.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Sandberg – Insurance Committee, MSI, Food Shelf, Collaborative, AMC

Olson – Insurance Committee, PW, Pioneerland, AMC

Backer – SWEMS, CPT, Personnel, RDC

Klages – Personnel, AMC

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

Comm of Transportation	\$ 6,541.76
LG Everist	17,186.11
The Shop	2,237.84
Traverse County Sheriff	2,340.00
West Con	6,804.25
31 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>9,666.91</u>
Total	\$44,776.87

Kyle Homan requested approval for a raffle to be held at his residence in Big Stone County for the Isaiah Anderson Memorial Fund. Motion by Backer, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the location of the raffle.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to approve final pay for SAPs 006-606 020 and 006-616-008 to Duinick as presented by County Engineer Jordan Roggenbuck.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the hiring of Kristin Hildebrandt as the Child Support Officer. Kristin will start November 21<sup>st</sup> and will start on Grade 8 Step 1.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the hiring of Chris Dorry as Appraiser. Chris will start on November 7<sup>th</sup> at will start at Grade 8 Step 1.

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

**2022-36**

WHEREAS, the residents of Big Stone County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all of the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Big Stone County seeks to honor these individuals who have paid the high price for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and  
WHEREAS, Veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil service, and by functioning as County Veteran Service Officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits each year; and  
WHEREAS, Approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; and  
WHEREAS, an estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and  
WHEREAS, studies indicate that 44-72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life; and  
WHEREAS, Active Military Service Members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and  
WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties encourages all counties, parishes and boroughs to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and  
WHEREAS, the Big Stone County Board appreciates the sacrifices of our United State Military Personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted; therefore be it  
RESOLVED, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, Big Stone County hereby declares from October through Veterans Day, November 11, 2022 a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from Active Service; therefore, be it further  
RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light, Big Stone County encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence.

At 9:02 AM the public hearing was called to order to discuss the Proposed Capital Improvement Plan and Issuance of General Obligation Bonds. Staff from Ehlers were present to present the Pre-Sale Report and address any questions. There were no public comments at the meeting regarding the information presented. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Backer and carried to close the hearing at 9:16 AM.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the following resolution:

### **2022-37**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of Big Stone County, Minnesota (the "County") as follows:

#### Section 1. Background.

1.01. The County is authorized under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475, as amended, and Minnesota Statutes, Section 373.40 (the "Act") to prepare a capital improvement plan and carry out programs for financing certain capital improvements. The County may issue general obligation bonds pursuant to the Act to finance the cost of capital improvements described in the plan, including without limitation a County Highway Building.

- 1.02. Before the approval of the Plan and issuance of any general obligation bonds under the Act, the County is required to hold a public hearing on the plan and issuance of the bonds.
- 1.03. Pursuant to the Act, the County has caused to be prepared a five-year capital improvement plan (the "Plan"), which describes certain capital improvements in the County for the years 2022 – 2026.
- 1.04. The County has determined that it is in its best interests to give preliminary approval to the issuance and sale of capital improvement bonds pursuant to the Act in the maximum principal amount of \$1,640,000 (the "Bonds"), to finance a portion of the costs described in the Plan.
- 1.05. On this date, the Board held a public hearing on the Plan and the issuance of the Bonds, after publication in the County's official newspaper of a notice of public hearing at least 14 days but no more than 28 days before the date of the public hearing.

#### Section 2. Plan Approved.

- 2.01. The Board finds that the Plan will provide for certain capital improvements which serve the interests of the County as a whole.
- 2.02. The Plan is approved in the form on file in County Courthouse.

#### Section 3. Bonds Authorized.

- 3.01. The County hereby gives preliminary approval to the issuance of Bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$1,640,000, in order to finance certain capital improvements described in the Plan, including without limitation a County Highway Building and costs of issuance of the Bonds, subject to further details regarding the sale of the Bonds to be set forth in a resolution to be considered by the Board of Commissioners at a subsequent meeting.
- 3.02. If a petition requesting a vote on the issuance of the Bonds, signed by voters equal to 5% of the votes cast in the last municipal general election, is filed with the County Auditor within 30 days after the date of the public hearing, the County may issue the Bonds only after obtaining approval of a majority of voters voting on the question at an election.
- 3.03. County staff are authorized and directed to take all other actions necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the following resolution providing for the sale of \$1,640,000 general obligation capital improvement bonds:

#### **2022-38**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Big Stone County, Minnesota has heretofore determined that it is necessary and expedient to issue the County's \$1,640,000 General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Bonds, Series 2022A (the "Bonds"), to finance projects in the County which were authorized in the 2022 –2026 CIP; and

WHEREAS, the County has retained Ehlers & Associates, Inc., in Roseville, Minnesota ("Ehlers"), as its independent municipal advisor for the Bonds in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.60, Subdivision 2(9).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Big Stone County, Minnesota, as follows:

1. Authorization; Findings. The Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes Ehlers to assist the County for the sale of the Bonds.
2. Meeting; Proposal Opening. The Board of Commissioners shall meet at 8:30 a.m. on December 13, 2022, for the purpose of considering proposals for and awarding the sale of the Bonds.
3. Official Statement. In connection with said sale, the officers or employees of the County are hereby authorized to cooperate with Ehlers and participate in the preparation of an official statement for the Bonds and to execute and deliver it on behalf of the County upon its completion.

Commissioner Klages adjourned the meeting at 9:22 AM.

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Jeff Klages, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pam Rud, Coordinator