

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
November 21, 2023**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, November 21, 2023. Chairman Olson called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Sandberg, Klages, and Zimmel present. Also present was Coordinator Pam Rud. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Zimmel and carried to approve the agenda.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Klages and carried to approve the minutes of the November 7th regular meeting.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Athey – SWCD
Sandberg – HRA, Woodland, IT
Zimmel – BSAG, BdSWD
Klages – RLF, BSAG, Woodland
Olson – Countryside, Pioneerland, MCIT

Motion by Athey, seconded by Zimmel and carried to authorize payment of claims as presented by Auditor-Treasurer Michelle Knutson. Vendors, excluding Family Services, receiving payments in excess of \$2,000 are as follows:

H&H Car Care	\$ 2,587.25
Lac qui Parle County Sheriff	4,933.50
Cindy Nelson	4,500.00
Pro West & Assoc	2,140.00
Ronglien & Sons Excavating	2,295.74
SafeAssure Consultants	5,639.64
Security 101	8,489.56
Snow-Wheel Systems	3,600.00
Traverse County Sheriff	3,815.50
49 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>19,494.50</u>
Total	<u>\$57,495.69</u>

County Engineer Jordan Roggenbuck requested approval to enter into a contract with HDR Engineering Inc. for engineering services for wetland permitting assistance for Otrey Lake outlet fishway. Motion by Klages, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize Roggenbuck to execute the contract as presented and sign on the County's behalf.

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

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WHEREAS, Contract No. 2023-2 has in all things been completed and the County Board being fully advised in the premises.

NOW THEN BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby accepts said completed project for and on behalf of the County of Big Stone, and authorize final payment to Bituminous Paving, Inc. in the amount shown on final pay estimate.

Motion by Klages, seconded by Sandberg and carried to adopt the following resolution:

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WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 160.095 authorizes a County Board, as a road authority, to designate county roads as minimum-maintenance roads; and

WHEREAS, the County board determined that the following described road is used only occasionally or intermittently for passenger and commercial traffic; and

WHEREAS, the County board determined, after balancing various policy considerations, that designating County Road 59 as minimum-maintenance serves the public interest by apportioning limited road maintenance funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Big Stone County, Minnesota does hereby designate the above described County Road 59 beginning at 230th Street and ending at the North County Line, as indicated on the attached map, a minimum-maintenance road.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that minimum-maintenance signs shall be posted at the entry points to and at regular intervals, as determined by the engineer, along the minimum-maintenance road.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the road authorities of adjoining jurisdictions shall be notified of this designation.

Todd Langston with Ottertail Power Company presented an update on the Big Stone South to Alexandria transmission line project.

Coordinator Rud presented a dilapidated structure applications for parcel 17-0104-000 and parcel 17-0170-000. The applications were not complete and one of the homes had already been torn down. After a lengthy discussion, motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the dilapidated structure application for parcel 17-0104-000 contingent on getting a second quote to demolish, proof of insurance for the contractor and the asbestos report showing that the inspection was completed. Motion by Athey, seconded by Klages to approve the dilapidated structure application for parcel 17-0170-000 contingent on proof of insurance for the contractor and the asbestos report showing that the inspection was completed.

Rud presented an updated EEO/Non-Discrimination, Reasonable Accommodation Policy. Motion by Klages, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the policy contingent on County Attorney approval.

Rud presented the retirement notice for Chief Deputy Assessor Barb Amundson. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Klages and carried to accept her retirement with thanks for 25 years of service to the County.

Work session included information on a meeting on November 29th from 4-8 pm at the Old No. 1 in Morris with Nova Clean Energy presenting on wind energy in Big Stone and Stevens Counties.

Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 9:34 AM.

Brent Olson, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Pam Rud, Coordinator