

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
November 5, 2019

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, November 5, 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, HR Director Dawn Gregoire, County Attorney Joe Glasrud and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Klepel and carried to approve the minutes of the October 15th regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Klepel – Safety

Olson – Pioneerland; AMC District Mtg; Supporting Hands

Sandberg – MSI; Personnel (2); Dept Head; Property; Pricing; Food Shelf; Collaborative; Safety; Museum

Athey – Personnel (2); Property; Fair Board; Prairie 5

Backer – SWEMS; Woodland; CPT (3); RDC

James Conrad, Robert Angelo and Brooklyn Conrad, representing the 4-H AIS Team, did a presentation on the trip to Washington, DC, to accept the President's Environmental Youth Award for their work with aquatic invasive species. Parents Cara Gregor and Jaime Conrad were also present.

Discussion was held on the investment of bond proceeds until they are needed for building construction costs. Consensus of the Board was for Chairman Sandberg and Auditor Knutson to meet with the Ehlers' investment team and bring a recommendation back to the Board.

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

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| Bituminous Paving | \$ 2,001.28 |
| Hart Intercivic | 2,180.00 |
| Hildi | 5,300.00 |
| LG Everist | 2,288.37 |
| Lac qui Parle Sheriff | 2,417.00 |
| OAHS | 2,343.24 |
| Ridgeview Excavating | 9,455.00 |
| Yellow Medicine County Jail | 2,245.46 |
| 39 payments less than \$2,000 | <u>15,026.35</u> |
| Total | \$43,256.70 |

Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to ratify the updated Marco phone agreement as signed by Auditor Knutson.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to authorize the sale of the following surplus vehicles per the policy:

2009 Dodge Charger

2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee

2008 Dodge Durango

Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the Second Amended and Restated Health Care Access Initiative Joint Powers Agreement for PrimeWest Health County-based Purchasing as presented by Commissioner Olson.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Klepel and carried to execute the new 2-year contract with Kandiyohi County for E911 and additional dispatch services as presented by Sheriff Mark Brown.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize the hiring of Matthew Anderson for the IT Director position at Grade 14 Step 1 contingent upon successful background screenings as presented by HR Director Gregoire. Tentative start date will be December 2nd. Consensus was to allow policy review prior if time allows.

HR Director Gregoire distributed information for the Board's review regarding the process for setting elected officials' salaries. The Board will revisit at the next meeting.

Following a break, DNR representatives were present to introduce themselves and provide an update on the agency. Regional Director Scott Roemhildt reviewed the various divisions and stated that he is looking for ways for ag and conservation to come closer together. Regional Planner Cathi Fouchi reviewed various projects that have been successful and areas where opportunities and challenges still exist. Lands and Minerals Program Coordinator provided an overview of the Strategic Land Asset Management (SLAM) program and the PILT and School Trust Fund payments. The Board shared some of their concerns with water issues in the County and encouraged those present to work with the County to reach our common goals. Curt Vacek of the DNR was also present.

Chairman Sandberg adjourned the meeting at 10:12 AM.

Roger Sandberg, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor