

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
December 1, 2022

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 6:00 PM on Thursday, December 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 Olson and carried to approve agenda.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the minutes of the November 15th regular Board meeting.

There was no one present for the Public Meeting for the 2023 Budget and Levy discussion.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Sandberg – MSI, Woodland

Olson – Supporting Hands, Countryside, AMC, PW

Backer – Woodland, CPT (3)

Klages – Personnel

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

Conroy Electric	\$ 3,500.95
Hormann Works	26,883.00
Kris Engineering	6,593.13
Lac qui Parle Sheriff	2,793.75
Nelson Electric	9,629.75
Paulsen's Tree Service	4,415.00
Stevens County	4,033.80
Upper MN Valley RDC	11,000.00
43 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>19,368.75</u>
Total	\$88,218.13

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve 2023 Tobacco Licenses for the following businesses: Casey's General Store; Dollar General; Holiday Station Stores, Inc.; Jamer's One Stop; Tri-County Co-op.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Olson and carried to execute the 2022 HAVA Election Security Grant Phase 2 Agreement as presented by Knutson.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Sandberg and carried to execute the agreement with Countryside Public Health for tobacco compliance checks.

Building Maintenance Supervisor Jared Heck presented information on the tax forfeited property in Correll and shared various options for the property. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the bid for \$6,600.00 to Advanced Health, Safety and Security from Balaton, MN to clean out the property. Once the property is cleaned out, the Board will decide how to proceed.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Olson and carried to use Rover Pass for on-line reservations for Toqua Park starting in 2023.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Olson and carried to increase Toqua Park rates for 2023. New rates will be \$25/day, \$150/week, \$1,500 for seasonal pass and \$375 for the hunter's pass. Tent space rent will remain the same at \$10/day.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Olson and carried to set the 2023 salary for the Sheriff at \$107,000.00.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Olson and carried to set the 2023 salary for the County Attorney at \$99,153.75.

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

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WHEREAS, M.S. 375.055 provides that county commissioners shall receive annual salaries for services rendered while serving as a county commissioner and may receive per diem payments and reimbursement for necessary expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2023 salary of the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners shall be \$15,800.85 and the per diem rate for service on any board, committee or commission or for the performance of services by individual commissioners when required by law shall be \$75 for in-county and adjacent county and \$90 for meeting outside of adjacent.

Work session included discussion on the future committee assignments. Coordinator Rud will share information on every committee for the Commissioners to review and assignments will be decided at the organizational meeting on January 3, 2023.

Commissioner Klages adjourned the meeting at 6:46 PM.

Jeff Klages, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Pam Rud, Coordinator