

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
February 18, 2020

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, February 18, 2020. Chairman Athey called the meeting to order with Commissioners Olson and Sandberg present. Commissioners Backer and Klepel were absent. Also present were Dillon Dwyer of the Ortonville Independent, HR Director Dawn Gregoire, County Attorney Joe Glasrud, and Deputy Auditor Heather Henrich. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

The work session began with discussing a No Net Gain policy for Big Stone County. Attorney Glasrud reviewed a few policies that have been adopted by other counties and advised the Board to think of things they would like addressed in the policy. After further discussion it was decided to keep this on the work session agenda for the next two meetings.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the minutes of the February 4th regular board meeting.

Commissioner Sandberg made an addition to the agenda to add a closed session to discuss the sale of the highway garage. Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the agenda as amended.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Olson – PrimeWest

Sandberg – Property(2)

Athey – SWCD, Property(2), UMRWD

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the revisions to the PrimeWest Health Bylaws as recommended by Attorney Glasrud.

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

Clark Equipment	\$ 65,810.73
CPT	6,452.00
ESRI	9,343.00
KnowBe4	3,163.32
Traverse County	23,796.54
West Con	7,721.02
29 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>19,668.18</u>
Total	\$135,954.79

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

General to Highway \$ 1,919.83

Family Services to Highway \$ 94.41

Auditor Knutson reported the auditor's will be here next Monday-Wednesday.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to accept the resignation of Social Worker Hope Munsterman and to approve filing the social worker position as presented by HR Director Gregoire. Her last day will be February 21, 2020.

Environmental Technician Danny Tuckett discussed the water testing he is doing on the lakes in Big Stone County. The water quality in 2019 was not as good as previous years, most likely due the amount of water we had, but it has improved in Big

Stone Lake since 2007. Tuckett also mentioned that the AIS watercraft inspections have been going well and that most people have been receptive.

Environmental Director Darren Wilke and Highway Maintenance Supervisor Darby Karsky arrived at the meeting.

Tuckett presented a Delegation Agreement with the MN DNR that would allow him to continue the AIS watercraft inspections. Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the 3-year Delegation Agreement.

UMRWD Administrator Amber Doschadis presented a map of proposed 1W1P boundary changes. It would remove the Yellowbank Watershed and orphaned Chippewa Watershed area from the DNR's proposed watershed. This would make it easier for landowners to work with their local watershed and would also make the planning boundary align with the UMRWD legal boundary. Doschadis also discussed that the planning group will be applying for the BWSR planning grant this year.

Doschadis also presented a timeline for the Whetstone River Restoration. There will be 5 phases of the project with the 5th phase being the start of construction, which is forecasted to start in 2022.

Brent Hasslen of Hasslen Construction presented the proposal for the Big Stone County Highway Facility. Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the proposal as presented.

County Engineer Todd Larson presented a highway update. Larson reported that MPCA will be testing at the site of the former Big Stone County Coop in Clinton for petroleum gas from an old leak that took place on this site.

County Engineer Todd Larson presented a proposed MnDOT detour agreement. This will detour US Hwy 75 traffic into Lac qui Parle County and use CSAH 19 to connect traffic back to US Hwy 75 in Big Stone County.

Following further discussion, motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to adopt the following resolution:

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IT IS RESOLVED that Big Stone County enter into MnDOT Agreement No. 1035157 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation for the following purposes: To provide for payment by the State to the County for the use maintenance of County State Aid Highway No. 19 as a detour route during the construction to be performed upon, along, and adjacent to Trunk Highway No. 75 from junction of Trunk Highway No. 212 to the junction of Trunk Highway No. 7 under State Project No. 3703-25. IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Highway Engineer and the Highway Maintenance Supervisor are authorized to execute the Agreement and any amendments to the Agreement.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to close the meeting at 9:56 AM pursuant to M.S. §13D.05, Subd. 3(c)(3) to discuss the sale of parcel #22-0805-000, which is the County highway shop in Ortonville. Commissioners Athey, Olson and Sandberg and County Attorney Joe Glasrud were present during the closed meeting.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to reopen the meeting at 10:03 AM.

Chairman Athey adjourned the meeting at 10:06 AM.

Wade Athey, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Heather Henrich, Deputy Auditor