

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**February 20, 2024**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, February 20, 2024. Chairman Sandberg called the meeting to order with Commissioners Zimmel, Klages and Athey present. Commissioner Olson was absent. Also present was Coordinator Pam Rud. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Klages, seconded by Zimmel and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 6<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

Motion by Zimmel, seconded by Klages and carried unanimously to approve the agenda with the addition of CP 006-001-024 2024 Seal Coat Project.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Zimmel – BdSWD

Athey – SWCD, HRA

Klages – Extension, Woodland, PW

Motion by Athey, seconded by Klages and carried unanimously to write a letter of support for Carma bill with Prime West.

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

CPT	\$ 6,698.00
Diamond Mowers	2,708.69
Government Forms & Supplies	3,123.02
HDR Engineering	3,367.50
Stevens County	3,784.89
42 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>22,407.60</u>
Total	\$42,089.70

Dr. Ashley Kjos with Woodland Centers presented information on Woodland Center activity for 2023 and their accomplishments. Dr. Kjos shared the goals for 2024 and will come to the Board later in the year to provide updates.

Family Services Director Laura Laub introduced new Family Service staff Emillyanne Kleindl and Kayla Lagro to the Board.

Deputy Sheriff Alex Goergen introduced his new K-9 Deputy Koda to the Board. Alex and Koda will be training in March and April and Alex will bring Koda back once they have completed training.

Laura Laub shared with the Board that Incredible Years program will not be continuing in Big Stone County.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Zimmel and carried unanimously to appoint True North Survey as the licensed surveyor for the PLSS preservation grant.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Zimmel and carried unanimously to work with True North Survey to assist with the PLSS grant application and other administrative items for the grant application.

Motion by Klages, seconded by Zimmel and carried unanimously to authorize the Highway Department to install and maintain a Continental Divide sign near Botker Slough.

Motion by Klages, seconded by Sandberg and carried unanimously to approve the 2024/2025 State of Minnesota County Interagency Cooperative Agreement which covers the administration of child support, establishment of paternity and medical support liability programs between the State and Big Stone County.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Zimmel and carried unanimously to approve the 2024-2025 Child Support Cooperative arrangement with Family Services, Big Stone County Sheriff and Big Stone County Attorney.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Klages and carried unanimously to advertise for gravel crushing.

Motion by Klages, seconded by Zimmel and carried unanimously to award the 2024 Seal Coat project to Bituminous Paving in the amount of \$362,401.55.

Motion by Zimmel, seconded by Athey and carried unanimously to advertise for the paving portion of CSAH 1.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Klages and carried unanimously to approve the updated fee schedule for the Sheriff's Department.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Klages and carried unanimously to approve the unpaid personal leave for Amanda Arndt until the March 5<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

Motion by Zimmel, seconded by Athey and carried unanimously to approve the sale of the Ford Explorer from the Sheriff's Department on public surplus.

A work session was scheduled for Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am.

Chairman Sandberg adjourned the meeting at 9:33 AM.

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Roger Sandberg, Chairman

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