

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
April 16, 2019

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, April 16, 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, Ron Quade from the Department of Veteran Affairs, Mary Meyer, Mary Gustafson, Janet Spalinger, HR Director Dawn Gregoire, Family Services Director Pam Rud, County Attorney Joe Glasrud and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the minutes of the April 2nd regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Klepel – Extension

Olson – PrimeWest; P&Z

Athey – Extension; P&Z; HRA; SWCD

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

Abdo, Eick & Meyers	\$ 9,000.00
Bob Walsh Enterprises	20,188.00
Counties Providing Technology	5,742.00
Kandiyohi County Sheriff Dept	37,673.57
Ortonville Independent	2,151.32
Regents of the U of MN	18,445.02
Shores Edge Excavating	2,175.00
West Con	4,113.35
66 payments less than \$2,000	<u>19,661.89</u>
Total	\$119,150.15

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

General to Highway	\$ 1,839.58
Family Services to Highway	\$ 152.85
Ditch to Highway – CD 8	\$ 55.18

Auditor Knutson asked for questions and/or comments on the year-to-date financial information provided for the Board's review.

County Engineer Todd Larson and Highway Maintenance Supervisor Darby Karsky arrived at the meeting.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Klepel and carried to accept the resignation of Deputy EMD Krista Hartman effective April 2, 2019, as presented by HR Director Gregoire.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to authorize hiring for the Deputy EMD position vacated by Hartman for up to 12 hours per week.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Klepel and carried to authorize the hiring of a Seasonal Extension Worker for the summer of 2019.

Discussion was held on the department head evaluation process. Consensus of the Board was to have this discussed at the next department head meeting.

County Treasurer Cindy Nelson presented investment information for the Board's review. Discussion was held on current CD rates and amounts that will be invested in the various options.

County Assessor Sandy Vold arrived at the meeting.

Engineer Larson provided an update on recent department activities. Discussion was held on estimates for the Toqua Park parking lot.

Engineer Larson presented information on a drainage issue by Bentsen Lake, north of Highway 10. Watershed representatives Dianne Radermacher and Amber Doschadis were also present.

Engineer Larson showed a power point presentation from AMC regarding transportation funding. The proposed resolution will be addressed at the next meeting.

Sheriff Mark Brown arrived during the Highway report.

Environmental Services Director Darren Wilke provided an update on the recent Planning Commission hearings regarding the Ratcliff Development Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Application. Director Wilke reviewed CUP criteria. The Board will consider the application at 9:30 AM on the May 21st board agenda.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to execute the agreement with Bituminous Paving for the sealcoat projects.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Backer and carried to execute the agreement with Mark Sand & Gravel for SAP 006-633-005.

Wayne Anderson and approximately 20 veterans were present to express concerns regarding additional help for the Veterans Service Officer. Following a lengthy discussion, the Personnel Committee will work with Mr. Quade to develop a technical job description for consideration. The State is willing to send assistance while this is being completed and a new person can be trained and accredited. Chairman Sandberg stated that all parties need to be willing to adjust to changes in the office.

DNR Wildlife Manager Curt Vacek was present to introduce himself and his staff. He also reviewed their process with water issues. Mr. Vacek encouraged the Board to contact him with any concerns.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to accept the 60-day notice received from Ratcliff Development for their CUP application.

Chairman Sandberg adjourned the meeting at 10:40 AM.

Roger Sandberg, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor