

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
April 19, 2022

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, April 19, 2022. Chairman Klages called the meeting to order with Commissioners Sandberg, Olson, Backer and Athey present. 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 the minutes of the April 4th regular meeting.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the minutes of the April 12th special meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Sandberg – AIS, Public Safety

Olson – PrimeWest, Countryside

Backer – Personnel, BdSWD, CPT, Probation

Athey – SWCD, 1W1P, Toqua Park, UMRWD

Klages – Personnel, Public Safety, 1W1P, PdTRA

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

City of St. Cloud	\$ 10,843.57
CPT	5,837.00
Forum Communications	6,484.62
Matt Franzese Attny at Law	9,766.25
Kandiyohi County Sheriff Dept	37,256.25
LG Everist	5,749.55
Lac qui Parle Sheriff	4,447.50
Ortonville Independent	3,188.87
Pro West	2,016.03
Regents of U of MN	19,237.25
West Con	27,887.52
Ziegler	3,014.46
53 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>30,203.40</u>
Total	\$165,932.27

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

General to Highway	\$ 2,320.67
Ditch to Highway	\$ 546.66
County Ditch 5	\$129.54
County Ditch 16	\$417.12

Jon Kirchberg, Highway Engineer Tech presented bids for Bituminous Mill and Overlay Project for SAP 006-606-020 and SAP 006-616-008. Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to award the project to Duninck, Inc. for \$1,875,177.29. Kirchberg also presented bids for aggregate stockpiling and crushing in Odessa pit for

CP 2022-1. Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to award the project to Rogge Excavating Inc. for \$154,500.00.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the warrants as presented by Family Service Director Laura Laub. Laub provided an update on family service activities. Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to authorize 3,000.00 for training targeted for direct care staff and families. Laub presented a letter from DHS commending family service for their 100% compliance in fiscal reporting.

HR Director Dawn Gregoire shared that an offer of employment has been made to Amber Quintanilla for the IT systems administrator position. Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the hiring of Quintanilla at Grade 9, step 1 starting May 2, 2022.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to add mowing to the contract with Jay and Lisa Thorson for the 2022 season.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the following resolution;

2022-17

Commending the commitment and dedication to public service excellence of county staff and officials by proclaiming April 26 County Government Appreciation Day.

WHEREAS, Minnesota's 87 counties employ over 36,000 people to provide essential services to create healthy, safe and vibrant communities; and

WHEREAS, through their commitment to public service, county employees dedicate their time, skills, and expertise for the benefit of their neighbors, and at times, risk their personal safety coordinating emergency management and managing justice and public safety systems; and

WHEREAS, the vital work of counties promotes healthy communities, fosters conditions for economic growth, strengthens infrastructure, and improves residents' quality of life; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners recognizes the commitment and dedication to public service excellence of county staff and officials and proclaim April 26 County Government Appreciation Day.

Emergency Management Director Dona Greiner provided an update on the emergency declaration due to the flooding. She also provided an update on the avian influenza.

Work session included an idea to spend some of the County ARPA dollars by helping out the cities in the County with funding for projects that help the overall County. Discussion was held and the idea will be discussed at an upcoming Board work session. Motion by Athey, seconded by Backer and carried to write a letter to our Representative with our concerns with HF 4274.

Commissioner Klages adjourned the meeting at 9:29 AM.

Jeff Klages, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Pam Rud, Coordinator