

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**April 2, 2024**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, April 2, 2024. Chairman Sandberg called the meeting to order with Commissioners Zimmel, Athey and Olson present. Commissioner Klages was absent. Also present were Dillon Dwyer of the Ortonville Independent and Coordinator Pam Rud. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Zimmel and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 19<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

Motion by Zimmel, seconded by Olson and carried unanimously to approve the agenda.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

- Zimmel - RDC
- Athey – P5, Fair Board
- Olson – Insurance, PLS
- Sandberg – MSI, Insurance, Woodland

Rud introduced Kenzie Medanich, the Environmental Office Manager and County Attorney Rebecca Trapp to the Board. Chairman Sandberg swore in Rebecca Trapp as the County Attorney.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson 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:

Hart Intercivic	\$ 6,643.91
Marco	2,030.10
Otrej Repair	3,639.25
Paulsen's Tree Service	10,895.00
West Con	2,353.52
29 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>13,058.34</u>
Total	\$38,620.12

Motion by Athey, seconded by Zimmel and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

**2024-10**

WHEREAS, Big Stone County acts as the legal sponsor for an application for funding to the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for Maintenance of snowmobile trails managed by Big Stone Lake Sno Riders; and

WHEREAS this also includes 32 miles of snowmobile trails in Traverse County beginning north of Graceville and extending north through Wheaton to the White Rock Dam and 2 miles of snowmobile trails in Traverse County beginning west of Beardsley and extending west to Browns Valley.

WHEREAS, upon approval of its application by the state, Big Stone County will enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above referenced program and that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in the agreement.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Big Stone Lake Sno Riders to make application for trail maintenance and grooming for Fiscal Years ending June 30, 2025-2029.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Auditor is authorized to sign such an agreement with the Department of Natural Resources, and serve as the fiscal agent for the above-mentioned program.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried unanimously to approve the 2024 Tobacco License for MN Stores, LLC dba Snak Atak.

Nathan Paler with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service presented two conservation easements and requested certification of the Board. Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried unanimously to certify for acquisition the following described properties:

1. Wetland Easement on SE1/4 of 14-122N-45W
2. Habitat Easement on Part of Lot C of GLs 3, 4, 7 & 8 of Section 18-122N-45W

County Engineer Jordan Roggenbuck requested approval to enter a contract with Wm. D. Scepaniak for the 2024 gravel crushing contingent on County Attorney approval. Motion by Olson seconded by Zimmel and carried unanimously to enter the contract as presented.

Roggenbuck presented bids for CSAH 1 paving project. Motion by Athey, seconded by Zimmel and carried unanimously to award the CSHA 1 paving project to Central Specialties Inc. in the amount of \$1,176,588.54.

Roggenbuck presented a contract with Houston Engineering to provide a feasibility study on a proposed county ditch near Barry. Motion by Olson, seconded by Zimmel and carried unanimously to contract with Houston Engineering for the feasibility study.

Sheriff Mark Brown presented the 2024 DNR Boat & Water Grant. Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried unanimously to approve the grant in the amount of \$3,214 authorize Sheriff Brown to execute the agreement.

Sheriff Brown presented information from the Office of Justice Programs that Big Stone was awarded a \$50,000 grant for the Intensive Comprehensive Peace Officer Education and Training for 2024. Motion by Olson, seconded by Zimmel and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

**2024-11**

BE IS RESOLVED that Big Stone County Sheriff's Office will enter into a cooperative agreement with the Office of Justice Programs in the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. Sheriff Mark Brown is hereby authorized to execute such agreements and amendments, as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of Big Stone County.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Zimmel and carried unanimously to appoint Scott Gillespie to another 3-year term as Bois de Sioux Board Manager beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Motion by Zimmel, seconded by Olson and carried unanimously to send a letter to support for ARMER legislation.

Joel Stattelmann was present to share his concerns over SF 3808 which is proposed legislation for shotgun zone changes for hunting. No action was taken.

Chairman Sandberg adjourned the meeting at 9:26 AM.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Roger Sandberg, Chairman

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