

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
April 4, 2023

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, April 4, 2023. Chairman Olson called the meeting to order with Commissioners Klages, and Zimmel present. Commissioners Athey and Sandberg were absent. Also present were Dillon Dwyer of the Ortonville Independent and Coordinator Pam Rud. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Klages, seconded by Zimmel and carried to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion by Klages, seconded by Zimmel and carried to approve the minutes of the March 21st regular meeting.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Zimmel – UMVRDC

Klages – ESB

Olson – Countryside, Pioneerland

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

Alpha Training & Tactics	\$ 3,272.80
Associated Consulting Engineering	29,700.00
Galls	3,025.36
Kris Engineering	4,268.08
L&O Transport	3,092.26
Macksteel Warehouse	2,839.63
Marco	14,170.26
Snow-Wheel Systems	3,976.00
Tri-County Co-op Oil	4,678.48
West Central Communications	2,176.75
West Con	6,260.75
Ziegler	6,595.15
31 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>16,339.44</u>
Total	\$100,394.96

Motion by Klages, seconded by Zimmel and carried to approve the Small Cities Development Grant (SCDG) Cooperative Agreement.

Motion by Klages, seconded by Zimmel and carried to approve the DSI administrative agreement for the SCDG administration.

Motion by Zimmel, seconded by Klages and carried to accept the retirement of Highway Maintenance Worker Ricky Sigler effective July 20, 2023.

Motion by Klages, seconded by Olson and carried to accept the resignation of Highway Maintenance Worker Jayden Kraayenhoff.

Motion by Klages, seconded by Zimmel and carried to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the University of Minnesota Extension for an adult summer assistant instead of an intern.

Motion by Zimmel, seconded by Klages and carried to approve a 4-H Summer assistant.

Motion by Klages, seconded by Zimmel and carried to approve the following resolution to participate in multi-state settlements relating to opioid distributors and manufacturers and in the Minnesota Opioids State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement:

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WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota and numerous Minnesota cities and counties are engaged in nationwide civil litigation against manufacturers and distributors of prescription opioids related to the opioid crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Attorney General has signed on to multistate settlement agreements with several pharmaceutical distributors and manufacturers, but those settlement agreements are still subject to sign-on by local governments and final agreement by the companies and approval by the courts; and

WHEREAS, there is a deadline of April, 18 2023, for a sufficient threshold of Minnesota cities and counties to sign on to the above-referenced multistate settlement agreements, and failure to timely sign on may diminish the amount of funds received by not only that city or county but by all Minnesota cities and counties from the settlement funds; and

WHEREAS, representatives of Minnesota's local governments, the Office of the Attorney General, and the State of Minnesota have reached agreement on the intrastate allocation of these settlement funds between the State, and the counties and cities, as well as the permissible uses of these funds, which will be memorialized in the Minnesota Opioids State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement (the "State-Subdivision Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the State-Subdivision Agreement creates an opportunity for local governments and the State to work collaboratively on a unified vision to deliver a robust abatement and remediation plan to address the opioid crisis in Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BIG STONE COUNTY supports and agrees to the State-Subdivision Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, BIG STONE COUNTY supports and opts into all future state settlement agreements pertaining to opioid distributors and manufacturers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, BIG STONE COUNTY authorizes county staff to execute all necessary documents to ensure County participation in the multistate settlements, including the Participation Agreement and accompanying Release, and in the State-Subdivision Agreement.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Zimmel and carried to approve Steve Smith with NIS to be our record of Agent for the County insurance benefits.

Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 8:49 AM.

Brent Olson, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Pam Rud, Coordinator