

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**May 16, 2023**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, May 16, 2023. Chairman Olson called the meeting to order with Commissioners Sandberg, Klages, Zimmel and Athey present. Also present was Coordinator Pam Rud. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

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

Motion by Klages, seconded by Zimmel and carried to approve the minutes of the May 2<sup>nd</sup> regular meeting.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Athey – P&Z, UMRWD

Zimmel – Planning & Zoning, RDC Prairie Waters

Olson – PrimeWest, P&Z, Countryside

Tom Suppes with MCIT presented the 2023 MCIT report to the Board.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Klages 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:

Brian's Glass & Door	\$ 14,520.00
Butler Machinery Company	32,228.70
Chippewa County Sheriff	11,550.42
CPT	6,538.00
Development Services Inc	4,052.42
Galls	2,232.77
Intoximeters Corp	3,996.00
Kandiyohi County Sheriff	4,258.35
L&O Acres Transport	2,643.38
L.G. Everist	5,933.33
MMB Treasury Division	2,109.00
Moberg/Kendra	2,636.36
Ortonville Independent	4,231.76
Stevens County	4,134.37
TrueNorth Steel	20,809.40
49 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>17,455.25</u>
Total	\$139,329.51

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

Chairman Olson re-opened the public hearing on the County Ditch 2 Petition for Outlet at 9:00 AM. Engineer Roggenbuck presented his findings on the hydraulic models. Discussion was held on the information as well as the outlet fee. Motion Olson, seconded by Klages and carried to adopt the Findings and Order Granting Petition as presented. Chairman Olson closed the hearing at 9:14 AM.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Klages and carried to approve the tile replacement on County Ditch 13 as presented by Drainage Inspector Darwin Karsky.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Klages and carried to approve the contract for Granicus Peak Software as presented by IT Director Matt Anderson.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to accept the resignation of Eligibility Worker Tami Lundberg effective 12-31-23 and to proceed with hiring her replacement.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Klages and carried to accept the resignation of Engineering Technician Jon Kirchberg effective May 18<sup>th</sup> and to refill the position.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Klages and carried to appoint Matt Karels to the BSAG Board.

Motion by Zimmel, seconded by Klages and carried to increase the Dilapidated Structures Program from \$3,000 per parcel to \$4,500 effective June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Coordinator Rud informed the Board that Breann Longnecker was hired as the Case Aide at Family Services.

Engineer Jorden Roggenbuck shared an update on highway department activities. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to accept the bids for projects SAP 006-601-007, SP 006-090-003 and CP 006-001-023. The trail bid will be contingent on receiving additional federal funding.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Zimmel and carried to approve the Conditional Use Permit for Pondera Hutterian Brethren finishing hog barn as presented by Environmental Director Darren Wilke.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to adopt the following All-Hazard Mitigation Plan resolution as presented by Emergency Management Director Dona Greiner:

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WHEREAS, the County of Big Stone has participated in the hazard mitigation planning process as established under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, and  
WHEREAS, the Act establishes a framework for the development of a multi-jurisdictional County Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Act as part of the planning process requires public involvement and local coordination among neighboring local units of government and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Big Stone County Plan includes a risk assessment including past hazards, hazards that threaten the County, an estimate of structures at risk, a general description of land uses and development trends; and

WHEREAS, the Big Stone County Plan includes a mitigation strategy including goals and objectives and an action plan identifying specific mitigation projects and costs; and

WHEREAS, the Big Stone County Plan includes a maintenance or implementation process including plan updates, integration of the plan into other planning documents and how Big Stone County will maintain public participation and coordination; and

WHEREAS, the Plan has been shared with the Minnesota Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for review and comment; and

WHEREAS, the Big Stone County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan will make the county and participating jurisdictions eligible to receive FEMA hazard mitigation assistance grants; and

WHEREAS, this is a multi-jurisdictional Plan and cities that participated in the planning process may choose to also adopt the County Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Big Stone supports the hazard mitigation planning effort and wishes to adopt the Big Stone County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Motion by Athey seconded by Klages and carried to approve the Emergency Operation Plan as presented by Greiner.

Greiner provided on update on the spring flooding.

Family Services Director Laura Laub provided an update on the MA unwind process after the Public Health Emergency. The Department of Human Services is allocating additional funds to each county to cover staff expenses for the additional work.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the Greater Minnesota Collaborative contract.

Director Laub shared information about the PrimeWest Reinvestment Grant opportunity.

Motion by Klages, seconded by Zimmel and carried to approve the amended Countryside Public Health contract.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Klages and carried to hire Barb Gades for temporary Child Support assistance.

A Board work session was held and Regina Wixon presented information on a bike and kayak rental kiosk to be located near the foot of Big Stone Lake. Wixon was informed that she would need approval from City of Ortonville zoning and then the County could discuss options for placing this on County property.

Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 10:23 AM.

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Brent Olson, Chairman

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