

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
May 18, 2021

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the courtroom at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, May 18, 2021. Chairman Backer called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Klages, Olson and Sandberg present. Also present were Dillon Dwyer of the Ortonville Independent, Coordinator Pam Rud and County Attorney Joseph Glasrud. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

The work session included discussion regarding Toqua Park and any ordinance that may be needed to hold events at the park including serving of alcohol. Information from MCIT provided guidance on what the County can do to reduce liability. More information will be presented at a future meeting.

There were no public comments received.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the minutes of the May 4th regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Olson – Prime West; P&Z; CSPH

Sandberg – HRA

Athey – HRA; P&Z

Klages – RDC

Backer – Red River Advisory Board; Woodland; CPT

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize payment of the following claims as presented by Deputy Auditor-Treasurer Brehmer:

American Solutions for Business	\$ 3,570.54
Chamberlain Oil	3,692.68
CPT	5,687.00
Fischer's Outback	6,847.34
Greystone Construction Company	32,000.00
Lac qui Parle Sheriff	3,812.00
Nuss Truck & Equipment	130,330.33
Ortonville Independent	4,497.75
TBEI, Inc	117,091.00
59 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>22,956.18</u>
Total	\$330,484.82

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

General to Highway	\$ 4,533.88
Ditch to Highway	\$ 2,261.51
Joint Ditch 4	\$225.00
County Ditch 5	\$649.39
Joint Ditch 7	\$397.58
County Ditch 20	\$377.50
County Ditch 21	\$612.04

Deputy Auditor-Treasurer Brehmer presented the year-to-date budget and there were no questions.

Vince Robinson from Big Stone Area Growth (BSAG) was present to provide an update on current activities. He shared minutes from the BSAG annual meeting which was held in April.

Sheriff Mark Brown presented information on the Federal Boating Safety Supplemental Equipment Grant Agreement. The grant amount is \$1,140.00 and will be used for life jackets for cold water rescue. Sheriff Brown also requested approval to be the authorized representative for the agreement. Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the agreement with Sheriff Brown as the authorized representative.

Environmental Director Darren Wilke requested approval of the Conditional Use Permit application for Central Specialties on Randy and Renee Shelstad's property to excavate gravel. Motion by Olson, seconded by Klages and carried to approve the application as recommended by the Planning Commission and to allow crushing.

Environmental Director Wilke requested approval of the Conditional Use Permit application for Traverse County on Gerald Murphy's property to mine and crush gravel. Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to approve the application as recommended by the Planning Commission.

County Engineer Todd Larson presented an update on the Highway Department. The update included current activities of the Department as well as an update on the new building.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Klages and carried to approve the hiring of a full-time Highway Maintenance Worker as requested by Coordinator Rud.

Coordinator Rud brought the MOA with the U of MN Extension. Questions were raised on the agreement and how the County could reduce percentages if needed due to financial concerns. A request will be made for an Extension representative to come to the next meeting to answer questions regarding the agreement.

Coordinator Rud requested that the Board ratify Auditor/Treasurer Knutson to be the County's authorized representative for the American Rescue Plan dollars. Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried.

Coordinator Rud requested that the Board accept the donation of fill from the Iona Brock family for the new highway building. The Board expressed their appreciation for the donation. Motion by Olson, seconded by Klages and carried to accept the donation.

Coordinator Rud requested authorization to purchase supplies and furniture for the Emergency Management Office. The total request for tables, chairs, white board and shades is \$4,407.00. Motion by Olson, seconded by Klages and carried to approve the purchases.

Chairman Backer adjourned the meeting at 9:47 AM.

Jay Backer, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Pam Rud, Coordinator

