

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
May 3, 2022

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, May 3, 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 Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the minutes of the April 19th regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Sandberg – MSI, Public Safety (2), Woodland, Food Shelf, Collaborative

Olson – Supporting Hands

Backer – Personnel (2), Woodland, CPT

Athey – HRA, P5, Fair Board, Extension

Klages – PDA, BSAG, Personnel (2), Public Safety (2), Extension, Property

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

Abdo	\$ 13,700.00
American Solutions for Business	3,265.86
Kris Engineering	4,888.59
LG Everist	5,961.13
Liftoff	21,126.00
Nelson Electric	7,654.52
TrueNorth Steel	9,416.60
West Con	5,655.54
Yellow Medicine County Jail	6,214.87
Ziegler	16,196.58
27 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>11,041.46</u>
Total	\$105,121.15

Sheriff Mark Brown provided an update on the City of Ortonville Policing issue. The County has been asked to provide short term coverage to the City of Ortonville. Meetings between the City and County have produced an hourly rate of \$ 55.00, an on-call rate of \$3.40 and a daily vehicle use fee of \$20.00. A short-term agreement has been drafted which would cover through July 31, 2022. Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the rates for the short-term agreement with the City of Ortonville. Meetings between the City and County will continue to work on developing a long-term agreement for City policing.

Family Service Director Laura Laub presented information on Procurement and shared resolutions for both the SNBC and the MSHO healthcare programs. Motion by Backer seconded by Athey and carried to approve the following resolutions;

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WHEREAS The Minnesota Department of Human Services has published a Request for Proposals to provide health care services to recipients of Minnesota Senior Health

Options (MSHO) and Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+) in 80 Minnesota counties including Big Stone County; and

WHEREAS The Minnesota Department of Human Services has requested County evaluations and recommendations regarding the Request for Proposals from each respective county; and

WHEREAS PrimeWest, Medica, UCare, United Health Care and Blue Plus submitted proposals to provide managed health care services in Big Stone County; and

WHEREAS representatives of Big Stone County Family Services have reviewed and evaluated proposals; and

WHEREAS PrimeWest's proposal was found to be far superior to the others in meeting our needs, based on known provider partnerships in managing care and accountability for health, quality, and consumer satisfaction. Big Stone County believes consistency in managed care is better for the people we serve and believes that single plan is better for all entities involved in the process. Considering the differences in scores, Big Stone County believes that the disparity in scores indicate that only one plan serves the population in Big Stone in the way the individuals deserve.

PrimeWest is currently a plan offered and operating MSHO and MSC+ in Big Stone County; PrimeWest is the highest scoring Responder in this RFP for Big Stone County; and PrimeWest is the only plan currently serving Big Stone County that meets the minimum requirements of this RFP and passes a Readiness Review.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners supports the recommendation of the Big Stone County Family Service Director approving PrimeWest as the **one and only** managed care organization that should provide managed health care services for MA recipients in Big Stone County.

2022-19

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Facilities Manager Jared Heck requested approval for energy efficient lighting to be installed at MSI. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to approve Haukos Electrical bid for this project at \$6,581.21. Ottetail will provide a rebate of \$4550.00 once this project is completed. Motion by Sandberg seconded by Backer and carried to approve a HVAC mechanical study for the Courthouse at a cost of \$3,000.00.

HR Director Dawn Gregoire informed the Board that the Social Worker position has been offered and accepted by William Warnock. Motion by Backer, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the social worker hiring at Grade 10 step 1 starting May 16, 2022. Dawn also brought forward the Chief Deputy job description with the added duties it would move the position to a Grade 14. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the position at Grade 14.

Highway Engineering Tech Jon Kirchberg requested approval on the sealcoat project. Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to award the bid to Bituminous Paving. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Backer and carried to execute the 2022 gravel crushing contract with Rogge Construction. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to execute the 2022 paving contracts with Duinick Inc.

County Attorney Maggie Kluver brought the wetland conservation act appeal for discussion. Attorney Kluver felt that it would be best if the Board withdrew their appeal and resubmitted an application with no loss elevation. Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to withdraw the appeal and resubmit an application with no loss elevation.

Environmental Director Darren Wilke and Environmental Technician Danny Tuckett brought a request for a summer intern to work with the AIS program. This position would be split with Swift and Lac qui Parle Counties. Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to hire a seasonal AIS technician for the summer months with pay up to \$18.00 per hour.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the updated CPT Joint Powers Agreement.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to approve Holly Wellendorf to move to full time status on or around July 20th to cover the FMLA leave in the Recorder office for a period of 12 weeks. Wellendorf will receive full time benefits during that 12 week period.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the hiring of an appraiser.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the Tobacco Ordinance with no public comment received. The ordinance will be in effect July 1, 2022.

Commissioner Klages adjourned the meeting at 9:50 AM.

Jeff Klages, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Pam Rud, Coordinator