

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
June 7, 2022

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, June 7, 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, County Attorney Maggie Kluver and Coordinator Pam Rud. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the minutes of the May 17th regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Sandberg – MSI, Public Safety

Olson – Pioneerland, County Training session, PrimeWest, Daycare appreciation

Backer – BdSWD, CPT (2). RDC,

Athey – P5, Fair Board,

Klages – Personnel (2), PDA, Public Safety

Motion by Backer, seconded by Athey and carried to ratify and adopt the following Emergency Declaration from June 2, 2022 as presented by Emergency Management Director Dona Greiner:

2022-23

WHEREAS the weather event occurring of May 30, 2022, has impacted the population of Big Stone County, and its cities; and

WHEREAS the event has caused a significant amount of public and private property damage; and

WHEREAS the Big Stone County Department of Emergency Management requests the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners to declare Big Stone County in a STATE OF EMERGENCY for the weather event on May 30, 2022.

WHEREAS the Board Chair – Jeff Klages declared a State of Emergency on behalf of the residents of Big Stone County on the 2nd of June 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that Big Stone County is under emergency activation of the Emergency Operations Center to aid in the response and recovery of Big Stone County.

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

Family Services Director Laura Laub presented information on the Children and Family Managed Care procurement. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Backer and carried to pass the following resolution.

2022-24

WHEREAS The Minnesota Department of Human Services has published a Request for Proposals to provide health care services to recipients of Families and Children 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, BluePlus, Medica, UCare, and United Health Care 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 should serve the population in Big Stone County in the way the individuals deserve. PrimeWest is currently a plan offered and operating for Families and Children on MA 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 Human Services Director approving PrimeWest as the one and only managed care organization that should provide managed health care services for Families and Children MA recipients in Big Stone County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners supports the recommendation of the Big Stone County Human Services Committee approving PrimeWest and BluePlus for Minnesota Care recipients as required by the Affordable Care Act.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners believes that single-plan arrangements in rural counties does enhance integration and coordination of health care services, resulting in cost savings.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Joint Powers Agreement.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the Lutheran Social Services Memorandum of Understanding for the STAY program.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the contract between Big Stone County, Greater Minnesota and Big Stone County Family Service Collaborative to provide mental health services.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Backer and carried to authorize Sheriff Mark Brown to purchase necessary equipment for new deputies in anticipation of the long term policing contract with the City of Ortonville.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to authorize Sheriff Brown to order an additional squad vehicle to be received in 2023.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to authorize part time staff Holly Wellendorf to work full time starting June 1 for a period of 5 months to cover a FMLA leave and assist with current workload. Wellendorf will be eligible for full time cafeteria benefits during that time.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the Operating Guidelines as presented by Coordinator Rud.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Sandberg and carried to adopt the following resolution.

2022-25

WHEREAS, the County has taken steps to in the past several years to restructure County management, including the creation of the position of County Coordinator, and changing certain elected positions to be appointed; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the human resources functions and the role that the County Coordinator and Department Heads play in hiring and other human resources functions; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee and the County Coordinator have reviewed the duties and responsibilities of the position of Human Resources Director and have recommended that how the human resources function of the County are performed be restructured; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee and the County Coordinator have recommended that the position of Human Resources Director be eliminated, and the duties be absorbed by the County Coordinator and County Department Heads for a trial period;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The position of Human Resources Director is eliminated, effective June 21, 2022.
2. Board has reviewed and approves the letter to the Human Resources Director notifying her of the elimination of her position. The County Coordinator is directed to deliver the letter and to take all necessary and appropriate steps to arrange for the transition.
3. The County Coordinator shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the Human Resources Director and shall have the authority to delegate such portions of those duties as she deems appropriate, with oversight and input from the Personnel Committee.
4. The County Coordinator shall monitor the human resources functions of the County and report to the Board at September Board meeting as to her opinion whether it is necessary to hire a part-time Human Resources Generalist.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Sandberg and carried to close the meeting at 9:05 AM to discuss litigation strategy.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Backer and carried to reopen the meeting at 9:15 AM.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to authorize Laura Laub to join Regional Counties in mediation with the Department of Human Services regarding Procurement and authorize her to spend up to \$25,000.00 for legal expenses.

Work session included discussion on the Operating Guidelines and including information on per diems, committee structures, and expenses. Discussion was also held regarding Highway 12 and the concerns some Townships have with the work that was completed. The County will support the Townships in their continued meetings with MnDOT. Discussion was also had regarding the County burial policy and items that are included in the policy.

Commissioner Klages adjourned the meeting at 9:33 AM.

Jeff Klages, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Pam Rud, Coordinator