

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**July 16, 2019**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, July 16, 2019. Chairman Sandberg called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Backer, Klepel and Olson present. Also present were Mary Meyer, Mary Gustafson, Janet Spalinger, County Treasurer Cindy Nelson, County Attorney Joe Glasrud and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the minutes of the July 2<sup>nd</sup> regular meeting.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Klepel and carried to approve the agenda.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Olson – Countryside  
Sandberg – Property  
Athey – SWCD; Fair Board  
Backer – Woodland

Treasurer Nelson requested that the Board set sale prices for this year's tax forfeited properties for the respective cities if they want to purchase them. Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to set the price at \$100 each.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to adopt the following resolution for tax-forfeited land as requested by Treasurer Nelson:

**2019-18**

WHEREAS, the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners desires to offer for sale certain parcels of land that have forfeited to the State of Minnesota for non-payment of taxes; and

WHEREAS, said parcels of land have been viewed by the County Board of Commissioners and have been classified as non-conservation lands as provided for in Minnesota Statute 282.01.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners hereby certifies that all parcels of land on the attached list have been viewed and comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 85.012, 92.461, 282.01, Subd. 8 and 282.018 and other statutes that require the withholding of tax-forfeited lands from sale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners hereby requests approval from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the sale of said lands.

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

Contech Engineered Solutions	\$ 18,485.65
CPT	15,002.00
Fidlar	19,857.83
Hancock Concrete Products	4,230.96
Kandiyohi County Sheriff	33,913.50
53 payments less than \$2,000	<u>22,465.11</u>
Total	\$113,955.05

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

General to Highway	\$ 2,803.15
Family Services to Highway	\$ 214.75
Ditch to Highway – County Ditch 2	\$ 204.07

Motion by Backer, seconded by Athey and carried to accept a \$35 donation from Jim and Marie Altrich for the Sheriff's Department for use with public education activities.

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

Motion by Olson, seconded by Klepel and carried to approve the On Sale Liquor License for Club 7-75.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Athey and carried to approve the temporary liquor license for Big Stone Lake VFW 3964 at Stoney Run Lodge from 5:00 PM to midnight on August 24, 2019.

Outreach Director Jacki Anderson from Congressman Collin Peterson's office was present to give an update on the Congressman's office and to discuss any concerns the Board may have.

John White of SW MN Arts Council (SMAC) thanked the Board for the County's contributions to the Council and presented where the funds are used.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to approve the solid waste licenses for the City of Beardsley, City of Clinton, Mattheisen Disposal, Engebretson Sanitary Disposal Service, Dakota Waste, Olson Sanitation and Waste Management as presented by Environmental Director Darren Wilke.

Director Wilke also stated that the recycling drop sites have been an issue. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to authorize Director Wilke to install cameras to monitor the sites.

The annual Highway 5-Year Plan meeting was set for August 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM at the Highway Department as requested by County Engineer Todd Larson.

Engineer Larson provided an update on the proposed highway building. A discussion was held on the various needs and wants of the project.

SWCD Assistant District Manager Tammy Neubauer presented financial information for the District and the 2020 budget request. Farm Bill Technician Joe Otto was also present.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to authorize a clean out of County Ditch 12 as presented by Ditch Inspector Karsky.

Motion by Klepel, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the updated plan documents for the County's Retiree Medical Expense Reimbursement Plan as presented by HR Director Dawn Gregoire.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Baker and carried to approve the updated Data Practices Policy as reviewed by Attorney Glasrud. Minor changes were made for staffing changes.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the contract with Morris Electronics.

The remainder of the meeting was a work session to start discussing the County's 2020 budget.

Chairman Sandberg adjourned the meeting at 10:02 AM.

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Roger Sandberg, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor