

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
July 18, 2023

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, July 18, 2023. Chairman Olson called the meeting to order with Commissioners Sandberg, Klages, Zimmel and Athey present. Also present were Dillon Dwyer of the Ortonville Independent and Coordinator Pam Rud. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

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

Motion by Zimmel, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the minutes of the July 5th regular meeting.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Athey – UMRWD, SWCD, HRA

Sandberg – Personnel

Klages – BSAG, PdTJPB

Olson – Personnel, Countryside

Ryan Stattelmann presented an overview of the 2023 Big Stone County Fair. Overall, it was a successful year for the fair. He shared plans for future buildings and restrooms for the Fair Grounds. The Fair Board is working on funding sources for the projects and requested that the Board consider the Fair when making decisions on funding.

UMRWD Administrator Amber Doschadis presented information on the status of the Whetstone Project as well as One Watershed, One Plan project. Discussion was held on the next steps of each respective project.

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:

Anoka County	\$ 2,000.00
Big Stone Area Growth	3,552.80
CPT	6,538.00
H&H Car Care	2,229.36
JRH Auto	2,436.10
Kandiyohi County Sheriff Dept	4,288.63
Regents of the U of MN	19,670.25
West Con	25,707.04
55 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>16,916.54</u>
Total	\$83,338.72

Motion by Klages, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the Liquor License for Club 7-75.

Engineer Jordan Roggenbuck provided an update on various Highway Department activities. Discussion was held on the Carbon Reduction grant and the F-150 Lightning lease. Roggenbuck was asked to revisit quotes and bring to a future Board meeting for discussion.

Family Service Director Laura Laub shared an update on Family Service activities. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to approve the TCM video policy.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Klages and carried to approve the homelessness prevention aid contract with Prairie 5 pending County Attorney approval as presented by Laub.

Motion by Klages, seconded by Sandberg and carried to submit the PrimeWest Community reinvestment grant for community training and additional staff to assist with the Medical Assistance unwind from the public health emergency.

Coordinator Rud presented a request from BSAG to appoint William Thyne to the BSAG Board. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to appoint William Thyne to BSAG Board for District 3.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Klages and carried to reappoint Terry Gillespie to the UMRWD Board for the term of September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2026 and to table the decision on an appointment for the vacancy created with Gary Haugen's resignation.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Klages and carried to approve the Professional Services Agreement and Hosting Agreement with CPT for 2024-2026.

Motion by Klages, seconded by Sandberg and carried to accept the resignation of Paul Radermacher from the Highway Department with profound thanks for his 32 years of work for the County and best wishes.

Coordinator Rud informed the Board that Roland Jurgens III has been hired as the Engineering Technician and will begin with the County on August 7th.

Motion by Klages, seconded by Sandberg and carried to add a new Social Worker position to the Adult Service Unit at Family Services.

Motion by Klages, seconded by Olson and carried to approve an additional Eligibility Worker for 2024 to prepare for upcoming retirements contingent on receiving the Prime West Community Reinvestment Grant.

Coordinator Rud shared information on the AMC Fall Policy conference which is held in Alexandria on September 13-15.

Work Session included information From Auditor-Treasurer Knutson on audit proposals requested and received. Discussion was also held on the 2024 budget development process. A budget work session was scheduled for August 2nd at 8:00 AM.

Motion by Klages seconded by Sandberg and carried to close the meeting at 10:26 AM for labor negotiation strategy.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Klages and carried to reopen the meeting at 11:24 AM.

Motion by Klages, seconded by Sandberg and carried to send memos to contracted staff to offer two options regarding their salary. Option one is to remain in their current contract, option two is to be placed on the wage scale which is 4% higher than current rate with MOA to contract to state that wage is set by wage scale, not negotiated as part of the contract. Elected salaries will be discussed as part of the 2024 budget discussion.

Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 11:25 AM.

Brent Olson, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Pam Rud, Coordinator