

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**July 3, 2018**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, July 3, 2018. Vice Chairman Sandberg called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey and Backer present. Commissioners Berning and Olson were absent. Also present were Dillion Dwyer of the Ortonville Independent, County Auditor Michelle Knutson, Deputy Auditor Cindy Brehmer. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Athey and carried to approve the minutes of the June 19<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Sandberg – MSI

Athey – Fair Board; Prairie 5

Olson – Department Head; RDC

Chairman Olson, County Attorney Joe Glasrud and Family Services Director Pam Rud arrived at the meeting during committee reports.

Attorney Glasrud reported on the MSBA conference that he attended and on recent office activities.

County Assessor Sandy Vold arrived at the meeting.

Attorney Glasrud reported that he has received the signed written response from the Department of Revenue discussed at the last meeting.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Backer and carried to approve regrading the Child Support Officer position from a Grade 8 to a Grade 9 due to additional responsibilities being added as recommended by Family Services Director Rud.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Sandberg and carried to accept the resignation of Social Worker Jeremy O'Hara with his last day being August 10<sup>th</sup>. He will be pursuing his Master's Degree.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Athey and carried to authorize Director Rud to fill the vacated position.

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

Big Stone Area Growth	\$ 11,062.50
Big Stone SWCD	17,500.00
Bond Trust Services	78,713.75
City of Browns Valley	2,500.00
City of Graceville	11,500.00
City of Ortonville	10,000.00
Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley SD	2,717.91
Countryside Public Health	33,701.00
Kandiyohi County Sheriff Dept	2,012.98
KNOWiNK	5,185.00
Pioneerland Library	18,275.75
Pro West & Associates	8,450.16
Regents of the U of MN	18,047.60

Titan Machinery	11,200.00
Toqua Township	2,194.18
Twin Valley Tire	2,680.00
West Con	4,528.10
46 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>18,043.13</u>
Total	\$258,312.06

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

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

**2018-18**

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2018, Commissioner Berning announced his retirement effective December 31, 2018, and submitted it in writing; and

WHEREAS, it was recorded in the Board proceedings that because there are 2 years left on his term, a special election for a 2-year term will be held in conjunction with the 2018 State General Election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Big Stone County accepts with gratitude the resignation of Commissioner Berning with an effective date of December 31, 2018, and ratifies declaration of a vacancy for the position of County Commissioner for District 5, to be filled by a special election to be held on November 6, 2018, with the victor of the special election to be seated immediately for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to reappoint Gary Haugen to the Upper Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers for a 3-year term effective August 14, 2018 through August 10, 2021.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Backer and carried to execute the contract with Anoka County for medical examiner services commencing on January 1, 2019.

Auditor Knutson reported that Ditch Inspector Darby Karsky received the following quotes for the County Ditch 13 cleanout:

Ronglien Excavating	\$8,920
Ridgeview Excavating	\$10,650

Motion by Athey, seconded by Backer and carried to accept the low quote from Ronglien Excavating.

Auditor Knutson also reported quotes were received on the Joint Ditch 4 cleanout project and will be presented to the Joint Drainage Authority at an upcoming meeting. Knutson also reported that a request was received for an additional cleanout of JD 4 in Section 26 of Parnell Township.

Discussion was held on entering into a Joint Powers Agreement to create Counties Providing Technology (CPT), a new Joint Powers Organization that will allow member counties to cooperate in developing and sharing software and other technology and related services. This is being recommended as a long-term cost saving measure and method of ensuring that the specialized software programs that the County needs are available and updated as the County's needs change. Following a lengthy discussion of the risks and advantages to participating, motion by Backer, seconded by Sandberg and carried to enter into the JPA pending County Attorney approval and at least 17 other counties voting to participate.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the additional temporary partial closing of CSAH 24 in the City of Clinton to include July 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 PM to 2:00 AM for a street dance as requested by the Clinton Celebration Committee. There will also be a parade on July 8<sup>th</sup>, where law enforcement will be redirecting traffic during that time.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the installation of a stop sign on County Hwy 33 at the intersection of 280<sup>th</sup> St.

Auditor Knutson reported that the annual US Fish & Wildlife wetland payment was received and was only funded at 23%.

Following a short break, a strategic planning work session was held.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Athey and carried to reappoint Alice Stielow to the Local Social Services Agency Board for a 2-year term.

Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 11:12 AM.

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Brent Olson, Chairman

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