

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**August 15, 2023**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, August 15, 2023. Chairman Olson called the meeting to order with Commissioners Sandberg, Klages, and Athey present. Commissioner Zimmel was not 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 Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the minutes of the August 1<sup>st</sup> regular meeting.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Athey – SWCD, Fair Board

Klages – PdTJPB

Olson – PW, Supporting Hands, Countryside

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:

CPT	\$ 6,538.00
H&H Car Care	3,469.19
Kandiyohi County Sheriff Dept	4,527.00
RDO Equipment	406,755.05
Stevens County	2,001.11
Traverse County	2,280.00
Twin Valley Tire	2,329.00
West Con	4,669.50
48 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>25,760.48</u>
Total	\$458,329.33

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

Auditor-Treasurer Knutson reported that the County's 2023 MCIT dividend will be \$12,996 and is all related to Workers' Compensation.

County Engineer Jordan Roggenbuck requested approval to purchase an additional motor grader in 2023 instead of waiting until 2024 as a second one is available now. Motion by Klages, seconded by Athey and carried to approve the additional motor grader purchase in 2023.

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

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WHEREAS, Contract No. 2023-3 has in all things been completed and the County Board being fully advised in the premises.

NOW THEN BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby accepts said completed project for and on behalf of the County of Big Stone, and authorize final payment to Bituminous Paving, Inc. in the amount shown on final pay estimate.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Klages and carried to approve the grant application seeking funding from the State Park Road account for the reconstruction and paving of County Road 68.

Engineer Roggenbuck provided an update on various Highway Department activities.

Dr. Ashley Kjos from Woodland Centers provided an annual update and informed the Board that there is a 2% increase in the purchase of services contract for 2024.

Tammy Neubauer with the SWCD presented their 2024 budget request. They are requesting that their appropriation remain the same as this year which is \$90,000.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to reappoint Don Sykora to the HRA Board for another 3-year term.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Klages and carried to execute the Grant Contract with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) to conduct the County Veterans Service Office Operational Enhancement Grant Program.

Motion by Klages, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the dilapidated structure application submitted by James and Cindy Nelson for parcel 22-0798-000.

Work session was held with Sheriff Brown present to answer any questions the Board had regarding his 2024 budget request.

Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 9:56 AM.

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Brent Olson, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pam Rud, Coordinator