

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
August 16, 2022

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, August 16, 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 and Coordinator Pam Rud. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the minutes of the August 2nd regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Sandberg – Museum

Olson – PW

Backer – BdSWD, Park

Athey – SWCD, UMRWD, BdSWD, Park, HRA

Klages – PdTRA

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

Alpha Training & Tactics	\$ 6,014.75
Anoka County	2,000.00
Conroy Electric	2,636.53
CPT	5,837.00
Matthew P Franzese Atty at Law	12,753.75
LG Everist	16,675.37
Lac qui Parle Sheriff	4,083.75
MP Nexlevel	51,671.13
Nelson Electric	2,042.32
West Con	34,577.64
49 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>19,589.26</u>
Total	\$157,881.50

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

General to Highway	\$ 3,036.79
Ditch to Highway	\$ 1,573.25
Joint Ditch 4	\$ 168.69
County Ditch 16	\$1,404.56

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 approve the dilapidated structure application from Cary Leithardt for parcels 22-0153-000 and 22-0154-000 and contribute \$3,000 towards each project with an additional \$1,000 towards asbestos removal for each parcel.

County Attorney Maggie Kluver presented contracts for legal services for Graceville and Beardsley. Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the attorney contracts for the City of Graceville and the City of Beardsley.

Environmental Director Darren Wilke brought solid waste licenses for review and approval. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to approve solid waste hauler licenses for City of Beardsley, City of Clinton, Engbretson & Sons Disposal Services, Dakota Waste Solutions LLC, Mattheisen Disposal Inc., Waste Management and Facility License for Waste Management as presented by Wilke.

Family Service Director Laura Laub provided an update on Family Service activities. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to approve payment of the warrants.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to allow Donna Valek to return to work for a period of 60 hours over 4 weeks at the rate of \$33.53 per hour to continue to train fiscal staff.

Laub reported that the Child Care EDA grant will not be pursued at this time.

Discussion on Barry Lake and Joint Ditch 7 was held. Highway Maintenance Supervisor Darwin Karsky stated that the Barry Lake issue doesn't have anything to do with Joint Ditch 7.

A joint ditch meeting for Joint Ditch 4 will be scheduled to discuss a cleanout request.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to hire Karley Teske as a Case Aide at Family Services. Karley's start date is August 29th and she will start on Grade 6 Step 1.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to accept the resignation of Child Support Officer Heather LaMee effective August 26, 2022. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to authorize filling the position.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Backer and carried to accept the resignation of Deputy Auditor-Treasurer Cindy Brehmer effective August 25, 2022. Motion by Backer, seconded by Athey and carried to fill the position.

Coordinator Rud clarified with the Board that Jason Mork will start as Deputy Sheriff on September 1, 2022.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to authorize permanent full time to the Deputy Auditor-Treasurer/Election Coordinator effective September 1, 2022.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the annual Data Privacy Policy.

Work session was held with discussion on Toqua Park and grant opportunities to address the needs in the park.

Commissioner Klages adjourned the meeting at 9:28 AM.

Jeff Klages, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Pam Rud, Coordinator