

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
Highway Department Five-Year Plan Meeting
August 18, 2020

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the shop at the Highway Department at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, August 18, 2020. Chairman Athey called the meeting to order with Commissioners Backer, Klepel, Olson and Sandberg present. Also present were Dillon Dwyer of the Ortonville Independent, County Ditch 2 landowners Jackie and Andrew Halverson, Jeff Klages, Kendra and Dawn Koch, Rich and Eric Huebner, Steve and Chris Emde, Craig Johnson, and staff Darby Karsky, Derrick Loeschke, Toby Reiffenberger, County Engineer Todd Larson, Coordinator Pam Rud and County Auditor Michelle Knutson.

Engineer Larson presented the quotes he received from engineering firms to replicate the DNR study on County Ditch 2. Discussion was held on the success of the removal of coontail this spring, but the comment was made that the contractor that was hired will not be back. A suggestion was made to purchase a removal machine, either by the County or privately and if it would be worth the investment. Consensus was to get quotes this fall and meet in early January to establish a plan for moving forward.

Engineer Larson reviewed the 5-year plan for road construction. Following discussion on the plan, motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the 5-year plan as presented.

The 5-year plan for major equipment expenditures was also presented. Motion by Klepel, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the plan as presented.

Maintenance Supervisor Karsky stated that there is \$25,000 remaining in the 2020 equipment budget and they are requesting to replace the semi-tractor that pulls the tanker. Motion by Backer, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize the purchase as requested.

Engineer Larson reported that construction of the new facility is on schedule. Electrical work will begin in December. There may be an opportunity to pave O'Neill Street when paving the parking lot. IT Director Matt Anderson is getting quotes on internet and phone connection options.

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

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WHEREAS, County CP 06-2001-SP 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 authorizes final payment to Brown Excavating, Inc. in the amount shown on final pay estimate.

Chairman Athey declared the meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM.

Wade Athey, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor

