

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
August 4, 2020

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the courtroom at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, August 4, 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, Vince Robinson, HR Director Dawn Gregoire, Family Services Director/Coordinator Pam Rud, County Treasurer Cindy Nelson, County Attorney Joe Glasrud and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. Other department heads, staff and public were participating via Teams or phone. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

The work session began with Coordinator Rud providing a preliminary allocation of the CARES funds. Vince Robinson provided information on BSAG's proposed process for grants to businesses. Consensus was to receive all applications for review versus a first-come-first serve approach to granting funds. Janine Teske and Vicki Oakes were also present during the discussion.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the minutes of the July 21st regular board meeting with the correction that Commissioner Sandberg made the motion for the tax forfeited resolution.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the agenda with noted addition for action on CARES funding.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Olson – IT; Supporting Hands

Sandberg – MSI

Backer – CARES; CPT; BdSWD

Athey – Fair Board; CARES; CJI; Extension

Sheriff Mark Brown and EM Director Dona Greiner arrived at the meeting.

Attorney Glasrud presented a map of the county property by the Graceville Golf Course. Motion by Backer, seconded by Olson and carried to authorize the sale of parcel 07-0099-000 through sealed bids with the right to reject any and all bids.

Coordinator Rud presented a mask policy for the Board's approval. Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the policy as presented.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Backer and carried to authorize \$200,000 of the CARES funds to be distributed to BSAG for distribution to businesses. Motion by Olson, seconded by Klepel and carried to authorize \$63,429 of the CARES funds to be distributed to Countryside Public Health. Motion by Backer, seconded by Klepel and carried to authorize \$200,000 of the CARES funds for county expenditures. The remaining funds will be allocated after further review of identified needs within the County.

Oakes provided an overview of MNbump activities and Robinson presented an update on BSAG activities. BSAG's budget request for 2021 was also presented for the Board's consideration.

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

Kandiyohi County Sheriff Dept	\$34,575.34
Nutrien Ag Solutions	22,126.25

44 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>17,118.20</u>
Total	\$73,819.79

The review of quotes for looking into the DNR model for County Ditch 2 will be done during the Highway's 5-year plan meeting on August 18th.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Sandberg and carried to accept the \$250 donation from Scott Sutton to be used at the Sheriff's discretion as presented by Sheriff Brown.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Klepel and carried to approve the COVID-19 Preparedness Plan as presented by HR Director Gregoire.

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

2020-25

WHEREAS the County is required to have a County Veterans Service Officer to serve the veterans who reside within the County; and

WHEREAS the current County Veterans Service Officer is unavailable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board of Commissioners hereby temporarily designates Ward Odom as acting CVSO until such time as the CVSO is available to perform the duties of the position or until October 1, 2020, whichever occurs first.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Olson and carried to accept the resignation of part-time Deputy Sheriff Rick Halvorson. His last day will be August 31st.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Klepel and carried to approve the hiring of 2 intermittent part-time deputies.

The remainder of the meeting was a work session to continue discussions on the County's 2021 budget.

Chairman Athey adjourned the meeting at 10:00 AM.

Wade Athey, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor