

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
October 1, 2024

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, October 1, 2024. Chairman Sandberg called the meeting to order with Commissioners Zimmel, Athey, Klages and Olson present. Also present were Dillon Dwyer of the Ortonville Independent and Coordinator Pam Rud. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Zimmel and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 17th regular meeting and September 24th special meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Zimmel – BdSWD, RDC, EOC

Athey – Fair, P5

Klages – Woodland, CPT, ESB

Olson – Pioneerland, CPH

Sandberg – MSI, Woodland

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried unanimously to authorize payment of claims as prepared by Auditor-Treasurer Michelle Knutson. Vendors, excluding Family Services, receiving payments in excess of \$2,000 are as follows:

Comm of Transportation	\$ 8,169.30
Conroy Electric	2,582.55
Hawkins	2,542.49
Hormann Works	22,790.00
JRH Auto	13,314.92
Motorola	13,793.68
Tri County Co-op Oil	2,865.36
Serocki Excavating	17,243.21
33 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>12,934.60</u>
Total	\$96,236.11

Motion by Olson, seconded by Zimmel and carried unanimously to execute the agreement for actuarial services with USI Consulting Group, formerly Hildi, Inc., and authorize Auditor-Treasurer Michelle Knutson to sign on behalf of the County.

Human Resource Manager Heather Henrich presented the Group Medicare Renewal Acceptance Form with BCBS for the Retiree Medicare Supplement Plan. Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried unanimously to accept the 2025 Group Medicare rates and authorize Henrich or Rud to sign on behalf of the County. Henrich also presented information to increase the life insurance benefit to \$50,000 and change long and short-term disability to voluntary benefits through Hartford for 2025. Motion by Olson seconded by Klages and carried unanimously to approve the changes as presented.

Environmental Director Darren Wilke presented solid waste hauler/facility licenses for approval. Motion by Athey, seconded by Zimmel and carried unanimously to approve the licenses for Waste Management, Engebretson Sanitary, City of Clinton, City of Beardsley, Whetstone, West Central and Dakota Waste.

Wilke presented the UMRWD Contract for Service, Cost Share Policy and Plan Administration Agreement for consideration. Motion by Athey, seconded by Klages and carried unanimously to approve the documents contingent on approval from County Attorney Trapp.

Rud presented four dilapidated structure applications for parcels 19-0079-000, 19-0076-000, 19-0080-000 and 19-0061-000. Motion by Zimmel, seconded by Olson and carried unanimously to approve the dilapidated structure application for parcel 19-0061-000 at \$4,250. Motion by Athey, seconded by Klages and carried with Commissioners Sandberg, Olson, Athey and Klages voting aye and Commissioner Zimmel voting nay to deny the dilapidated structure applications for parcels 19-0079-000, 19-0076-000 and 19-0080-000 due to the parcels not meeting the criteria of dilapidated structures.

County Engineer Jordan Roggenbuck presented information on the 2024 seal coat project and requested final payment. Motion by Klages, seconded by Zimmel and carried unanimously to make final payment of \$18,478.06 to Bituminous Paving Inc.

Rud shared information on office relocations and the need for some office furniture and equipment. Motion by Klages, seconded by Olson and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of office equipment up to \$10,000.

Work Session included discussion on an upcoming AMC District 6 meeting with Board Chairs and administration to discuss the upcoming meeting and gather input for each county. Chairman Sandberg asked for input on topics to be presented. Discussion was held on the possibility of sharing positions using regional resources to address the staffing needs and budget concerns. Commissioner Klages informed the Board that the County received \$250,000 in ARMER funding. More information will be presented to the Board in the future.

Chairman Sandberg recessed the meeting until the scheduled 10:00 AM public hearing.

Chairman Sandberg opened the public hearing at 10:00 AM to take public comment on the proposed Emergency Interim Ordinance Prohibiting the Establishment of New Uses or the Expansion of Existing Uses Related to Sales, Testing, Manufacturing and Distribution of THC Products. No public was in attendance and no public comments were received. Following a brief discussion on the Ordinance, motion by Zimmel, seconded by Olson and carried unanimously to close the Public Hearing at 10:07 AM. Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried unanimously to re-open the meeting.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried unanimously to adopt the Emergency Interim Ordinance as presented.

Chairman Sandberg adjourned the meeting at 10:10 AM.

Roger Sandberg, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Pam Rud, Coordinator