

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
October 15, 2024

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, October 15, 2024. Chairman Sandberg called the meeting to order with Commissioners Olson, Klages, Athey and Zimmel 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 October 1st regular meeting.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Zimmel – EOC

Athey – HRA, Personnel

Klages – Property, PW, PdTRA

Olson – PW, SWMAMHC

Sandberg – AMC chair meeting, Personnel

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:

Alpha Training & Tactics	\$ 3,449.10
Anoka County	2,000.00
CPT	6,698.00
Erickson Engineering	7,034.55
Les Jones Roofing	161,554.00
Shreffler/Lawrence	2,750.00
Stevens County	2,524.57
Tessier's	336,403.00
West Con	2,234.40
40 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>14,905.10</u>
Total	\$539,552.72

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

Emergency Management Director Dona Griener presented the Emergency Operations Plan for review and approval. Motion by Olson seconded by Athey and carried unanimously to approve the EOC as presented. Greiner provided an update on the recent activities of the Emergency Management Department.

BSAG Director Lisa Graphenteen along with Ortonville School Superintendent Kris Evje presented information on the school's childcare project. They are requesting funds from our Child Care grant program. Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried unanimously to approve \$40,000 out of our childcare grant dollars for the program as requested.

Building Maintenance Supervisor Jared Heck provided an update on the HVAC project in the Courthouse. There was a contract modification proposal in the amount of

\$6,174.00. Motion by Klages seconded by Olson and carried unanimously to approve the change as presented by Heck.

County Engineer Jordan Roggenbuck presented information on the 2025 motor grader and requested to place the order in now to receive in a lower cost. Motion by Klages, seconded by Zimmel and carried unanimously to approve the ordering of the 2025 motor grader as requested.

Human Resource Manager Health Henrich provided an update on 2025 Group Medicare Retiree options. No changes were made to the current plan.

Henrich provided an administration proposal from Medsurety to administer our HSA, FSA and Cobra accounts. Motion by Athey, seconded by Zimmel and carried unanimously to approve the contract with Medsurety as presented.

Henrich shared information on MSRS 457b Deferred compensation provider. Per Statue, if a staff requested this from the employer, we are required to provide access to the program. Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried unanimously to approve MSRS as a 457 b provider and to only allow two 457 b plans in the County.

Rud shared information on the Group Health Plan for 2025 and recommended that the Board approve a county contribution of \$1300 per month for individual coverage and \$1600 per month for family coverage starting 1-1-25. Motion by Olson seconded by Athey and carried unanimously to approve the amounts as presented.

Rud shared information regarding the cash in lieu of benefits for staff who are newly hired and benefit eligible starting 1-1-25. Motion by Klages seconded by Athey and carried unanimously for employees who are newly hired and benefit eligible after 1-1-25 shall not be eligible for cash in lieu of insurance and will be offered our Group Health Coverage with the County contributions.

Rud presented a resignation from Veteran Service Officer Ward Odom. Motion by Athey, seconded by Klages and approved unanimously to accept the resignation with regret and thanks for a job well done and to approve the hiring of a replacement.

Work session included a presentation from Artie Arndt who shared that Big Stone County was selected for the 2025 Governors Pheasant Opener. Discussion was held on the upcoming AMC District 6 meeting.

Chairman Sandberg adjourned the meeting at 9:52 AM.

Roger Sandberg, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Pam Rud, Coordinator