

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
September 17, 2024

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, September 17, 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 September 3rd regular meeting.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried unanimously to approve the agenda with the addition of ratify regrading implementation date.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Zimmel – AMC Policy, PIC
Athey – SWCD, HRA, UMRWD
Klages – Property, BSAG
Olson – PW
Sandberg – Museum, 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.

Don Sherman presented information on We Are Water project and is looking for community involvement and engagement in the project.

County Engineer Jordan Roggenbuck introduced Joshua Lee as a new Highway Maintenance Worker.

Roggenbuck presented information on the Monarch Butterfly Candidate Conservation Agreement for Energy and Transportation Lands. Motion by Olson, seconded by Klages and carried unanimously to authorize Roggenbuck to submit the CCAA Agreement to the University of Illinois as presented.

Kim Danielson with Otre Township shared information on the disaster relief aid and the township's need for assistance in financing the project until the aid is received. Motion by Olson, seconded by Klages and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2024-20

WHEREAS, Otrej Township is requesting a loan from Big Stone County to assist in funding their FEMA road projects until reimbursement can be made and they can levy for their match.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Big Stone County approves the loan request in the amount of \$350,000 at 1% interest for 3 years with the option to pay off early as the funds become available.

Family Services Director Laura Laub presented the Southwest Minnesota Adult Mental Health Consortium Joint Powers Agreement, Executive Bylaws and Governing Bylaws. Motion by Olson, seconded by Zimmel and carried unanimously to approve the agreement and bylaws as presented.

Rud shared information from Prairie 5 regarding the Food Hub project and their request for \$25,000 from Big Stone County. Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried unanimously to approve the \$25,000 to Prairie 5 for the Food Hub project contingent on all other Prairie 5 counties agreeing to contribute as well and no funds will be given until ground is broken for the project.

Rud shared information regarding the regrading appeal process and requested that the date of implementation be changed to 1-1-25. Motion by Athey, seconded by Zimmel and carried unanimously to rescind the motion to implement the regrading on 10-1-24 and set the implementation date to 1-1-25.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Klages and carried unanimously to close the meeting to discuss negotiation strategy at 9:18 AM.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried unanimously to re-open the meeting at 10:00 AM.

Discussion was held on the 2025 preliminary budget. Following the budget discussion, motion by Athey, seconded by Klages and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2024-21

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the proposed 2025 budget be approved and the net levy be established at \$6,424,000.

The public meeting to take comments on the proposed budget and levy was set for Tuesday December 3rd at 6:00 PM in the Commissioners' Room.

Chairman Sandberg adjourned the meeting at 10:12 AM.

Roger Sandberg, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Pam Rud, Coordinator