

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
January 21, 2025

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, January 21, 2025. Chairman Athey called the meeting to order with Commissioners Klages, Zimmel, Radermacher and Thyne present. Also present were Dillon Dwyer of the Ortonville Independent and Coordinator Pam Rud. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Klages, seconded by Zimmel and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 7th re-organizational meeting.

Motion by Thyne, seconded by Radermacher and carried unanimously to approve the agenda with the removal of the Highway Update.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Klages – Property, PW, PdTRA, Woodland

Zimmel – BSAG, RDC, AMC

Athey – SWCD, UMRWD

Radermacher – CPH

Thyne – PW

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

Abdo	\$ 12,400.00
Anoka County	5,000.00
Big Stone Lake Sno Riders	13,855.08
CPT	7,697.00
Ehlers & Associates	3,150.00
Kandiyohi County Sheriff Dept	47,999.02
Lac qui Parle Sheriff	3,525.00
MAXIMUS	3,500.00
MCIT	191,253.00
MMB Treasury	2,406.50
MN County Attorney's Assn	2,347.00
MN Sheriff's Assn	3,740.30
Stevens County	3,554.97
University of Illinois	5,360.00
West Con	10,809.36
39 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>25,100.66</u>
Total	\$341,697.89

Motion by Klages, seconded by Thyne and carried unanimously to approve the 6-year contract with MAXIMUS for cost allocation plans for plan years 2024-2029 and authorizing Knutson to sign on behalf of the County.

Family Services Director Laura Laub presented an amended PrimeWest Behavioral Health Participation Agreement. Motion by Klages, seconded by Thyne and carried unanimously to approve the agreement as presented.

Laub shared information about Family Resource Centers and an opportunity to work with Region 6 West on exploring the possibility of having a Family Resource Center in the area. Motion by Klages, seconded by Radermacher and carried unanimously to authorize Laub to continue exploring this opportunity with our county partners.

Laub presented the 2025/2026 Prairie 5 transportation contract. Motion by Zimmel, seconded by Thyne and carried unanimously to approve the contract as presented.

Laub introduced the new Eligibility Worker, Ashley Goergen, to the Board.

Marlowe Klepel was present to share his concerns with one of the proposed BSSA transmission line routes with the Board. Information on where to share the concerns was provided to the Board and landowners. Comments on the proposed routes will be received until January 31, 2025.

Emergency Management Director Dona Greiner requested the Board appoint her to the Emergency Management Advisory Committee and Deputy Emergency Management Director John Maatz as the alternate. Motion by Klages, seconded by Thyne and carried unanimously to appoint them as presented.

Greiner requested approval of the Emergency Operation Plan. Motion by Zimmel, seconded by Radermacher and carried unanimously to approve the plan as presented.

Greiner reported that the Emergency Procedures Guide has been updated and provided an Emergency Management Department update.

Big Stone County HRA has requested that Elaine Martig be appointed to the HRA Board replacing Commissioner Thyne. Motion by Thyne, seconded by Zimmel and carried unanimously to appoint Martig to the HRA Board with her term ending September 30, 2029.

Chairman Athey adjourned the meeting at 9:21 AM.

Wade Athey, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Pam Rud, Coordinator