

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
March 18, 2025

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, March 18, 2025. Chairman Athey called the meeting to order with Commissioners Klages, Zimmer, Radermacher and Thyne present. Also present was Dillon Dwyer with the Ortonville Independent, County Attorney Rebecca Trapp and Coordinator Pam Rud. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Radermacher, seconded by Zimmer and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 4th meeting.

Motion by Thyne, seconded by Klages and carried unanimously to approve the agenda.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Klages – PW, City Policing, Work Session, PdTRA

Zimmer – BSAG, Work Session, PIC

Athey – SWCD, UMRWD, Work Session

Radermacher – City Policing, Work Session

Thyne – PW, BSAG, Work Session

Motion by Radermacher, seconded by Zimmer and carried unanimously to authorize payment of claims as presented by Coordinator Rud. Vendors, excluding Family Services, receiving payments in excess of \$2,000 are as follows:

Abdo	\$ 32,000.00
City of St. Cloud	12,986.36
CPT	6,897.00
Hildi	5,800.00
Milbank Ford	7,763.48
Stevens County	3,334.30
TrueNorth Steele	31,840.32
Twin Valley Tire	3,892.50
39 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>18,678.50</u>
Total	\$ 123,192.46

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

Dillon Dwyer with the Ortonville City Council addressed the Board with questions on the recently adopted Cannabis Ordinance. Questions were raised on the number of cannabis licenses that will be allowed in the County and the Joint Powers Agreement that cities and townships could use to delegate to the County. Attorney Trapp recommended to the Board that we not change our Ordinance at this time and that if a city or township wanted to do their own ordinance that it was acceptable.

Family Services Director Laura Laub shared the results of the PrimeWest care plan audit that was held earlier this year. Some corrections were noted but overall it was a positive audit.

Laub presented the Presbyterian Family Foundation Guardianship and Conservatorship contract. Motion by Klages, seconded by Thyne and carried unanimously to approve the contract as presented.

County Engineer Jorden Roggenbuck asked the Board to consider entering into an agreement with Apex to develop plans on CSAH 35. Motion by Klages, seconded by Zimmer and carried unanimously to approve the agreement as presented.

Roggenbuck brought the final pay request for SAP 006-601-008 back to the Board for a correction. During final closeout it was discovered that the final payment request sent from Central Specialties, Inc. did not match our close out quantities. The final payment request we approved was slightly less than the negotiated and settled amounts. He requested that the Board consider approving this revised amount with an additional \$1,010.94 to be paid to Central Specialties. Motion by Klages, seconded by Thyne and carried unanimously to approve the final pay request as presented.

Rud brought the Cannabis Joint Powers Agreement with Prior Township to the Board for consideration. Motion by Radermacher, seconded by Zimmer and carried unanimously to approve the JPA with Prior Township.

Rud requested that Randy Stuckey be hired as the park seasonal worker again this year. Motion by Zimmer, seconded by Thyne and carried unanimously to hire Randy starting April 1st for the summer seasonal worker.

Environmental Director Darren Wilke requested that the Board approve an Environmental Technician seasonal worker that will work with AIS, buffer and some ditch work. He is requesting a full-time seasonal worker from May through August. There was a full-time permanent Environmental Technician budgeted for 2025 but with the uncertainties with various programs, Wilke feels a seasonal worker would be better. Motion by Thyne, seconded by Radermacher and carried unanimously to authorize a full-time seasonal summer technician.

Chairman Athey adjourned the meeting at 9:07 AM.

Wade Athey, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Pam Rud, Coordinator