

BIG STONE COUNTY SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

The purpose of the Report is to provide a summary of financial information concerning Big Stone County for interested citizens. Questions about this report should be directed to Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor at (320) 839-6366.

A FULL AND COMPLETE COPY OF THE COUNTY FINANCIAL STATEMENT IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST BY CALLING (320) 839-6366, OR BY WRITING TO THE BIG STONE COUNTY AUDITOR, 20 2ND ST SE, SUITE #103, ORTONVILLE, MN 56278.

2015 COUNTY OFFICIALS

1st District Commissioner	Jay Backer	(320) 748-7304
2nd District Commissioner	Wade Athey	(320) 325-9988
3rd District Commissioner	Brent Olson	(320) 273-2297
4th District Commissioner	Roger Sandberg	(320) 305-1721
5th District Commissioner	Joseph Berning	(320) 839-3909
County Sheriff	John Haukos	(320) 839-3558
County Auditor	Michelle R. Knutson	(320) 839-6366
County Treasurer	Cindy Nelson	(320) 839-6395
County Recorder	Elaine Martig	(320) 839-6390
County Attorney	William J. Watson	(320) 839-6197

A PROFILE OF BIG STONE COUNTY

	2015	2014	Percent Inc/Dec
Estimated Population*	5,124	5,124	0.00%
Total Tax Capacity	11,719,148	11,173,767	4.88%
Percent of Property Taxes Collected	98.940%	98.498%	0.45%
Total General Revenues	\$5,197,747	\$5,243,213	-0.87%
Total Program Revenues	\$6,186,066	\$6,283,064	-1.54%
Total Expenses	\$11,413,638	\$10,357,472	10.20%
Capital Assets (Net)	\$27,483,293	\$26,231,546	4.77%
Total Outstanding Net Bonded Debt of the County	\$4,730,000	\$790,000	498.73%
Total Government-Wide Net Position	\$30,401,563	\$32,991,995	-7.85%
Total Number of Full Time Employees	60	60	0.00%

*2015 estimate not available

A User's Guide to County Financial Statements

Basic Financial Statements

Big Stone County's basic financial statements consist of three parts: government-wide financial statements, fund financial statements, and notes to the financial statements. The management's discussion and analysis and certain budgetary comparison schedules are required to accompany the basic financial statements and, therefore, are included as required supplementary information.

Government-wide financial statements display information about the county's financial reporting entity as a whole, except for its fiduciary activities.

Fund financial statements display separate financial information for the county's governmental and fiduciary funds. Fiduciary fund information is presented in aggregate by fund type.

Notes to the financial statements provide additional information and disclosure for information in the financial statements.

Governmental activities are generally activities of the county financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange revenues.

Financial reporting entity consists of the primary government (county), organizations for which the county is financially accountable, and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the county are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The nucleus of a county's financial reporting entity is the primary government, the county.

Primary government is a term used in connection with defining the financial reporting entity. The primary government is the focus of the financial reporting entity. For the county, the primary government represents the financial activities, funds, or accounts directly under the control of the county board.

County Governmental Fund Types

The **General Fund** is the general operating fund of the county. It is used to account for all financial resources, except those that are required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted for specified purposes.

Debt Service Funds are used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of principal, interest, and related costs of general long-term debt.

Capital Projects Funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities.

County Fiduciary Funds

Agency Funds are used to account for assets held by the county as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governments, and/or other funds; for example, taxes collected and held by a county for a school district.

Character Classification of County Expenditures

The county's governmental expenditures are classified by character or the periods expenditures are presumed to benefit. The county has the following character classifications:

Current operating expenditures are presumed to benefit the current fiscal period.

Debt services are presumed to benefit prior fiscal periods as well as current and future periods and include amount expended for the payment of principal, interest, and other costs associated with debt.

Capital outlays are presumed to benefit current and future fiscal periods and include amounts expended for the construction or acquisition of county capital assets.

Intergovernmental represent resources transferred by the county to other governments.

Classification of County Functions

Functions are a group of related activities aimed at accomplishing a major service or regulatory program for which the county is responsible. The county has the following function classifications:

The **general government** function includes expenditures for general county activities such as the county commissioners, county attorney's office, county auditor's office, county treasurer's office, county assessor's office, the judicial, the planning and zoning office, and other county general service offices.

Public safety relates to the objective of protection of persons and property and includes expenditures for corrections activities, operations of the sheriff's department, civil defense, and emergency services.

Highways and streets includes expenditures relating to the construction and maintenance of county highways and streets.

Sanitation involves expenditures for the removal and disposal of waste and includes county solid waste collection and disposal, recycling, and sanitary sewer programs.

Human services represents activities designed to provide public assistance and institutional care for individuals unable to provide essential needs for themselves. These programs include child support collection, child welfare, chemical dependency, medical assistance, and others.

Health involves all activities involved in the conservation and improvement of public health. This function includes expenditures for the county public health department, home health aid services, other nursing services, maternal and child health, supplemental nutrition programs, and programs to protect public and private water systems.

Culture and recreation involves cultural and recreational activities maintained for the benefit of county residents and visitors. These activities include county libraries, parks, and other recreation programs.

Conservation involves activities designed to conserve and develop such natural resources as water, soil, and forests and includes such programs as soil and water conservation, county extension, water planning, and other.

Economic development activities are directed toward economically developing the area encompassed by the county and providing assistance to, and opportunity for, economically disadvantaged persons or businesses.

Summary of Big Stone County's Statement of Net Position December 31, 2015

Assets	
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 7,035,215
Investments	372,700
Receivables - net	4,802,870
Inventories	206,338
Capital assets	
Non-depreciable	707,857
Depreciable - net	26,775,436
Total Assets	\$ 39,900,416
Deferred Pension Outflows of Resources	\$ 422,286
Liabilities	
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	\$ 349,281
Accrued interest payable	81,340
Long-term liabilities	
Due within one year	139,154
Due in more than one year	5,224,038
Net pension obligation	2,755,728
Other post employment benefits	1,064,912
Total Liabilities	\$ 9,614,453
Deferred Pension Inflows of Resources	\$ 306,686
Net Position	
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 26,873,248
Restricted	1,143,966
Unrestricted	2,384,349
Total Net Position	\$ 30,401,563

Summary of Big Stone County's Statement of Activities For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets Governmental Activities
Governmental activities			
General government	\$ 2,081,846	\$ 263,551	\$(1,818,295)
Public safety	1,136,859	185,701	(951,158)
Highways and streets	4,153,715	3,365,809	(787,906)
Sanitation	200,607	192,603	(8,004)
Human services	2,527,924	1,660,732	(867,192)
Health	98,572	875	(97,697)
Culture and recreation	176,055	41,320	(134,735)
Conservation of natural resources	785,599	442,417	(343,182)
Economic development	155,305	33,058	(122,247)
Interest	97,156	-	(97,156)
Total governmental activities	\$ 11,413,638	\$ 6,186,066	\$(5,227,572)
General revenues			
Taxes		\$ 4,455,197	
Other general revenues		742,549	
Total general revenues		\$ 5,197,746	
Change in Net Position			\$ (29,826)

A Summary of Fiduciary Net Position

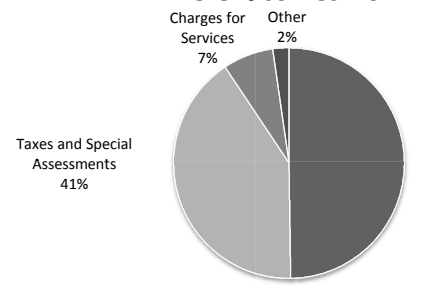
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015	
Assets	
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 231,428
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 18,840
Due to other governments	200,271
Advance from other funds	12,317
Total Liabilities	\$ 231,428

MAJOR RECIPIENTS OF BIG STONE COUNTY EXPENDITURES

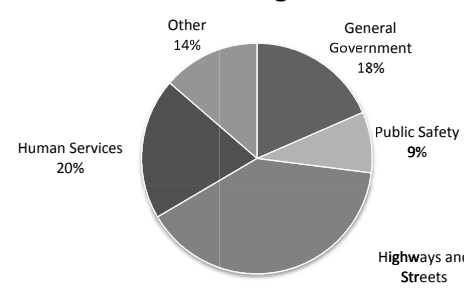
The following is a list of recipients of Big Stone County expenditures totaling \$5,000 or more during 2015. The list does not include salaries to county employees nor does it include individuals who received federal, state or county human services aid.

NAME OF RECIPIENT	AMOUNT
AKRON TOWNSHIP	\$ 20,199.52
ALMOND TOWNSHIP	\$ 11,416.64
AMERICAN SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINESS	\$ 5,272.78
AMERICAN WELDING & GAS, INC.	\$ 11,430.90
AMMERMAN PLUMBING & HEATING	\$ 11,500.00
ARTICHOKE TOWNSHIP	\$ 12,579.10
ASSN OF MN COUNTIES	\$ 5,763.00
ATWATER FORD	\$ 31,645.00
BARRIS-CONROY ELECTRIC INC	\$ 42,696.14
BIG STONE AREA GROWTH	\$ 35,000.00
BIG STONE CO AG SOCIETY	\$ 24,000.00
BIG STONE CO HISTORICAL SOCIETY	\$ 25,000.00
BIG STONE SWCD	\$ 68,095.13
BIG STONE TOWNSHIP	\$ 18,725.76
BITUMINOUS PAVING INC.	\$ 147,419.51
BONAZZA EDUCATION CENTER	\$ 5,000.00
BOND TRUST SERVICES CORPORATION	\$ 87,707.00
BRAUN INTERTEC CORPORATION	\$ 8,198.00
BROWNS VALLEY TOWNSHIP	\$ 16,191.62
BSLA SNO RIDERS	\$ 30,309.69
CARQUEST OF ORTONVILLE	\$ 6,085.78
CENTRAL SPECIALTIES, INC	\$ 2,591,793.57
CHIPPEWA CO FSC	\$ 6,949.70
CITY OF GRACEVILLE	\$ 19,318.20
CITY OF ORTONVILLE	\$ 52,721.83
CITY OF ST. CLOUD	\$ 9,295.84
COMMERFORD GRAVEL, INC	\$ 59,935.28
COMPUTER PROFESSIONALS UNLIMITED	\$ 73,086.00
COUNTRYSIDE PUBLIC HEALTH	\$ 104,429.97
CROP PRODUCTION SERVICES	\$ 6,662.53
CUNNINGHAM/JOHN	\$ 11,418.93
EDNEY DISTRIBUTING	\$ 8,070.93
EHLERS & ASSOCIATES, INC.	\$ 25,228.00
EMERGENCY AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY, INC.	\$ 10,376.90
ENVIROTECH SERVICES, INC	\$ 34,742.90
FEDERATED TELEPHONE COMPANY	\$ 3,921,321.90
FOSTER TOWNSHIP	\$ 12,919.80
FRANCOTYP-POSTALIA INC.	\$ 6,520.16
FRAUENSHUH JR/RONALD R	\$ 7,559.16
FRIDGEN EXCAVATING	\$ 23,820.00
GERARD ACADEMY	\$ 59,733.60
GOVCONNECTION, INC.	\$ 65,843.30
GRACEVILLE TOWNSHIP	\$ 17,316.01
GREATER MN FAMILY SERVICES	\$ 89,524.39
HAMANN/RAYMOND & IRENE	\$ 10,721.66
HANCOCK CONCRETE PRODUCTS, LLC	\$ 97,678.56
HARBOR SHELTER	\$ 10,181.70
HARD ROCK SCREENING, LLC	\$ 125,937.00
HASLEN CONSTRUCTION	\$ 364,451.00
HAUKOS ELECTRICAL SERVICE, LLC	\$ 11,588.71
HOLKER/EVAN & WANDA	\$ 11,124.00
HOSECRAFT USA	\$ 25,111.48
ILLINOIS TRUCK & EQUIPMENT RENTALS	\$ 33,450.00
J CARLSON SERVICES, INC.	\$ 5,424.00
J&J EARTHWORKS INC.	\$ 45,880.00
JP CHASE MORGAN BANK NA.	\$ 29,601.00
KANDIYOHI COUNTY	\$ 101,794.21
KENNEDY & GRAVEN CHARTERED	\$ 13,750.00
KOEHL EXCAVATING LLC	\$ 298,612.99
KRIS ENGINEERING	\$ 10,433.05
L & O ACRES TRANSPORT, INC	\$ 10,390.05
LIFTOFF, LLC	\$ 9,936.00
LUTHERAN SOC SERV GUARDIANSHIP PGM	\$ 7,195.00
MAIN STREET INDUSTRIES	\$ 10,757.76
MALTA TOWNSHIP	\$ 10,299.11
MARCO	\$ 34,147.85
MARIHART SURVEYING, PA	\$ 6,231.50
MCIT	\$ 134,466.00
MCMAHON COUNSELING & CONSULTATION LLC	\$ 5,477.62
MIDCO	\$ 11,849.35
MIDWAY FORD	\$ 28,424.00
MILBANK COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 12,446.17
MINNESOTA ENERGY	\$ 13,196.69
MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PLAYGROUND	\$ 10,279.10
MOONSHINE TOWNSHIP	\$ 10,845.93
MUNDWILER & LARSON FUNERAL HOMES	\$ 21,615.80
NELSON AUTO CENTER	\$ 17,376.33
NELSON ELECTRIC INC	\$ 9,879.50
NEU REAL ESTATE	\$ 5,200.00
ODESSA TOWNSHIP	\$ 12,284.75
OFFICE DEPOT, INC	\$ 6,961.08
OFFICE OF ENTERPRISE TECHNOLOGY	\$ 12,030.87
OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR	\$ 32,392.85
ORTONVILLE AREA HEALTH SERVICES	\$ 5,459.52
ORTONVILLE INDEPENDENT	\$ 19,687.82
ORTONVILLE TOWNSHIP	\$ 6,949.14
OTREY TOWNSHIP	\$ 9,527.32
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	\$ 6,857.82
PATH INC	\$ 12,091.50
PETERSON/GREG	\$ 10,423.00
PETERSON/MARK G. & DIANE G.	\$ 6,346.00
PICTOMETRY VISUAL INTELLIGENCE	\$ 19,273.75
PIONEERLAND LIBRARY SYSTEM	\$ 67,555.00
PRAIRIE FIVE "RIDES"	\$ 57,829.37
PRESBYTERIAN FAMILY FOUND-GUARDIANSHIP	\$ 9,515.65
PRIMEWEST HEALTH	\$ 10,243.34
PRIOR TOWNSHIP	\$ 25,460.09
RATWIK, ROSZAK & MALONEY, P.A.	\$ 17,948.81
REGENTS OF THE U OF MN.	\$ 68,050.27
RIDGEVIEW EXCAVATING INC.	\$ 7,647.50
RONGLIEN & SONS EXCAVATING, INC	\$ 49,076.93
RURAL SUPPORT SERVICES	\$ 122,651.23
SCHLIMME/DILLON	\$ 12,582.88
SCHUNEMAN EQUIPMENT COMPANY	\$ 11,871.18
SECURITY LOCKSMITHS, INC.	\$ 26,427.10
SEROCKI EXCAVATING, INC.	\$ 23,197.28
SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP	\$ 7,910.00
SHORES EDGE EXCAVATING	\$ 21,250.00
SHREFFLER/LAWRENCE	\$ 52,173.00
SIS INSULATION	\$ 12,300.00
SOMEPLACE SAFE	\$ 10,790.00
STANDARD AND POOR'S	\$ 10,500.00
STATTELMAN LUMBER	\$ 9,472.44
STEVENS COUNTY	\$ 11,020.89
STEVENS COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTER	\$ 40,242.00
STURDEVANTS	\$ 5,219.13
TEAM LABORATORY CHEMICAL CORP	\$ 18,799.00
TOQUA TOWNSHIP	\$ 9,271.21
TOSHIBA FINANCIAL SERVICES	\$ 20,676.55
TOWMASTER, INC.	\$ 39,846.19
TRAFFIC MARKING SERVICE INC	\$ 14,219.36
TRAVERSE COUNTY	\$ 63,475.99
TRI COUNTY CO-OP OIL ASSN	\$ 12,157.29
TRUENORTH STEEL	\$ 21,088.38
UPPER MN VALLEY RDC	\$ 5,500.00
US POSTAL SERVICE	\$ 6,644.00
VALANT MEDICAL SOLUTIONS INC.	\$ 5,160.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	\$ 10,032.78
WASTE MANAGEMENT OF CENTRAL MN.	\$ 121,584.10
WATSON/WILLIAM J	\$ 63,183.84
WEST CENTRAL INDUSTRIES	\$ 8,276.91
WESTERN CONSOLIDATED COOPERATIVE	\$ 103,396.10
WHEATON DUMONT COOP ELEVATOR	\$ 46,046.00
WIDETH, SMITH & NOLTING ASSOC, INC.	\$ 12,958.88
ZIEGLER INC	\$ 6,504.01
(7)-ST. PETER RTC-472	\$ 9,408.00
3D SPECIALTIES, INC	\$ 7,430.17

Where it comes from...



Where it goes...



A Summary Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds December 31, 2015

	General	Highway	Family Services	Ditch	Debt Service	Total Governmental Funds
Assets						
Cash and investments	\$ 3,900,221	\$ 1,550,588	\$ 1,694,736	\$ 159,032	\$ 103,338	\$ 7,407,915
Taxes receivable	24,701	7,800	7,165	-	771	40,437
Special assessments receivable	7,045	-	-	105,523	-	112,568
Accounts receivable	4,058	260	22,380	-	-	26,698
Accrued interest receivable	3,584	-	-	-	-	3,584
Loans receivable	3,941,139	-	-	-	-	3,941,139
Due from other governments	16,966	519,892	122,178	2	-	659,038
Advance to other funds	261,217	-	-	-	-	261,217
Advance to other governments	-	-	7,089	-	-	7,089
Inventories	-	206,338	-	-	-	206,338
Total Assets	\$ 8,158,931	\$ 2,284,878	\$ 1,853,548	\$ 264,557	\$ 104,109	\$12,666,023
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, & Fund Balances						
Liabilities						
Accounts payable	\$ 21,283	\$ 941	\$ 82,464	\$ 1,250	\$ -	\$ 105,938
Salaries payable	52,462	36,306	39,895	-	-	128,663
Due to other governments	104,097	1,141	9,442	-	-	114,680
Advance from other funds	-	-	-	248,900	-	248,900
Total Liabilities	\$					