

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
July 2, 2024

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, July 2, 2024. Chairman Sandberg called the meeting to order with Commissioners Zimmel, Athey, Klages and Olson present. Also present were Dillon Dwyer of the Ortonville Independent, County Attorney Rebecca Trapp and Coordinator Pam Rud. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Zimmel and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 19th regular meeting the June 18th County Board of Appeal and Equalization and the June 24th Emergency meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Zimmel - RDC
Athey – Fair Board
Olson – Pioneerland
Sandberg – Personnel

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg 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:

Horman Works	\$ 31,750.00
S.W. Inc	2,460.00
Viking Garage Door Company	2,362.12
West Con	2,229.45
24 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>6,002.20</u>
Total	\$44,803.77

County Engineer Jorden Roggenbuck presented information regarding an easement on Thompsons property to install an outlet on Otrey Lake. Motion by Olson, seconded by Klages and carried unanimously to approve the easement as presented.

Roggenbuck presented a Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Graceville for the Safe Routes for School project. The County highway department will act as the fiscal host and project engineer/manager for the duration of the project. Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried with Commissioners Klages, Sandberg, Olson and Athey voting to approve the Joint Powers Agreement as presented. Commissioner Zimmel abstained.

Roggenbuck shared a Highway Department update.

Family Service Director Laura Laub shared information about the new Department of Children, Youth and Families with the Department of Human Services.

Laub presented a Foster Care Transportation Agreement with the Ortonville School from July 1, 2024-July1, 2026. Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried unanimously to approve the agreement as presented.

Laub presented the Avera McKennan Behavioral Health Contract for mental health hold services. Motion by Klages, seconded by Olson and carried unanimously to approve the contract as presented.

Laub shared that an anonymous donation was received by Family Services to purchase pool passes for children in need. Motion by Athey, seconded by Zimmel and carried unanimously to approve the donation.

County Attorney Trapp shared information regarding one of the County sponsored 457 (b) deferred compensation plans with Wenzel Financial. Trapp recommended that the appointed trustees be changed to Attorney Trapp and Coordinator Rud as the County continues to evaluate 457 (b) options. Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried unanimously to appoint Trapp and Rud as trustees for both deferred compensation programs, to waive any conflict of interest for Attorney Darcy Heitsman and to take action to prepare for an RFP for future consideration.

Rud informed that Board that Financial Service Supervisor Diana Hults has submitted her retirement notice. She will be done on September 13th. The Board thanked Diana for her 47 ½ years of service to the County. Motion by Olson, seconded by Klages and carried unanimously to approve the hiring of a new Financial Service Supervisor.

Laub introduced the new Disability Service Social Worker Kiarra Rodacker to the Board.

Rud introduced the new Environmental Office Manager Ashley Nelson to the Board.

Work session included information on the BSSA project, Otrey and Bentsen Lake water issues and the Correll Elevator demolition.

Chairman Sandberg adjourned the meeting at 9:11 AM.

Roger Sandberg, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Pam Rud, Coordinator