

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
January 18, 2022

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, January 18, 2022. Chairman Klages called the meeting to order with Commissioners Sandberg, Olson, Backer and Athey present. Also present were Dillon Dwyer of the Ortonville Independent, Coordinator Pam Rud and Auditor-Treasurer Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the minutes of the January 4th re-organizational meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Sandberg – Woodland

Olson – Countryside

Backer – BdSWD; BSAG; Woodland; CPT (2)

Athey – SWCD; MRC

Klages – UMRDC; BSAG

Motion by Athey, seconded by Backer and carried to authorize payment of the following claims as presented by Auditor-Treasurer Knutson:

AMC	\$ 2,200.00
CPT	7,312.00
DTB Systems	5,989.71
Lac qui Parle Sheriff	4,548.12
Marco	10,220.12
Midwest Alarm Company	6,140.25
MN Sheriff's Assn	3,595.08
Office of MN.IT Services	2,886.35
S.W. Inc	3,480.00
41 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>21,113.57</u>
Total	\$67,485.20

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

Engineer Larson provided an update on highway department activities and information regarding County Road 67 and the decision made by the Technical Evaluation Panel (TEP) to allow a drawdown of basin 6-278W to the elevation of 1081.7 would result in the loss of 84 acres of wetlands. The TEP would allow a drawdown to an elevation of 1082.7. A drawdown to this elevation would alleviate water damage to CR 67 but would not allow for the reopening of 690th Ave in Otre Township. Engineer Larson presented two options for the Board to consider. Option one was to accept the drawdown to 1082.7 and move forward with the tile installation project or option two was to appeal the TEP decision to the Big Stone County Board of Adjustment. Motion by Athey, seconded by Backer and carried to appeal the TEP decision to the Big Stone County Board of Adjustment.

Auditor-Treasurer Knutson requested clarification on how the highway parking lot site prep work would be paid. The previous motion was to pay for the paving out of the sale of the building and the remaining amount to come out of the committed fund

balance for county road projects. Following discussion, motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to also apply the additional funds needed for site work out of the county road project fund.

Sheriff Brown brought the resignation of Chief Deputy David Hills to the Board. Motion by Athey, seconded by Backer and carried to accept the resignation with regret and thanks for his years of service to Big Stone County and to approve the hiring of a full-time position.

HR Director Gregoire informed the Board that upon hiring a Custodian, the Building Maintenance Supervisor position would become a Grade 10. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to move the position once a Custodian has been hired. Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson to hire Beth Bohlen as the Adult Services Supervisor at Family Services at Grade 13 step 5 starting February 7th and to back fill the Social Worker position that Beth will be leaving.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Backer to approve the following resolution as presented by IT Director Matt Anderson:

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WHEREAS, Minnesota counties are responsible for administering elections; and WHEREAS, Minnesota Legislature authorized \$3 million from federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) appropriations as grants to political subdivisions for the purpose of improving accessibility to, implementing security improvements for elections systems and/or funding other activities to improve the security of, federal elections; and WHEREAS, to receive HAVA funding, counties must submit an application to the Minnesota Secretary of State before January 31, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Big Stone County approves the application for funding from the HAVA Grant and hereby authorizes the Auditor-Treasurer to submit and execute the grant application on behalf of Big Stone County.

Family Service Director Laura Laub shared with the Board that Family Services was under budget by 2% in 2021. Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the Family Services warrants. Laub shared out of home placement data noting that there were no additional placements this month. Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the 2022 Countryside Public Health purchase of service contract. In 2021 there were 4 County burials. Laub provided an update on the procurement process for the Families and Children Prepaid Medical Assistance and MinnesotaCare Program contracts. The RFP was issued on 1-18-22 and states that for Medical Assistance and MinnesotaCare, a minimum of two MCOs will be selected in each of the counties covered in the RFP. Big Stone County is a member of Prime West Health, a County Based Purchasing MCO plan and having 2 plans in the County could impact services delivered to consumers of Medical Assistance and MinnesotaCare.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Olson and carried to reappoint Steve Almquist, District 2 and Laurie Athey, District 3 to the BSAG Board.

Chairman Klages adjourned the meeting at 9:32 AM.

Jeff Klages, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Pam Rud, Coordinator

