

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**October 17, 2023**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday October 17, 2023. Chairman Olson called the meeting to order with Commissioners Sandberg, Klages, Zimmel, and Athey present. Also present was Coordinator Pam Rud. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Zimmel and carried to approve the agenda with the addition of resignation of Engineer Tech and MCIT delegate.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the minutes of the October 3rd regular meeting.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Athey – Fair, CPT

Sandberg – Insurance, Personnel, HRA

Klages- PW, PdTWD

Olson – Insurance, PW, AMHI, Personnel

Motion by Athey, seconded by Klages and carried 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:

Bituminous Paving	\$ 2,031.09
CPT	6,538.00
Dugs Construction	2,550.00
Kandiyohi County Sheriff Dept	5,454.79
Kris Engineering	3,443.70
Lac qui Parle Sheriff	6,644.75
Nelson Electric	2,411.60
Regents of the U of MN	23,806.13
Traffic Solutions	42,750.14
42 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>13,961.53</u>
Total	\$109,591.73

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

IT Director Matt Anderson presented an Agreement for Shred bin services with Countryside Public Health. Motion by Klages seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the agreement.

Environmental Director Darren Wilke presented the Natural Resource Block Grant Agreement. Motion by Athey, seconded by Zimmel and carried to authorize Wilke to execute and sign the agreement.

Sheriff Mark Brown presented the Kandiyohi/Big Stone County dispatch contract. Motion by Klages, seconded by Zimmel and carried to approve the contract.

Engineer Jordan Roggenbuck presented Township Agreements for approval.

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

Roggenbuck shared updated information regarding the EV grant. Motion by Olson, seconded by Klages and carried to authorize Roggenbuck to obtain quotes for EV for Highway Department.

Coordinator Rud informed the Board that Big Stone County will not be joining the Opioid Collaborative but will participate in the Opioid Educator shred position with Countryside Public Health.

The Southwest Minnesota Adult Mental Health Consortium fiscal host has requested that each of the 18 Counties in the Consortium contribute \$20,000 to assist with cashflow issues since the State of Minnesota has such significant delays in getting their grant payments out. Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to pay the Consortium the requested money.

Rud presented a letter of support to be sent to DHS Commissioner Jodi Harpstead regarding the mental health initiative and delay and lack of funding. Motion by Klages, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the letter of support.

Rud requested that the Eligibility Worker position was approved for 2024 be approved now as there was a great pool of candidates when hiring most recent Eligibility Worker. Motion by Klages, seconded by Zimmel and carried to approve additional Eligibility Worker in 2023.

New Social Worker, Paige Vangness as introduced to the Board as well as new Eligibility Worker, Erin Cornell.

Motion by Zimmel, seconded by Olson and carried to accept the resignation of Roland Jurgens as Engineer Technician.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to authorize Brent Olson as MCIT Delegate and Chad Zimmel as alternate.

The work session included information from Building Maintenance Supervisor Jared Heck about the Courthouse HVAC project. Rud reminded the Board that the AMC District 6 meeting will be held on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> in Dawson.

Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 9:33 AM.

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Brent Olson, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pam Rud, Coordinator