

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
October 20, 2020

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the courtroom at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, October 20, 2020. Chairman Athey called the meeting to order with Commissioners Backer, Klepel, Olson and Sandberg present. Also present were Dillon Dwyer of the Ortonville Independent, County Engineer Todd Larson, Maintenance Supervisor Darby Karsky, Coordinator Pam Rud, County Attorney Joe Glasrud and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. HR Director Dawn Gregoire was participating via TEAMS. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

There were no items for the scheduled work session.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the minutes of the October 6th regular board meeting.

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

Jeff Klages arrived at the meeting.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Backer – COVID Call; CARES; BdSWD; Woodland; CPT; BSAG

Sandberg – Personnel; MSI; Safety

Olson – IT; Pioneerland

Athey – COVID Call; Personnel; CARES

Attorney Glasrud reported that the following individuals were present during the closed session on October 6th for labor negotiations: Commissioners, Pam Rud, Dawn Gregoire and Joe Glasrud.

Discussion was held on the pending purchase of the highway shop building.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to execute the option agreement contingent upon final wording provided by Attorney Glasrud.

County Treasurer Cindy Nelson presented a request to repurchase a tax-forfeited property for the Board's consideration. Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2020-31

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners to approve the written application from Teresa Nelson to repurchase the following tax forfeited property at the appraised value of \$5,780:

Parcel 22-0228-000 Lot 5, Block 17, Original Plat, City of Ortonville

Motion by Olson, seconded by Klepel and carried to authorize payment of the following claims as presented by Auditor Knutson:

Ban-Koe Systems	\$ 3,548.02
Bituminous Paving	9,174.40
CDW Government	5,785.95
CPT	5,652.00
Hart Intercivic	12,104.06
John Green	6,000.00
JRH Auto	4,260.03
Kandiyohi County Sheriff Dept	36,012.59
Ridgeview Excavating	11,075.00
Stevens County	3,269.91

Traverse County Sheriff	3,480.00
37 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>15,722.78</u>
Total	\$116,084.74

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to adopt the following resolution as presented by HR Gregoire:

2020-32

WHEREAS M.S. 273.061 provides that the term of office for the County Assessor is four years; and

WHEREAS the current term ends on December 31, 2020.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners hereby re-appoints Sandy Vold as the County Assessor for the new term beginning January 1, 2021.

Environmental Director Darren Wilke presented the annual septic system grant for the Board's approval. Motion by Backer, seconded by Klepel and carried to execute the MPCA SSTS Program Grant Agreement and authorize Wilke to sign it.

Engineer Larson provided an update on department activities.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to adopt the following resolution to allow MnDOT to acquire county land for the upcoming Highway 12 road project:

2020-33

BE IT RESOLVED by the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners, which in consideration of Two Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy Five dollars (\$2,575.00) to be paid by the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation, that the County allows the acquisition of land by direct purchase to the State of Minnesota the parcels described as follows:

Parcel 0603-242-213:

All of the following:

That part of the NE1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 13, Township 121N, Range 46W, shown as Parcel 213 on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 06-05 as the same is on file and of record in the Big Stone County Recorder's Office;

containing 0.16 acre, more or less, which is encumbered in its entirety by existing road and highway easements; together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said Parcel 213:

Temporary Easement:

A temporary easement for highway purposes as shown on said plat as to said Parcel 213 by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2024, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes.

Parcel 0603-242-416A:

All of the following:

That part of GL 3 of Section 18, Township 121N, Range 45W, shown as Parcel 416A on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 06-06 as the same is on file and of record in the Big Stone County Recorder's Office;

containing 0.22 acre, more or less, of which 0.08 acre is encumbered by an existing highway easement and 0.14 acre is encumbered by an existing road easement; together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said Parcel 416A:

Temporary Easement:

A temporary easement for highway purposes as shown on said plat as to said Parcel 416A by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2024, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes.

Parcel 0603-243-212B:

All of the following:

That part of the NE1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 13, Township 121N, Range 45W, shown as Parcel 212B on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 06-12 as the same is on file and of record in the Big Stone County Recorder's Office;

containing 0.44 acre, more or less, of which 0.41 acre is encumbered by an existing highway easement; together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said Parcel 212B:

Temporary Easement:

A temporary easement for highway purposes as shown on said plat as to said Parcel 212B by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2024, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes.

Parcel 0603-244-307B:

All of the following:

That part of Lots A and B of the NW1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 15, Township 121N, Range 44W, shown as Parcel 307B on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 06-16 as the same is on file and of record in the Big Stone County Recorder's Office;

containing 0.12 acre, more or less, of which 0.02 acre is encumbered by an existing road easement; together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said Parcel 307B:

Temporary Easement:

A temporary easement for highway purposes as shown on said plat as to said Parcel 307B by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2024, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes.

Parcel 0603-244-317A:

All of the following:

That part of the SE1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 12, Township 121N, Range 44W, shown as Parcel 317A on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 06-18 as the same is on file and of record in the Big Stone County Recorder's Office;

containing 0.09 acre, more or less, of which 0.08 acre is encumbered by an existing highway easement and 0.01 acre is encumbered by an existing road easement; together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said Parcel 317A:

Temporary Easement:

A temporary easement for highway purposes as shown on said plat as to said Parcel 317A by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2024, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes.

Engineer Larson reported that the County has received the final FEMA payment for the 2019 spring flooding.

There will be an informal landowner meeting for County Ditches 5 and 21 at the November 3rd board meeting to discuss potential repairs and/or changes as part of the Highway 12 project.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize the sale of the 1986 Oshkosh as requested by Maintenance Supervisor Karsky.

Larson and Karsky provided an update on the options for future cleanouts of coontail on County Ditch 2. Karsky presented an idea of using a landscape rake for future cleanouts. This was tabled until there is need for a cleanout and will be reevaluated at that time.

Chairman Athey adjourned the meeting at 9:14 AM.

Wade Athey, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor