

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
October 4, 2022

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, October 4, 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 and Coordinator Pam Rud. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

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

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the minutes of the September 20th regular Board meeting.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Sandberg – MSI, Woodland, Museum
Olson – PW, (2), Countryside, Pioneerland
Backer – Woodland (2), CPT (2)
Athey – Fair board, P5, 1W1P
Klages – Central MN ESB

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

Applied Concepts	\$ 7,050.00
Conroy Electric	5,677.64
Hancock Concrete Products	3,960.00
Lac qui Parle Sheriff	4,009.75
Regents of the U of MN	5,265.00
Samantha Thompson's Daycare	4,075.20
Twin Valley Tire	2,362.95
West Con	29,617.10
31 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>10,283.08</u>
Total	\$72,300.72

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to adopt the following resolution calling a public hearing on a capital improvement plan and issuance of bonds:

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of Big Stone County, Minnesota (the "County") as follows:

Section 1. Background

1.01. The County is authorized by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475, as amended, and Minnesota Statutes, Section 373.40 (the "CIP Act") to finance certain capital improvements under an approved capital improvement plan (the "CI Plan") and to issue general obligation bonds to finance capital improvements set forth in the CI Plan (the "CIP Bonds").

1.02 Pursuant to the CIP Act, before adopting a CI Plan or issuing bonds under a CI Plan, the Board of Commissioners is required to hold a public hearing regarding the CI Plan and issuance of the CIP Bonds.

1.03. Under the proposed CI Plan, the County will issue CIP Bonds to finance various capital improvements set forth in the CI Plan.

Section 2. Hearing Scheduled

2.01. The Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing regarding the approval of the CI Plan and issuance of the CIP Bonds on Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at approximately 9:00 a.m. at Commissioners' Room in the Courthouse. The County Auditor is authorized and directed to publish a notice in substantially the form attached as **EXHIBIT A**, to be published in the official newspaper of the County or in a newspaper of general circulation in the County at least 14 days but no more than 28 days before the date of the hearing.

2.02. County staff and consultants are authorized to take all other actions needed to bring the CI Plan and issuance of the CIP Bonds before the Board of Commissioners.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Backer and carried to execute the FY 23 Snowmobile GIA Maintenance Agreement for Big Stone Lake Sno-Riders for \$32,830.35.

Coordinator Pam Rud brought the hiring of Jordan Roggenbuck as County Engineer to the Board for approval. After discussion, motion was made by Backer, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the hiring of Jordan Roggenbuck as County Engineer with an appointment of October 31, 2022 through April 30, 2024 with an annual salary of \$115,000.00.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Backer and carried to approve Ronda Maas as the new Deputy Auditor/Treasurer at Grade 9, step 1 and to evaluate the needs in the Environmental Office and update job description as needed.

Laura Larson with Countryside Public Health provided information on Primary Prevention School Health Education and vaping awareness education. Larson shared that Countryside is working with the Family Service Directors of the 5 Counties to develop a plan to use the Opioid Settlement dollars with an evidence-based program to educate youth on the dangers of drug use.

Environmental Director Darren Wilke requested to contract with Barry Bouwman as our Feedlot Officer. Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to enter into a contract with Barry Bouwman under the direction of Wilke.

Building Maintenance Supervisor Jared Heck requested permission to order a new lawnmower for Toqua Park that will be delivered in 2023. Motion by Backer, seconded by Athey and carried to order a new lawnmower for Toqua Park.

Work session included discussion on lack of childcare and housing options in Big Stone County and current efforts that are underway to assist with the problems. Agreement that more needs to be done to address the issues and investigate corporate childcare as an option.

Commissioner Klages adjourned the meeting at 9:44 AM.

Jeff Klages, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Pam Rud, Coordinator