

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
October 5, 2021**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, October 5, 2021. Chairman Backer called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Klages and Olson present. Commissioner Sandberg was absent. Also present were Dillon Dwyer of the Ortonville Independent, County Attorney Joe Glasrud, Coordinator Pam Rud and Auditor-Treasurer Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

There were no items for the work session.

There were no public comments received.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Klages and carried to approve the minutes of the September 21st regular meeting and the September 28th special meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Olson – Countryside; PrimeWest

Klages – Personnel (3); ESB

Backer – Personnel (3); Woodland; RDC

Athey – Prairie 5

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

Jason Kirwin	\$ 4,250.00
West Con	2,048.00
Ziegler Inc	2,343.90
30 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>10,777.53</u>
Total	\$19,419.43

Auditor-Treasurer Knutson presented the assessed values on the properties to be included on the upcoming tax forfeited sale. Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to set the basic sale price at 10% of assessed market value on both parcels.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to adopt the following resolution:

2021-35

BE IT RESOLVED, that all parcels of tax-forfeited land listed on List of Tax-Forfeited Land #21-1 be classified as non-conservation land; that the basic sale price of each parcel on List of Tax-Forfeited Land #21-1, that is on file with the Clerk of the County Board, be approved and authorization for a public sale of this land be granted, pursuant to M.S. 282.01; that the sale will be held at 9:00 AM, Friday, October 29, 2021, by the Big Stone County Auditor-Treasurer at the Big Stone County Courthouse, for not less than the basic sale price; and that full payment is required at the time of the sale.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Klages and carried to adopt the following resolution of intent to appoint the County Auditor-Treasurer:

2021-36

WHEREAS, M.S. §375A.1205 allows a county board to appoint certain offices including the County Auditor-Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners recognizes the benefit to having appointed persons in the position of County Auditor-Treasurer because it promotes efficiency and consistency of County business with individuals qualified to oversee a broad spectrum of complex issues within the Auditor-Treasurer's Office; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to M.S. §375A.1205, Subd. 1, the County Board intends to appoint a County Auditor-Treasurer under the following circumstance: There is a signed contract with the County Board and incumbent Auditor-Treasurer that the incumbent officer will be appointed to the position and retain tenure, pay and benefits equal to or greater than length of service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners hereby notifies the public of its intent to appoint a County Auditor-Treasurer by action of the County Board and in accordance with applicable Personnel Rules and statutes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners will hear Public Comments on November 2, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. during its regular board meeting regarding appointment of the Auditor-Treasurer with said appointment taking place by signed contract with the incumbent Auditor-Treasurer.

Coordinator Rud presented MCIT's biennial report for the Board's information and review.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to appoint Sharon Botker as the County's lay representative to the Countryside Public Health Board replacing Joe Berning.

A letter was received from Southwest EMS requesting updated appointments for representatives due to the fact the terms per their by-laws expire in October versus January. Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to reappoint Jay Backer as the County's representative to the Southwest EMS Board and Jeff Klages as the alternate.

Family Services Director Rud reported that the agency received a SHIP grant for the installation of a hydration station and provided an update on PrimeWest's Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO) and Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+).

Motion by Olson, seconded by Klages and carried to execute the contract with Someplace Safe for supervised visitation services.

Motion by Klages, seconded by Athey and carried to execute the Care Coordination contract with Woodland Centers with Commissioner Olson abstaining.

Rud reported that the Purchase of Service Agreement is not ready for approval.

Rud also reported that the MFIP grant has been submitted for 2022-2023.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Klages and carried to approve the hiring of Taylor Stotesbery for the Appraiser position at Grade 8 Step 1 with a tentative start date of October 20th as requested by HR Director Dawn Gregoire.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Klages and carried to approve the hiring of Pam Rud for the full-time Coordinator position and execute the proposed employment agreement with a start date of November 1st.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Klages and carried to authorize the filling of the Family Services Director position currently held by Rud.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Klages and carried to execute the Group Medicare Renewal Acceptance Form with BCBS for the Retiree Medicare Supplement Plan and authorize HR Director Gregoire to sign the form.

Chairman Backer adjourned the meeting at 8:53 AM.

Jay Backer, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor-Treasurer