

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**October 6, 2020**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Highway Garage at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, October 6, 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, Jeff Klages, EMD Dona Greiner, Deputy EMD Val Seifert, Countryside Public Health Administrator Liz Auch, HR Director Dawn Gregoire, Coordinator Pam Rud and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Ms. Auch presented an update on Countryside Public Health's activities, including a COVID update.

The work session included a CARES funding update. County Attorney Joe Glasrud arrived at the meeting.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the minutes of the September 15<sup>th</sup> regular board meeting.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Klepel and carried to approve the agenda with the addition of Federated Telephone fiber options for the new highway building.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Athey – Fair Board; CARES; Prairie 5

Backer – BdSWD; CPT; Woodland; SW PIC; RDC; CARES; BSAG

Klepel – ESB

Olson – AMC GG; Pioneerland; Countryside; PrimeWest

Sandberg – Museum

Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to authorize an additional \$49,000 of the CARES funds for County expenditures as presented by Coordinator Rud.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Backer and carried to authorize an additional \$100,000 of the CARES funds to BSAG for distribution to businesses.

Vince Robinson from BSAG was present to provide additional information on BSAG's CARES funding request for additional services they provided due to the pandemic. Following discussion, motion by Backer, seconded by Olson and carried to authorize \$11,970 for the hours worked.

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

CBS Squared	\$ 3,733.50
CDW Government	6,651.34
Comm of Transportation	4,182.54
Dell Marketing	30,600.39
Rod Ehrp	3,600.00
Kandiyohi County Sheriff	2,141.59
Lac qui Parle County Sheriff	5,475.83
Ratwik Roszak & Maloney	2,787.25
Regents of the U of MN	18,814.02
S.W. Inc	3,915.00
Traverse County	25,306.84

TrueNorth Steel	5,898.80
WatchGuard	16,110.00
West Con	4,174.17
35 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>13,528.11</u>
Total	\$146,919.38

Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to authorize the following internal transactions:

General to Highway	\$1,640.91
Family Services to Highway	\$ 8.52
Ditch to Highway	\$3,011.57
County Ditch 2	\$1,157.12
County Ditch 20	\$ 785.42
County Ditch 21	\$1,069.03

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

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Backer and carried to execute the agreement for actuarial services with USI Consulting Group, formerly Hildi Inc., and authorize Auditor Knutson to sign on behalf of the County.

Motion by Olson, second by Backer and carried to re-appoint Joyce Reynolds for a 5-year term to the HRA Board effective October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Discussion was held on the two options that Federated Telephone is offering for fiber to the new highway building. Following discussion, motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the option that includes a 5-year service agreement and allows a waiver of the construction costs at the end of term. This is contingent on the need to run a new line from the highway to the building.

County Treasurer Cindy Nelson was present to request assessed values for the tax forfeited property that will be on the upcoming sale. Following discussion, motion by Sandberg, seconded by Backer and carried to set the basic sale price at 10% of assessed market value on all parcels.

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

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BE IT RESOLVED, that all parcels of tax-forfeited land listed on List of Tax-Forfeited Land #20-2 be classified as non-conservation land; that the basic sale price of each parcel on List of Tax-Forfeited Land #20-2, 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 30, 2020, by the Big Stone County 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 Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the solid waste licenses for the City of Beardsley, City of Clinton, Mattheisen Disposal, Engebretson Sanitary Disposal Service, Dakota Waste Solutions and Waste Management as presented by Environmental Director Darren Wilke.

Discussion was held on finalizing an agreement with the City of Ortonville for the purchase of the current highway shop. Commissioner Sandberg will set up a meeting

with the Mayor and the city and county attorneys to resolve any differences between the agreements that have been prepared by each party.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Klepel and carried to execute the agreement with Great River Energy for pole storage and marshaling yard.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Olson and carried to hire Emily Sigler as a Case Aide at Grade 6 Step 1 effective October 19, 2020, as presented by HR Gregoire.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Olson and carried to hire Alex Goergen as a part-time, intermittent Deputy Sheriff at Grade 10 Step 1 as presented by HR Gregoire.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the new Medicare plan rates and authorize HR Gregoire to sign the agreement.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Sandberg and carried to close the meeting at 9:56 AM for labor negotiations. The closed meeting will be held in the courtroom.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Sandberg and carried to reopen the meeting at 10:49 AM at which time Chairman Athey adjourned the meeting.

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Wade Athey, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor