

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
November 20, 2018**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, November 20, 2018. Chairman Olson called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Backer, Berning and Sandberg present. Also present were Dillon Dwyer of the Ortonville Independent, Erick Klepel, IT Director Terry Ocaña, Family Services Director Pam Rud, Deputy Auditor Heather Henrich, County Attorney Joe Glasrud and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the minutes of the November 6th regular meeting.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the agenda with noted addition.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Backer – Extension; Bois de Sioux; Woodland

Olson – Countryside; IT

Sandberg – EOC; Beyond the Yellow Ribbon

Athey – SWCD; Extension; HRA

Attorney Glasrud recommended that the Board proceed with contracts with the cities of Beardsley, Graceville and Ortonville for his office's services. He feels that the City of Clinton has more work than he will be able to provide. Motion by Backer, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve contracts with Beardsley, Graceville and Ortonville.

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

Counties Providing Technology	\$ 4,752.00
Haukos Electrical Service	2,303.30
Kandiyohi County Sheriff Dept	4,366.80
Marco Technologies	10,545.19
Ortonville Independent	2,156.25
Royal Tire	2,639.80
SafeAssure Consultants	4,688.04
West Con	12,250.50
Yellow Medicine County Jail	2,705.00
59 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>15,505.66</u>
Total	\$61,912.54

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Backer and carried to set the January 2019 board dates for the 8th and the 22nd.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Berning and carried to appoint Cindy Moen to the HRA Board to fill the remaining term of Willard Rakow effective January 1, 2019.

Consultant Jim Mulder reviewed the history of the county government structure and how he will be assisting the County in evaluating the structure, processes used and the people. He will ultimately provide the Board with a series of options for their consideration and decision. Department heads Todd Larson, Dawn Gregoire, Sandy Vold and Darren Wilke were also present.

Motion by Berning, seconded by Athey and carried to execute the amendment to the Nationwide Group Flexible Purchase Payment Deferred Fixed Annuity as presented by HR Director Gregoire.

The Board directed HR Gregoire to schedule times to meet with the elected officials before the December board meetings prior to setting 2019 salaries.

Engineer Larson provided an update on various department activities.

Attorney Glasrud left the meeting during the Highway update.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Backer and carried to allow the National Guard to use the County's gravel pit by Odessa for training purposes.

Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 9:47 AM.

Brent Olson, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor