

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD  
December 20, 2022**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, December 20, 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 Sandberg and carried to approve the agenda with the addition of a Permit Extension request.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the minutes from the December 1<sup>st</sup> regular board meeting.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the minutes from the December 13<sup>th</sup> special board meeting.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

- Sandberg – HRA, Food Shelf, Woodland
- Olson – AMC Conference, MCIT, Countryside
- Backer – Personnel, Woodland, CPT, PIC
- Athey – Prairie 5
- Klages – Personnel, PdTRA

Environmental Director Darren Wilke presented a request for a conditional use permit extension. Shane Carlberg with Central Specialties was present to make the request for the full 5 years to use up processed gravel material and reclaim the property. Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to extend the conditional use permit to 5-21-26.

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

Ashley Eastman	\$4,965.94
Engan Associates	2,000.00
Envirotech Services	9,579.07
Hillyard	3,968.37
Lac qui Parle Sheriff	4,454.84
Les Jones Roofing	7,682.00
Kendra Moberg	5,042.15
Regents of the U of MN	19,237.25
Kimberly Reiff	5,449.43
West Con	14,452.33
Brenda Zahrbock	3,774.66
42 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>23,441.37</u>
Total	\$104,047.41

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

General to Highway	\$ 3,278.35
Family Services to Highway	\$ 224.95
Ditch to Highway	\$ 5,219.45
County Ditch 2	\$1,579.20
Joint Ditch 4	\$1,497.17
County Ditch 13	\$ 279.77

County Ditch 16                   \$1,374.44  
County Ditch 30                   \$ 488.87

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

Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to authorize the Auditor to pay any claims received by December 31<sup>st</sup> so as to account for them in the current year's business.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to amend the 2022 budget to include the additional amounts as follows:

01-003.5401	\$ 600,000
01-003.5940	\$1,560,512
01-003.5965	\$ 134,543
01-003.6740	\$ 68,090
01-003.6991	\$ 238,610
01-480.6825	\$ 60,000
01-700.6392	\$ 80,000
30-803.5940	\$ 79,489
30-803.5995	\$ 238,610
30-803.6720	\$ 250,000

Knutson reviewed the proposed 2023 ditch budget with the Board.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the Mn Court contract for analog phone usage at 20.00 per month as presented by IT Director Matt Anderson.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize Matt Anderson to be the designated signer for the PBK Software contract for the County Attorneys office.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the following resolution:

**2022-43**

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Minnesota Stat. Sec. 161.36, the Commissioner of Transportation be appointed as Agent of the local agency to accept as its agent, federal aid funds which may be made available for eligible transportation related projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chairman and the Auditor are hereby authorized and directed for and on behalf of the local agency to execute and enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of Transportation prescribing the terms and conditions of said federal aid participation as set forth and contained in "Minnesota Department of Transportation Agency Agreement No. 1052244, a copy of which said agreement was before the County Board and which is made a part hereof by reference.

County Engineer Jordan Roggenbuck requested the hiring of a part-time Highway Maintenance staff. Motion by Athey, seconded by Backer and carried to authorize a part-time seasonal Highway Maintenance worker.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the Letter of Support for the Safe Routes to School grants.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the Family Service warrants.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the 2023 Prairie 5 Transportation contract.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the 2023 Countryside Public Health contract.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the 2023 amended Woodland Center POS contract.

Family Service Director Laura Laub provided information on the Opioid Settlement dollars and requested a motion to direct the funds to Countryside Public Health. Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to provide the Opioid Settlement funds to Countryside Public Health.

Motion by Backer seconded by Olson and carried to approve the following resolution:

**2022-44**

Endorsing the efforts of the Community Supervision Work Group and urging the legislature to pass a new funding formula and significant appropriation during the 2023 legislative session.

WHEREAS, community supervision is a fundamental part of the criminal justice system in Minnesota and funding sufficient to ensure effective services is vital to public safety in all communities across the state; and

WHEREAS, community supervision includes services such as probation, supervised release, and intensive supervised release; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota's counties provide essential community supervision services both as mandated by M.S. Chapter 244.19 and also as delegated by the Department of Corrections under M.S. Chapter 401; and

WHEREAS, when the Legislature decided that community supervision was best delivered through a state-county partnership, it stated a clear intent that the state would provide significant funding to the counties for the operation of local programs; and

WHEREAS, over the past 20 years, Minnesota has become the state with the lowest level of corrections funding in the nation because the Legislature has not upheld its promise to provide adequate state resources to support community supervision; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature's failure to adequately fund community supervision has increased local property taxes on residents and businesses; and,

WHEREAS, a revised community supervision funding formula is necessary to ensure that all communities in Minnesota have enough state funding to provide a consistent standard for effective, evidence-based community supervision services, regardless of local capacity to pay; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Minnesota Counties assembled the Community Supervision Work Group including county leaders and experts in community supervision from all three supervision delivery systems to study the needs of community supervision departments statewide and develop a single funding formula that is transparent, needs based, and equitable among county and state supervision providers; and,

WHEREAS, the Community Supervision Workgroup has taken up its charge to convene stakeholders across the three probation delivery systems to oversee a study to create a unified recommendation for an equitable and adequate funding formula and appropriation; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Association of Minnesota Counties that represents the diverse interests of Minnesota's 87 counties, voted to support a new funding formula that provides counties with the resources needed to keep communities safe; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners endorses the efforts of the Community Supervision Work Group and urges the Legislature to pass a new funding formula and significant appropriation during the 2023 legislative session.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to authorize the appointment of Kayla Moberg and Kyla Maas to the Extension Committee.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the following resolution:

**2022-45**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Big Stone County 2023 budget and levy be established as follows:

	GENERAL	HIGHWAY	FAMILY SERVICES	DEBT SERVICE	DITCH	2023 TOTAL
<b>REVENUES</b>						
Tax Levy & Aids	\$3,671,741	\$1,202,474	\$1,105,335	\$47,461		\$6,027,011
Other Taxes	\$13,000	\$165,000				\$178,000
Special Assessments	\$17,000				\$152,390	\$169,390
Licenses & Permits	\$19,775	\$2,000				\$21,775
Intergovernmental	\$802,791	\$5,234,381	\$1,402,613			\$7,439,785
Charges for Services	\$789,700	\$291,000	\$402,600			\$1,483,300
Fines & Forfeitures	\$500					\$500
Investment Earnings	\$130,000	\$15,000				\$145,000
Miscellaneous	\$219,776	\$35,600	\$42,107			\$297,483
Other Financing Sources	\$6,000	\$65,000		\$202,744		\$273,744
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$5,670,283</b>	<b>\$7,010,455</b>	<b>\$2,952,655</b>	<b>\$250,205</b>	<b>\$152,390</b>	<b>\$16,035,988</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>						
General Government	\$2,985,645					\$2,985,645
Public Safety	\$1,841,858					\$1,841,858
Highway		\$7,170,455				\$7,170,455
Sanitation	\$259,496					\$259,496
Family Services			\$2,952,655			\$2,952,655
Health	\$154,727					\$154,727
Culture & Recreation	\$236,000					\$236,000
Conservation of Natural Resources	\$507,185				\$40,736	\$547,921
Economic Development	\$416,838					\$416,838
Debt Service				\$241,763		\$241,763
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$6,401,749</b>	<b>\$7,170,455</b>	<b>\$2,952,655</b>	<b>\$241,763</b>	<b>\$40,736</b>	<b>\$16,807,358</b>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the scheduled debt service levies for the 2015A GO Abatement Bonds and the 2021A GO Abatement Refunding Bonds are hereby canceled due to sufficient funds on hand as a result of loan payments received from Federated Telephone Cooperative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a portion of the scheduled debt service levy in the amount of for the 2019A GO CIP Bonds is hereby canceled due to sufficient funds on hand as a result of wheelage tax.

Motion by Olson seconded by Backer and carried to go into closed session to discuss negotiation strategy. Meeting closed at 9:46 AM.

Motion by Backer seconded by Olson and carried to open the meeting at 10:55 AM.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Olson and carried to have management proceed to explore options to address compensation due to market forces.

Commissioner Klages adjourned the meeting at 10:56 AM.

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Jeff Klages, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pam Rud, Coordinator