

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
February 4, 2020

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, February 4, 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, HR Director Dawn Gregoire, County Attorney Joe Glasrud, Highway Maintenance Supervisor Darby Karsky and Deputy Auditor Heather Henrich. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

The work session discussion began with Commissioner Athey discussing the upcoming DNR meeting to be held March 5, 2020 at 10:30 AM. Commissioners Athey and Backer will attend the meeting.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the minutes of the January 21st regular board meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Klepel – ESB

Olson – Supporting Hands

Sandberg – MSI, Food shelf, Collaborative

Athey – Law Library, Toqua Park, Dept. Head, Personnel

Backer – Toqua Park, CPT, RDC

Commissioners Klepel and Athey reported on other meetings they attended.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Klepel and carried to authorize the hiring of Amanda Arndt for the Social Worker position at Grade 10 Step 1 contingent upon successful background screenings as presented by HR Director Gregoire. Tentative start date is pending.

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

Assn of MN Counties	\$ 2,235.00
Big Stone SWCD	4,388.50
CBS Squared	17,803.64
CDW Government	16,506.77
Kris Engineering	9,632.35
L & O Acres Transport	7,705.65
MnCCC	2,385.00
Revize	3,800.00
29 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>7,661.51</u>
Total	\$72,118.42

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

Chairman Athey requested the meeting be moved to the Big Stone County Courtroom because of the amount of people at the meeting.

Curt Vacek and Scott Roemhildt from MN DNR entered the meeting along with 27 area landowners. A lengthy discussion began about the land acquisition in Otreay Township. Past issues with the DNR were discussed and it was decided to talk about these in more detail at the meeting scheduled for March 5th.

Chairman Athey asked Mr. Vacek to strike some wording from the Special Use Permit on the Otrey Township property. Vacek agreed to strike the phrase, "This permit is not transferrable and may be revoked at any time" from the Special Use Permit.

Following further discussion, motion by Backer, seconded by Olson and carried to adopt the following resolution:

2020-10

In accordance with Minnesota Statutes 97A.145, Subd. 2, the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources on February 4, 2020, provided the county board with the following description of lands to be acquired by the State of Minnesota for water, forestry, wildlife, and natural plant community conservation purposes:

S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 15-122N-45W, EXCEPT Tract 7A as conveyed to the State of MN by Warranty Deed recorded in the office of the County Recorder, Big Stone County, Minnesota, in Book 78 of Deeds, on page 1; ALSO EXCEPT Moen's Lot A according to the plat on file in Book 4 of Plats, on page 372.

AND

The W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, EXCEPT Tract 7 as conveyed to the State of MN by Warranty deed recorded in the office of the County Recorder, Big Stone County, Minnesota, in Book 78 of Deeds, on page 1; AND the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 23-122N-45W.

AND

The SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$; Parcel 1, EXCEPTING THEREFROM Lot 1 according to the Auditor's Plat on file in the office of the County Recorder, Big Stone County, Minnesota, in Book 4 of Plats, page 319, and Parcel 2, EXCEPTING the East 5 chains, all being within the S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$; Parcels 4 and 5 being the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$; Parcel 7, EXCEPTING THEREFROM the South 161 feet, being within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 22-122N-45W, all of said parcels being according to the Plat of Big Stone County W.A. No. 3 on file in the office of the County Recorder, Big Stone County, Minnesota, in Large Plat Case 90, subject to the road right-of-way;

AND

All that part of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ lying east of the center line of County State Aid Road #67, subject to road right-of-way, Section 22-122N-45W.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners on February 4, 2020, that the State's proposed acquisition of the above described property be approved.

Scott Gillespie asked the Commissioners to consider a No Net Gain Resolution. Discussion followed and Chairman Athey directed Attorney Glasrud to begin researching a No Net Gain Resolution for Big Stone County.

Chairman Athey adjourned the meeting at 11:05 AM.

Wade Athey, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Heather Henrich, Deputy Auditor