

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
March 19, 2019

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, March 19, 2019. Chairman Sandberg called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Backer, Klepel and Olson present. Also present were Dillon Dwyer of the Ortonville Independent, Highway Maintenance Supervisor Darby Karsky, County Engineer Todd Larson, County Recorder Elaine Martig, County Attorney Joe Glasrud and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the minutes of the March 5th regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Klepel – RLF; BSAG

Olson – PrimeWest; P&Z; Countryside

Sandberg – EM; AIS; Property; Personnel

Athey – Fair Bd; Property; Prairie 5; Extension; P&Z; Personnel

Backer – 1W1P; CEOB

Recorder Martig requested the Board's permission for out of state travel to Iowa for the Fidlal Educational Symposium May 20-22, 2019. Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to authorize the travel and any related expenditures.

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

Atwater Ford	\$ 36,403.00
City of St. Cloud	11,040.83
Counties Providing Technology	4,922.00
GovConnection	12,104.96
Hasslen Construction	14,300.00
Kandiyohi County Sheriff Dept	5,357.20
L&O Acres Transport	2,088.10
Lac qui Parle Sheriff	3,860.02
MacQueen Equipment	2,054.07
Tri County Co-op	3,133.80
West Con	15,940.37
54 payments less than \$2,000	<u>15,187.07</u>
Total	\$126,391.42

Auditor Knutson presented the Limited Use Permit for Snowmobile Trail from MnDOT. This permit is needed to obtain the right to work in the right-of-way prior to snowmobile route changes. Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to adopt the following resolution:

2019-09

IT IS RESOLVED that the County of Big Stone enter into Limited Use Permit No. 0600-0005 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation for the following purposes:

To provide for maintenance and use by the County of Big Stone upon, along and adjacent to Trunk Highway No. 28, 75, 12, 0, 7 the limits of which are defined in said Limited Use Permit.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve said Limited Use Permit and authorizes and directs the County Board Chairperson to execute, on behalf of the County of Big Stone, the aforesaid Limited Use Permit.

Engineer Larson reported on the results of the interviews with architect firms for the design of the new highway building. Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize the hiring of CBS Squared Inc (cbs²), who also happen to be the lowest bid, for architectural services at a cost of \$242,450.

IT Director Terry Ocaña, HR Director Dawn Gregoire and EMD Dona Greiner arrived during the update.

Engineer Larson reported that they had met with representatives from John Deere to discuss issues the department has been having with its motorgraders.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg to ratify the increase of the Highway Department's credit card limit to \$10,000 as requested.

IT Director Ocaña provided an update on the IT meeting he had with CPT Executive Director Les Bruns.

EMD Greiner provided an update on her office's activities and the recent weather issues. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to adopt the following resolution declaring a State of Emergency for Big Stone County:

2019-10

WHEREAS, the flooding impacted the population of Big Stone County and its cities due to the rapid snow melt and spring rains; and

WHEREAS, the flooding event has caused a significant amount of public property damage; and

WHEREAS, the Big Stone County Department of Emergency Management requests the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners to declare Big Stone County in a STATE OF EMERGENCY for the flooding event of 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners declares Big Stone County in a State of Emergency for conditions resulting from the flooding event of March, 2019.

Chairman Sandberg adjourned the meeting at 9:39 AM.

Roger Sandberg, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor