

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
March 21, 2023

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, March 21, 2023. Chairman Olson called the meeting to order with Commissioners Sandberg, Klages, Zimmel and Athey present. Also present was Coordinator Pam Rud. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

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

Motion by Klages, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the minutes of the March 7th regular meeting.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Athey – SWCD, Toqua Park, UMWSD, 1W1P, Extension

Sandberg – Woodland, SWESB

Zimmel – BdSWSD, UMRDC, BSAG, PIC

Klages – Woodland, Toqua Park, AMC Leg, BSAG, Extension

Olson – Countryside

Motion by Athey, seconded by Klages and carried to authorize payment of claims as presented by Auditor-Treasurer Michelle Knutson. Vendors, excluding Family Services, receiving payments in excess of \$2,000 are as follows:

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| Abdo | \$20,000.00 |
| Bob Walsh Enterprises | 33,744.00 |
| CDW Government | 6,207.51 |
| CPT | 6,538.00 |
| HP Inc | 6,604.22 |
| L&O Transport | 3,129.30 |
| Lac qui Parle Sheriff | 3,314.78 |
| Marco | 13,139.54 |
| Midwest Powersports | 28,400.00 |
| SHI International | 3,000.00 |
| Stevens County Sheriff | 2,000.00 |
| West Central Communications | 14,994.52 |
| West Con | 31,300.05 |
| Ziegler | 5,552.10 |
| 38 Payments Less Than \$2,000 | <u>18,128.76</u> |
| Total | \$196,052.78 |

Knutson presented the DNR's resubmitted petition to use County Ditch 2 as an outlet. Viewer Mark Dietz had already been appointed July 21, 2020, when the original petition was submitted. Knutson reported that Dietz stated his report is still applicable for the Board's consideration. The hearing was set for April 18th at 10:00 AM during the regular board meeting.

Environmental Director Darren Wilke requested approval for a summer seasonal technician. This position will be shared with Swift and Lac qui Parle Counties. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to hire a summer technician.

Public Hearing was held regarding Small Cities Development Grant. Jessica Foley with DSI presented the information about the project. There was no public input on the project. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Zimmel and carried to end the public

hearing and open the meeting at 9:02 AM. Motion by Olson, seconded by Zimmel and carried to submit the SCDG application. Commissioners Klages and Sandberg abstained. Motion by Olson, seconded by Zimmel and carried to adopt the SCDG Resolution. Commissioners Klages and Sandberg abstained. Motion by Athey, seconded by Zimmel and carried to approve the RFP for Grant Administration. Commissioners Klages and Sandberg abstained.

Countryside Public Health Director Liz Auch shared information on 2022 activities at Public Health.

County Engineer Jordan Roggenbuck shared updates on various projects at the Highway Department. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Klages and carried to approve 2023 Mill and Overlay projects.

Motion by Klages, seconded by Sandberg and carried to allow the County Engineer to assist the Cities in the County with Engineering services as time allows. Commissioner Zimmel abstained.

Social Service Supervisor, Beth Bohlen shared the results of the Home and Community Based Service review. Big Stone County had no corrections.

Damon deWit with Associated Consulting Engineering presented the Courthouse HVAC design. Motion by Klages, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the design as presented.

Coordinator Rud presented a policy regarding resolutions and proclamations with clarification on what the Board will address. Motion by Sandberg and seconded by Klages to adopt the policy as presented. Following discussion, motion by Athey and seconded by Zimmel to table the policy for a future meeting. Motion to table the topic failed with Athey and Zimmel voting aye and Klages, Olson and Sandberg voting Nay. Motion to approve the policy and to include in the Operating Guidelines, which are reviewed annually, carried with Commissioners Klages, Olson and Sandberg voting aye and Athey and Zimmel voting nay.

Discussion was held on the County Attorney's designation as full time. Attorney Kluver would like the County to undesignated the position as a full time position to allow her to practice law outside of County work. This topic will be discussed at future meetings with a decision to be made in June.

Work session included information on the Annual Township meeting which will be held on Monday March 27th at 7:00 PM at the Clinton Memorial Building.

Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 10:32 AM.

Brent Olson, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Pam Rud, Coordinator