

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**March 5, 2024**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, March 5, 2024. Chairman Sandberg called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Olson, and Klages present. Commissioner Zimmel was absent. Also present were Dillon Dwyer of the Ortonville Independent and Coordinator Pam Rud. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Klages, seconded by Olson and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 20<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried unanimously to approve the agenda with the removal of the request for the unpaid personal leave and the addition of the resignation and rehire.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Athey – P5, Personnel, CD 8, MRC  
Olson – CPH, PLS, AMC Conference  
Klages – CD 8  
Sandberg – MSI, Personnel, CD 8

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

CDW Government	\$ 3,317.10
Creative Disposition	4,000.00
Guardian Fleet Safety	27,446.43
Hancock Concrete Products	11,616.00
L&O Transport	2,584.00
Nelson Electric	2,411.25
Security 101	16,964.93
39 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>16,257.75</u>
Total	<u>\$84,597.46</u>

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

County Engineer Jordan Roggenbuck requested approval on the 2024 seal coat contract with Bituminous Paving Inc for \$362,401.55. Motion by Olson, seconded by Klages and carried unanimously to approve the contact as presented.

Roggenbuck shared an update on the Highway Department activities.

Family Services Director Laura Laub presented the 2024 Woodland Centers Community Support Program Purchase of Service Agreement. Motion by Olson, seconded by Klages and carried unanimously to approve the agreement as presented.

Laub presented an administrative agreement with Carisia Alyea to provide child support services and training for 8-10 hours a week. Motion by Klages, seconded by Olson and carried unanimously to approve the agreement as presented.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried unanimously to accept the resignation of Social Worker Amanda Arndt and approve filling the position.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried unanimously to approve the hiring of Rebecca Trapp as the County Attorney. Trapp will begin with the County on April 1<sup>st</sup> with an annual salary of \$137,571.20.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried unanimously to send a letter of support to the Department of Employment and Economic Development for the Childcare Economic Development Grant that is being submitted by the Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission in coordination with the Southwest Initiative Foundation and Prairie Five.

Chairman Sandberg adjourned the meeting at 9:10 AM.

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Roger Sandberg, Chairman

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