

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**May 2, 2023**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, May 2, 2023. Chairman Olson called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Sandberg, Klages, and Zimmel present. Also present were Dillon Dwyer of the Ortonville Independent and Pam Rud, Coordinator. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Sandberg seconded by Klages and carried to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion by Zimmel, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the minutes of the April 18<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Athey – Fair Board, P5

Sandberg – MSI, SWEMS, Woodland, Food Shelf, Museum, Collaborative

Zimmel – BdSWD, Probation, RDC

Klages – Woodland

Olson – PW, Pioneerland, Supporting Hands

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:

Abdo	\$ 8,000.00
American Solutions for Business	3,326.78
Comm of Transportation	2,813.80
L&O Acres Transport	5,101.51
Ortonville Independent	4,112.82
Renville County Jail	2,884.94
Shores Edge Excavating	3,230.00
Stevens County	8,450.77
Sturdevants	14,617.41
Tri County Co-op Oil	3,319.77
Upper MN Valley RDC	4,820.00
West Con	25,156.97
35 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>10,469.42</u>
Total	<u>\$96,304.19</u>

Motion by Athey, seconded by Zimmel and carried to adopt the following resolution:

**2023-09**

BE IT RESOLVED that Big Stone County act as the legal sponsor for an application for funding to the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for maintenance of snowmobile trails managed by Big Stone Lake Sno Riders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval of its application by the state, Big Stone County may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above referenced project and that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in the agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair of the Big Stone County Commissioners is authorized to sign such an agreement with the Department of Natural Resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Auditor is authorized to serve as the fiscal agent for the above-mentioned project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Big Stone County act as legal sponsor for 32 miles of snowmobile trails in Traverse County beginning north of Graceville and extending north through Wheaton to the White Rock Dam.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Big Stone County act as legal sponsor for 2 miles of snowmobile trails in Traverse County beginning west of Beardsley and extending west to Browns Valley.

Bill Powell was present to discuss the Dilapidated Structure Program and to request that the Board consider increasing the amount from \$3,000.00 to \$4500.00. The Board will consider the increase when developing the 2024 Budget.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to execute the 2023 paving contracts with Bituminous Paving as presented by County Engineer Jordan Roggenbuck.

Motion by Sandberg seconded by Klages and carried to approve the Solid Waste Management Plan and adopt the following resolution as presented by Environmental Director Darren Wilke:

#### **2023-10**

WHEREAS, the legislature of the State of Minnesota requires that Minnesota's counties develop a Solid Waste Management Plan Update in accordance with Minn. Stat. §§ 115A.46; 115A.417; 115A.551, subds. 6-7; 115A.552; 115A.557, subd. 2-3; 115A.63; 115A.84; 115A.914; 115.96, Subd. 6-7; 115A.917; 115A.97; Minn. Rules 9215 and all other applicable statutes and rules; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota counties recognize the need to plan for and practice environmentally sound methods of managing their solid waste stream;

WHEREAS, the state of Minnesota requires Solid Waste Plans to be reviewed and submitted to the Commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for approval at least every ten years; and

WHEREAS, Big Stone County recognizes the need to plan for and implement waste reduction, recycling, yard waste composting, special waste management strategies, and processing of MSW.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESLOVED, that the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners hereby approves and adopts the Big Stone County Solid Waste Management Plan and supporting documentation.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that Big Stone County agrees to maintain and implement the Plan as required by Minn. Rules pt. 9215.0530, subp. 1 and 2.

BE IT THEREFOR FURTHER RESOLVED that the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners submits this document to the Commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency pursuant to applicable Minnesota laws and rules.

Extension Educator Suzanne Souza presented an update on 4-H activities for the past year. Currently there are 243 club members and 54 adult volunteers. Souza reported on the various clubs, school enrichment programs, LEGO robotics program, and partnerships with other entities. Upcoming activities were also discussed.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Klages and carried to approve the 4-year appointment of Engineer Jorden Roggenbuck. The appointment will go through April 30, 2027, when he can be appointed for another 4-year term.

Coordinator Rud shared information from the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) regarding the National Center for Public Lands and their request for Big Stone to participate. Discussion was held about the purpose of the new Center and what it would hope to accomplish. Rud will follow up with AMC with questions.

Work session included a reminder that there will be a work session on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:00 AM.

The Board members continued their meeting with a road tour of the County road system. Engineer Roggenbuck showed various roads and a draft of the 5-year Highway plan.

Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 12:36 PM.

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Brent Olson, Chairman

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