

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
June 1, 2021

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the courtroom at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, June 1, 2021. Chairman Backer called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Klages, Olson and Sandberg present. Also present were Dillon Dwyer of the Ortonville Independent, Attorney Joe Glasrud via TEAMS and Auditor-Treasurer Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

There were no items to be discussed during the work session.

No public comments were received.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Klages and carried to approve the minutes of the May 18th regular meeting.

Motion by Klages, seconded by Athey and carried to approve the agenda.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Olson – Pioneerland

Sandberg – MSI; Property

Athey – Prairie 5; Fair Board

Klages – Personnel (2); Property

Backer – RDC (2); Personnel (2); CPT

Commissioner Olson will represent the County Board at the AMC District 6 Meeting on June 11th.

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

JRH Auto	\$ 3,598.95
Rinke-Noonan	7,509.00
Stevens County	7,547.49
Travis Rolfsmeier/Tubbs	11,726.12
TrueNorth Steel	13,108.35
US Postal Service	4,000.00
West-Con	6,699.00
41 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>13,267.75</u>
Total	\$67,456.66

Auditor-Treasurer Knutson reported on the clarification received from Regional Director Kathy Schwantes regarding the Board's previous questions on the Extension MOA. Motion by Athey, seconded by Klages and carried to execute the 3-year agreement with the U of MN-Extension as presented.

CVSO Ward Odom provided an update on the scanning project in his office.

CVSO Odom requested to outreach to cities in the County on a 3-month trial basis for two afternoons a month. Following discussion, motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to authorize the outreach and any associated costs.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to execute an IT Services Agreement with the Upper MN River Watershed District as presented by IT Director Matt Anderson. Anderson is authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the County.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Klages and carried to register a .GOV domain as requested by IT Director Anderson.

Motion by Klages, seconded by Olson and carried to authorize hiring Rachel Hoernemann for the Seasonal Extension Worker at Grade 1 Step 1 with a tentative effective date of June 3rd as requested by HR Director Dawn Gregoire.

Highway Maintenance Supervisor Darby Karsky presented a map of the proposed paving project around the new highway building. Following discussion, motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the project with the funding coming from the sale of the old highway garage and the gravel tax fund.

Karsky reported that he has been contacted by someone that wants to donate the planting of trees at Toqua Park. Karsky was directed to tell the individual to email Commissioners Athey and Backer, who are on the Park Committee.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to accept a \$200 donation from Gary Voegtli to the Sheriff's Department as presented by Sheriff Mark Brown. The funds will be used for the DARE program.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to adopt the following resolution and execute the Annual County Boat and Water Safety Grant Agreement as presented by Sheriff Mark Brown:

2021-18

WHEREAS under the provisions of M.S. § 86B.105, the Sheriff of each county is required to carry out the provision of Chapter 86B and the Boat and Water Safety Rules, hereinafter referred to as the "Minn. Rules", including patrol, enforcement search and rescue, watercraft inspection, waterway marking and accident investigation, all hereinafter referred to as the "Sheriff's Duties"; and

WHEREAS in connection with the Sheriff's Duties, M.S. § 86B.701 provides that the County submit to the Commissioner of Natural Resources a budget to carry out the Sheriff's Duties; and

WHEREAS M.S. § 86B.701 and the Minn. Rules provide for the allocation of funds by the Commissioner to the County based on certain criteria and conclusions to assist the funding of the Sheriff's Duties; and

WHEREAS the County has submitted a proposed budget to the State.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the State shall reimburse the County up to \$2,091.00 for the activities stated in Chapter 86B.

Ortonville Trap Board member Suzanne Souza was present to request clarification on the interpretation of the CUP and if it would allow the 4-H to utilize the trap range on Sundays from 2-6 PM through the summer months. Environmental Director Darren Wilke presented minutes from the Planning Commission and the Findings of Fact for the Board's review. Currently the CUP allows the range to be used for the OHS trap shooting team on Sundays from 2-7 pm for 9 weeks for the spring season and 6 weeks for the fall season. In addition, the range is open to the public on Wednesdays from 6-9 PM from the start of the spring season through summer and the fall season. Landowner Al Webster stated that he doesn't want to lose what is currently allowed if it were to go back to the Planning Commission and if Wednesdays is the only day allowed at this time, then he would like to see the 4-H use it then. No action was taken at this time. Steve Dragt, Artie Arndt and Jason Mork were also present during the discussion.

Chairman Backer adjourned the meeting at 9:25 AM.

Jay Backer, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor-Treasurer