

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**June 6, 2023**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, June 6, 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 Athey and carried to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion by Klages, seconded by Zimmel and carried to approve the minutes of the May 16<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Athey – CPT

Sandberg – Woodland, Museum, MSI, Insurance, Personnel

Zimmel – RDC

Klages – 1W1P policy, Woodland

Olson – Pioneerland, Insurance, Personnel, PW

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg and carried to authorize payment of claims as presented by Coordinator Rud. Vendors, excluding Family Services, receiving payments in excess of \$2,000 are as follows:

Big Stone Area Hardware	\$ 2,042.24
CDW Government	2,528.02
Hildi Inc	5,500.00
HP Inc	2,949.50
Kris Engineering	3,758.52
Nelson Electric	2,301.60
Northland Business Systems	3,855.29
Renville County Jail	2,043.12
SHI International	24,330.02
Trueman-Welters	3,297.37
Twin Valley Tire	3,923.63
WD Tours	2,150.00
West Con	4,963.10
46 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>18,976.42</u>
Total	<u>\$82,618.83</u>

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

Motion by Olson, seconded by Klages and carried to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Union groups to recognize Juneteenth as a legal holiday in Big Stone County and to add it to the list of recognized holidays for all staff.

Rud reported that Ayden Bonnett has been hired as the Summer Environmental Technician intern.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Klages and carried to increase the beaver bounty from \$75.00 to \$100.00 effective immediately.

Motion by Klages, seconded by Athey and carried to approve the contract for CSAH 1 grading as presented by County Engineer Jorden Roggenbuck.

Motion by Klages seconded by Zimmel and carried to approve the seal coat maintenance contract as presented by Roggenbuck.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Klages and carried to approve the following resolution:

**2023-12**

WHEREAS, Big Stone County supports the grant application made to the Minnesota Department of Transportation for the Carbon Reduction Program. The application is to lease an electric vehicle for the Highway Department.

WHEREAS, the proposed project meets the Carbon Reduction Program by leasing an all-electric vehicle to replace a gasoline powered vehicle.

WHEREAS, Big Stone County recognizes that it has secured \$ 10,000.00 in non- state cash matching funds for this project. Note: a 20% local match is required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, if Big Stone County is awarded a grant and chooses to accept it, by the Minnesota Department of Transportation, Big Stone County will comply with all applicable laws, environmental requirements and regulations as stated in the grant agreement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Big Stone County authorizes the County Engineer and County Coordinator to execute the agreement and any amendments on behalf of Big Stone County.

Roggenbuck provided an update on various Highway Department activities and presented information to the Board regarding the 5-year construction and equipment plans. After thorough explanation of the process of how it was developed, motion by Athey, seconded by Klages and carried to approve the 5-year Highway Construction plan as presented by Roggenbuck.

Motion by Klages, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the 5-year Highway Equipment purchase plan as presented by Roggenbuck.

Building Maintenance Supervisor Jared Heck presented information on the Courthouse alley project and what the City of Ortonville plans to complete. Motion by Athey, seconded by Zimmel and carried to coordinate with the city and replace the parking area in the alley and either replace or line the sanitary pipe in the alley. Heck will bring more information as he works with the contractors on options.

Work session included discussion on the museum and the need to repairs to the church building. Commissioner Sandberg will bring a request to the next board meeting to approve \$10,000 for this repair. This would cover a portion of the repairs and he will provide bids for the project that were received.

Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 9:53 AM.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Brent Olson, Chairman

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