

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**July 16, 2024**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, July 16, 2024. Chairman Sandberg called the meeting to order with Commissioners Olson, Zimmel, Klages, and Athey present. Also present were Dillon Dwyer of the Ortonville Independent, County Attorney Rebecca Trapp and Coordinator Pam Rud. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Zimmel and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the July 2<sup>nd</sup> regular meeting.

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

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Zimmel – BSAG, JD4, Western Probation

Athey – JD4, Fair

Olson – JD4

Motion by Athey, seconded by Klages 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:

Associated Consulting Engineering	\$ 2,700.00
Commissioner of Transportation	2,139.46
Erickson Engineering	2,760.00
Kandiyohi County Sheriff Dept	38,110.33
MCIT	2,449.51
Ortonville Independent	2,436.42
Red River Watershed Mgmt Bd	11,712.50
Regents of the U of MN	20,162.00
Saxton Fleet Services	73,346.66
Stevens County	2,801.90
Tessier's Inc	86,257.68
West Con	21,965.43
48 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>24,715.35</u>
Total	\$291,557.24

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

Sheriff Mark Brown requested permission to sell the 2015 Ford 150. Motion by Olson, seconded by Zimmel and carried unanimously to sell the truck.

IT Director Matt Anderson presented information and quotes for a firewall replacement. Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of a new firewall as recommended by Anderson.

Richard Strei was present to discuss concerns with a ditch in Otrej Township. County Engineer Jordan Roggenbuck and Amber Doschadis with the Upper Minnesota River Watershed District were present to share information regarding this concern. No action was taken.

Family Services Director Laura Laub presented the Lead Agency Employment First Capacity Building Grant for approval to submit an application. Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried unanimously to approve the grant application.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Zimmel and carried unanimously to approve the MnRAA grant application for LSS Senior Support Services as presented by Laub.

Deputy Emergency Management Director Val Siefert presented a letter to Governor Walz requesting assistance from the State for the recent damage from the heavy rainfall events. Motion by Klages, seconded by Athey and carried unanimously to approve the letter as presented.

Seifert provided an update on recent activities with the Emergency Management Department and the after-action report from the events in May and April 2022.

Coordinator Rud opened the only bid received for the farm leases in Browns Valley Township:

Section 16 (Landfill)	Jeff Schmidt	\$176/acre
Section 31 (Rieck Pit)	Jeff Schmidt	\$136/acre

Motion by Olson, seconded by Athey and carried to accept the high bids from Jeff Schmidt.

Work Session included information from Commissioner Klages that the Artichoke/Otrey First Responders are now active.

Chairman Sandberg adjourned the meeting at 9:42 AM.

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Roger Sandberg, Chairman

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