

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD  
July 19, 2022**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, July 19, 2022. Chairman Klages called the meeting to order with Commissioners Sandberg, Olson, Backer and Athey present. Also present were Dillon Dwyer of the Ortonville Independent and Coordinator Pam Rud. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the minutes of the July 5<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and July 15<sup>th</sup> special meeting.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the agenda with the addition of VFW temporary off-site liquor license.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

- Sandberg – Museum, Property (2)
- Olson – PW
- Backer – BSAG
- Athey – UMRWD, Fair Board, HRA
- Klages – Property (2), BSAG

Emergency Management Director Dona Greiner provided an emergency management update and a disaster declaration update. Greiner shared that Deputy Emergency Management Director Val Seifert has completed the Basic Certification and Director/Practitioner Certification. The Board congratulated Val on this accomplishment.

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

Amchar Wholesale	\$ 2,715.56
Associated Consulting Engineering	3,000.00
CPT	5,837.00
Government Forms & Supplies	3,910.48
Kandiyohi County Sheriff Dept	38,607.82
Nelson Electric	13,918.44
RDO Equipment	220,971.95
Regents of the U of MN	19,237.25
The Shop	3,480.10
Titan Machinery	98,500.00
Tri County Co-Op Oil	7,082.40
48 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>21,839.98</u>
Total	<u>\$439,100.98</u>

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to authorize the following internal transactions:

General to Highway	\$ 3,423.39
Family Services to Highway	\$ 91.03
Ditch to Highway	\$ 5,680.89
County Ditch 2	\$4,377.53
County Ditch 13	\$143.43
County Ditch 16	\$1,159.93

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

Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the dilapidated structure application from Wayne Fuhrman for parcel 19-0144-000 and contribute \$3,000 towards the project with an additional \$1,000 towards asbestos removal.

Knutson presented information regarding current fleet gas cards and requested that the County move to WEX Bank. Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to switch vendors and authorize Auditor-Treasurer Knutson to sign the agreement with WEX Bank for fleet card services.

County Engineer Todd Larson provided an update on projects at the Highway Department. Discussion was held on the highway shop floor and how to best remedy the carbonization issue with the concrete. Larson has contacted AET for a professional opinion on next steps and will bring it back to the next Board meeting for further discussion. Foster Township requested that County provide blading and snow removal for their township. County staff will meet with Township supervisors to discuss options. Larson set the 5-year budget planning meeting for August 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM at the Highway conference room.

Family Service Director Laura Laub provided an update on Family Service activities. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to approve payment of the warrants. Laub informed the Board that she signed the LCTS contract with DHS.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Olson and carried to hire Jason Mork as a full time Deputy Sheriff starting August 1<sup>st</sup> at Grade 10 Step 12.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the liquor license for Club 7-75.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the temporary off-site liquor license for the VFW.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Athey and carried to pay the Graceville Ambulance \$60,000 for the purpose of purchasing a new ambulance. The money for this request will come from levy dollars that were reallocated due to the use of America Rescue Plan (ARP) dollars for payroll expenses.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the resignation of Chelsea Hauschild as Eligibility Worker effective July 26, 2022.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Athey and carried to approve filing the Eligibility Worker position.

Work session was held with discussion on the 2023 budget.

Commissioner Klages adjourned the meeting at 10:11 AM.

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Jeff Klages, Chairman

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