

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
September 19, 2023

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, September 19, 2023. Chairman Olson called the meeting to order with Commissioners Sandberg, Zimmel, and Athey present. Commissioner Klages was not present. Also present were Dillon Dwyer of the Ortonville Independent and Coordinator Pam Rud. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Zimmel and carried to approve the agenda.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Zimmel and carried to approve the minutes of the September 5th regular meeting.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Athey – HRA, SWCD, MRC, CD 10/11

Sandberg – CD 10/11

Zimmel – BSAG, AMC policy conference, Toqua Park, PIC

Olson – PW, CD 10/11

Motion by Athey, seconded by Sandberg 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:

Anoka County	\$ 3,900.00
CPT	6,538.00
Creative Disposition	2,000.00
H & H Car Care	2,229.73
Kandiyohi County Sheriff Dept	6,418.86
MMB Treasury	2,360.50
Motorola	37,728.84
RDO Equipment	308,036.55
Security 101	5,019.60
Stevens County	2,013.65
Traverse County Sheriff	2,348.00
TrueNorth Steel	13,640.20
West Con	31,851.85
37 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>14,616.15</u>
Total	\$438,701.93

Sheriff Mark Brown requested permission to donate our previous radios to our Fire/EMS services in the County. Motion by Athey, seconded by Zimmel and carried to allow Sheriff Brown to donate radios to various departments.

Family Service Director Laura Laub brought a Memorandum of Agreement for Children's Dental Services to provide dental services at the Family Service Agency. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to approve the MOA with Children's Dental Services.

Countryside Public Health Director Liz Auch provided an update on Public Health activities and an overview of the 2024 budget. Big Stone will be paying \$4665.00 less in 2024 due to the county contribution formula. Auch also discussed the Opioid Collaborative by-laws and will be sending them out so the Board and County Attorney can review before further discussion, or a decision is made.

Engineer Jordan Roggenbuck provided an update on various Highway Department activities and requested approval for the final payment to Midwest Contracting for the CSAH1 grading project.

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

2023-16

WHEREAS, Contract No. 2023-4 has in all things been completed and the County Board being fully advised in the premises.

NOW THEN BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby accepts said completed project for and on behalf of the County of Big Stone, and authorize final payment to Midwest Contracting, LLC in the amount shown on final pay estimate.

Environmental Director Darren Wilke brought 2024 proposed permit fee schedule to the Board for consideration. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the permit fee increases for 2024.

Coordinator Rud informed the Board that the County was awarded the Small Cities Development Grant for \$599,265.00.

Discussion was held on the 2024 preliminary budget. HRA's levy request was also reviewed. Consensus was to appropriate \$40,000 of available housing subsidy funds to HRA for 2024 in place of their levy request. There was also consensus to use reserves to reach a net levy increase of 10%.

Following the budget discussion, motion by Sandberg, seconded by Olson and carried to adopt the following resolution:

2023-17

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the proposed 2024 budget be approved and the net levy be established at \$6,060,200.

The public meeting to take comments on the proposed budget and levy was set for Thursday, December 7th at 6:00 PM in the Commissioners' Room.

The start time of the December 7th board meeting was changed to 5:00 PM to accommodate the public comment period for the 2024 budget and levy.

The work session included discussion on changing the status of the County Attorney to part-time to allow for practice outside of County work. This will be brought to a future meeting for a decision.

Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 9:54 AM.

Brent Olson, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Pam Rud, Coordinator