

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
September 3, 2019

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, September 3, 2019. Chairman Sandberg called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Klepel and Olson present. Also present were Dillon Dwyer of the Ortonville Independent, Mary Meyer, Mary Gustafson, Janet Spalinger, HR Director Dawn Gregoire and County Auditor Michelle Knutson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. Commissioner Backer arrived at the meeting.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Klepel and carried to approve the minutes of the August 20th regular meeting and highway 5-year plan meeting.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the agenda with noted addition for a letter to the Governor regarding PrimeWest Health.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Olson – PrimeWest

Sandberg – MSI; Personnel; Dept Head

Athey – Fair Board; Prairie 5; Personnel

Backer – CPT; RDC

County Attorney Joe Glasrud and Sheriff Mark Brown arrived at the meeting during committee reports.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the Cup Lake Water Control Structure Easement Agreement as recommended by Attorney Glasrud.

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

CBS Squared	\$ 3,217.51
Lac qui Parle Sheriff	4,732.50
Ratwik, Roszak & Maloney	2,786.20
Regents of the U of MN	2,971.13
Twin Valley Tire	3,855.00
Yellow Medicine County Jail	2,200.00
32 payments less than \$2,000	<u>12,752.42</u>
Total	\$32,517.76

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to re-appoint Rondi Lillehaug for a 5-year term to the HRA Board effective October 1st.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Olson and carried adopt the following resolution proclaiming September 19th as CareerForce Day in Big Stone County:

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WHEREAS, CareerForce is Minnesota's career development and talent matching resource; and

WHEREAS, unifying all elements of Minnesota's workforce system under the CareerForce brand will increase efficiency, improve communication and enhance collaboration between CareerForce staff and partners, enhancing customer service and improving outcomes for career seekers, employers, communities and Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota is known for its world class workforce; and

WHEREAS, unprecedented changes in our state demographics between 2015 and 2035, including more than a half million people reaching the age of 65 and a decline in

the share of the working age population from 62% to 57%, mean employers and Minnesota's workforce system must work together to bring all of our population who need sustainable employment into the workforce; and

WHEREAS, by 2035, one in four Minnesotans will be from a community of color or Indigenous population; and

WHEREAS, bringing all Minnesotans who need sustainable employment into the workforce will help address employment and economic disparities based on race, disability, veteran status or past criminal record; and

WHEREAS, CareerForce, both online and in person, provides tailored resources to help meet the needs of all Minnesota career seekers and employers; and

WHEREAS, CareerForce serves employers by helping them find the right workers from entry level to highly skilled through support for hiring events, workforce strategy development, custom labor market information and analysis and no-fee online job posting; and

WHEREAS, CareerForce serves career seekers no matter where they are in their career from just starting out to mid-level management and beyond through customized career planning, resume revision and interview preparation, plus education and training for eligible career seekers and the ability to search thousands of open positions online; and

WHEREAS, CareerForce is Minnesota's unified workforce system, helping drive prosperity for all Minnesotans.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Big Stone County Commissioners do hereby proclaim that September 19, 2019 shall be observed as CareerForce Day in Big Stone County.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Klepel and carried to adopt the following resolution declaring the official intent to reimburse certain expenditures from the proceeds of bonds to be issued:

2019-22

WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Service has issued Treas. Reg. § 1.150-2 (the "Reimbursement Regulations") providing that proceeds of tax-exempt bonds used to reimburse prior expenditures will not be deemed spent unless certain requirements are met; and

WHEREAS, Big Stone County (the "County") expects to incur certain expenditures that may be funded temporarily from sources other than tax-exempt bonds, and reimbursed from the proceeds of a subsequent tax-exempt bond issue; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined to make this declaration of official intent ("Declaration") to reimburse certain costs from the proceeds of tax-exempt bonds in accordance with the Reimbursement Regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. The County intends to build a new County Highway Maintenance Facility in Ortonville, with architectural and engineering design occurring primarily in 2019 and construction occurring in 2020 and 2021 (the "Project").

2. The County reasonably expects to reimburse the expenditures made for certain costs of the Project from the proceeds of tax-exempt bonds in an estimated maximum principal amount of \$5,840,000. All reimbursed expenditures will be capital

expenditures, costs of issuance of the bonds, or other expenditures eligible for reimbursement under Section 1.150-2(d)(3) of the Reimbursement Regulations.

3. This Declaration has been made not later than 60 days after payment of any original expenditure to be subject to a reimbursement allocation with respect to the proceeds of bonds, except for the following expenditures: (a) costs of issuance of bonds; (b) costs in an amount not in excess of \$100,000 or 5 percent of the proceeds of an issue; or (c) "preliminary expenditures" up to an amount not in excess of 20 percent of the aggregate issue price of the issue or issues that finance or are reasonably expected by the County to finance the project for which the preliminary expenditures were incurred. The term "preliminary expenditures" includes architectural, engineering, surveying, bond issuance, and similar costs that are incurred prior to commencement of acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of a project, other than land acquisition, site preparation, and similar costs incident to commencement of construction.

4. This Declaration is an expression of the reasonable expectations of the County based on the facts and circumstances known to the County as of the date hereof. The anticipated original expenditures for the Project and the principal amount of the bonds described in paragraph 2 are consistent with the County's budgetary and financial circumstances. No sources other than proceeds of bonds to be issued by the County are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside pursuant to the County's budget or financial policies to pay such Project expenditures.

5. This Declaration is intended to constitute a declaration of official intent for purposes of the Reimbursement Regulations.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to send a letter to Governor Walz expressing the County's concern about DHS's decision to take single plan status away from PrimeWest.

HR Director Gregoire reviewed needed cafeteria enrollment changes and the corresponding need to update the Flex Plan. Motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to approve the changes and update the Flex Plan accordingly as recommended by Gregoire.

Motion by Backer, seconded by Klepel and carried to accept the proposal for the new premise logger in the amount of \$15,900 and authorize Sheriff Brown to sign on behalf of the County.

There was some discussion on the County's 2020 budget while waiting for the next board appointment.

Attorney Glasrud returned to the meeting.

Court Services Officer Tony Frisch was present to provide an update on probation activities. He reported that there is a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) in draft form and that a Joint Powers Corrections Board is being established. The Board will be made up of 2 judges and 1 commissioner from each of the participating counties. Frisch reviewed the timeline of the Board's tentative schedule. Frisch also reviewed the 2020 probation budget and statistics. Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to appoint Commissioner Backer as the County's representative to the Joint Powers Board with Commissioner Klepel as the alternate.

Jason Swanson and Bob Roesler from Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging (MNRAAA) were present to provide an update on the agency's activities and to publicly

recognize and thank Social Worker Rose Schlieman for her service on the MNRAA Board. Betty Christensen from MNRAAA, Family Services Director Pam Rud and Social Services Supervisor Laura Laub were also present to show support for Rose's work on the Board.

Following a short break, motion by Olson, seconded by Backer and carried to appoint Joe Berning as the County's lay representative to the Countryside Public Health Board.

The remainder of the meeting was a work session to continue reviewing the County's 2020 budget. BSAG representatives Becky Parker and Vince Robinson were present for the budget discussion on the BSAG budget request.

Chairman Sandberg adjourned the meeting at 10:42 AM.

Roger Sandberg, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor