

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD**  
**September 5, 2023**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, September 5, 2023. Chairman Olson called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Sandberg, Klages, and Zimmel present. Also present was Coordinator Pam Rud. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to approve the agenda with the removal of Countryside Public Health update.

Motion by Klages, seconded by Sandberg and carried to approve the minutes of the August 15<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

Commissioners reported on the following committees:

Athey – P5

Sandberg – MSI, Woodlands, Museum, Insurance, Personnel

Zimmel – BdSWD

Klages – Woodland

Olson – Pioneerland, Insurance, CPT, Personnel

Motion by Athey, seconded by Zimmel 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:

Big Stone Ag Service	\$ 7,945.36
Hancock Concrete Products	3,246.85
Hart Intercivic	2,012.32
Kris Engineering	9,770.99
Renville County Jail	3,193.34
Tri County Co-op Oil Assn	3,168.00
Ziegler	2,808.66
52 Payments Less Than \$2,000	<u>14,153.76</u>
Total	\$46,299.28

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

Highway Maintenance Supervisor Darwin Karsky shared information regarding a request to clean combined ditch 10 & 11. A ditch meeting will be scheduled with Stevens County to discuss and decide what action to take.

Graceville City Administrator Scott Bauer shared information on a grant from Essentia Health and Countryside Public Health to the City of Graceville for frisbee golf equipment. Bauer was looking for approval from the County to place this equipment on County property near Toqua Park. Motion by Athey, seconded by Zimmel and carried to allow the use of County property for this project.

Family Service Director Laura Laub requested approval to ratify the PrimeWest reinvestment grant and authorize Laub to sign for the grant. Motion by Klages, seconded by Sandberg and carried to ratify the reinvestment grant and authorize Laub to sign the agreement.

Motion by Zimmel, seconded by Klages and carried to accept the \$1079.80 donation from Dream for Kids committee.

Laub shared a letter that she received from Dr. Kjos at Woodland Centers indicating that the detox center in Willmar will be closing effective 12/31/23.

Sheriff Mark Brown requested approval to donate AEDs to various groups throughout the County. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Athey and carried to donate AEDs to groups throughout the County as identified by the Sheriff.

Coordinator Rud shared the MCIT EAP report for the past quarter. Rud informed the Board that Logan Nadgwick has been hired as the new Appraiser starting September 5<sup>th</sup> and Shane Maas has been hired as the new Highway Maintenance Worker and has a tentative start date of September 18<sup>th</sup>.

Work session included comments from Representative Paul Anderson on the past legislative session and looking ahead to the next session. The 2024 Budget was also discussed during the work session. Further discussion on the budget will happen at the next Board meeting when we set the preliminary budget and levy.

Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 9:46 AM.

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Brent Olson, Chairman

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