

PUBLIC NOTICE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD

August 4, 2026
The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, August 4, 2026. Chairman Zimmel called the meeting to order with Commissioners Klages, Rademacher, Thyne and Athey present. Also present were Mike Swenson of the Ortonville Independent, County Attorney Rebecca Trapp and Coordinator Pam Rud. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.
Motion by Klages, seconded by Rademacher and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the July 21st regular board meeting.
Motion by Thyne, seconded by Rademacher and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.
Commissioners reported on their respective committees.
Motion by Athey, seconded by Klages and carried unanimously to authorize payment of claims as presented by Finance & Government Services Director Cindy Brehmer. Vendors, excluding Family Services, receiving payments in excess of \$2,000 are as follows:

Devolutions Inc	\$2,430.00
H2Over Viewers	23,914.05
SHI International	2,061.00
Twin Valley Tire	4,384.34
Western Consolidated Coop	30,288.30
33 Pymts Less Than \$2,000	16,653.39

Total \$79,731.08
Human Resources Manager Heather Henrich presented the RFP results for Life Insurance for employees. The Insurance Committee reviewed the results and is recommending that the county approve the proposal from Minnesota Life Insurance. Motion by Klages, seconded by Thyne and carried unanimously to approve the life insurance carrier as recommended by the Insurance Committee.
Henrich presented the 2027 Prime Health rates which averaged a 9% increase and requested that the Board approve the rates as presented and increase the health insurance contribution by \$104.00 per month. This only applies to staff taking the county sponsored health insurance. does not apply to employees not taking the health insurance. Motion by Klages, seconded by Rademacher and carried unanimously to approve the rates and increase as presented.
Building Maintenance Supervisor Jared Heck presented options for the Toqua Park playground. Motion by Athey, seconded by Klages and carried unanimously to authorize the purchase of playground equipment from Flagship Recreation not to exceed \$90,000.00.
Heck shared information on the mulch for the Toqua Park playground and the lowest bid was to Flagship Recreation for \$20,810.00. Motion by Athey, seconded by Thyne and carried unanimously to purchase the mulch as presented.
County Engineer Jorden Roggenbuck requested that the Board allow the highway department to bid SAP 006-599-011, Akron Township Bridge 06J18.

Motion by Klages, seconded by Thyne and carried unanimously to approve as presented.
Roggenbuck presented information to the Board regarding the 5-year construction plan. Motion by Klages, seconded by Athey and carried unanimously to approve the 5-year Highway Construction plan as presented.
Roggenbuck presented information to the Board regarding the 5-year equipment plan. Motion by Klages, seconded by Rademacher and carried unanimously to approve the 5-year Equipment Plan as presented.
Roggenbuck requested that the 2027 tandem truck be ordered now for a lower rate with payment and delivery in 2027. Motion by Klages, seconded by Thyne and carried unanimously to order the truck now for 2027.
Rud presented a temporary part-time request from Nicole Albin in the Finance and Government Services Department. She is requesting to work 3 days per week from August 24th through September 25th. Motion by Thyne, seconded by Athey and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented.
Rud informed the Board that Kayla Conroy has been hired as an Eligibility Worker at Family Services and will begin on August 17th.
Chairman Zimmel adjourned the meeting at 9:53 AM.
Pam Rud
Coordinator
Chad Zimmel
Chairman

NOTICE DISTRICT COURT EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION Court File No. 06-PR-26-136 STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF BIG STONE

NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In Re: Estate of RALPH DENNIS MAANUM, AKA R. DENNIS MAANUM, AKA DENNIS MAANUM, AKA TOBY MAANUM,

DECEDENT.
It is Ordered and Notice is given that on 9/23/2026 at 8:30 A.M., a hearing will be held in this Court at Ortonville, Minnesota, on a petition for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Decedent's Will dated December 15, 2023, and First Codicil dated June 3, 2024, and for the appointment of Thomas J. Maanum, whose address is 72445 State Highway 28, Graceville, MN 56240 and Michael D. Maanum, whose address is 207 2nd Avenue, Johnson, MN 56236 as personal representatives of the Decedent's estate in an unsupervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representatives will be appointed with the full power to administer the Decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; sell real and personal property; and do all necessary acts for the Decedent's estate.

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

BY THE COURT
Benjamin Wilcox (Judge)
Judge of District Court

Dated: August 5, 2026

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ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER

(Aug. 18, & 25, 2026)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF BIG STONE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case Type: Civil Other/
Mortgage Foreclosure

U.S. Bank National Association,
Court File No. 06-CV-25-174

Plaintiff,

vs. NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE UNDER JUDGMENT AND DECREE (Real Property)

Bryan Koch; Meggin Nitz Koch; Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Minnesota Housing Finance Agency; Velocity Investments, LLC; John Doe and Mary Roe,

Defendants.

Notice is hereby given, that under and by virtue of a Judgment and Decree entered in the above entitled action on July 15, 2026, a certified copy of which has been delivered to me directing the sale of the premises, hereinafter described, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due said Plaintiff in the above entitled action, as prescribed in the Judgment, the undersigned Sheriff of Big Stone County will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, on October 1, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.,

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LANDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the parcels of land described in the List of Tax-Forfeited Land contained herein shall be offered for sale to the highest bidder through a public auction. Complete auction details including full terms and conditions, disclosures, and additional auction information can be found on the County website www.big-stonecounty.gov. The sales will be governed by the provisions of M.S. (Minnesota Statute) 282.01 and 282.005. The parcels are classified as non-conservation land. All new forfeitures will be offered at public auction at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, September 24, 2026 at the Big Stone County Courthouse. Properties are first offered at the Initial Price, which is current Estimated Market Value (EMV) at the time of forfeiture. Properties that are not sold will be available over the counter for the EMV for 30 days after the sale. If property does not sell at the Initial Price, the price for the property will be adjusted to the Minimum Bid Price (delinquent balance plus forfeiture costs) and offered for auction again on Wednesday, October 28, 2026 starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Big Stone County Courthouse.

LIST OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND FOR PUBLIC SALE			
PID and Description	Estimated Market Value	Assessments Before Forfeiture	
04-0172-000 Lot 2 & 1/6 INT in Lot 7, of subdivision of Sublot A of OL 4 of GL 1, together with easement, Sec: 19, Twp: 122, Rg:46	\$128,400	\$185.00	
17-0284-000 Outlot 26, City of Clinton	\$2,300	\$2167.53	
21-0029-000 N ½ Lot 11, BLK 3, Original Plat, Village of Odessa	\$300	\$16708.48	
21-0074-000 Lots 22&23, BLK 7, Original Plat, Village of Odessa	\$400	\$8535.24	
21-0126-000 Lot 2&3, BLK 20, Original Plat, Village of Odessa	\$600	\$6958.36	
22-0197-000 (Ex 1') All Lot 15, BLK 13, Original, City of Ortonville	\$3,100	\$4453.02	
22-0662-000 Lot 2 (Ex RY), BLK 2, State's Add, City of Ortonville	\$14,800	\$5889.65	

In addition to the sale price, the following extra fees will be collected when the sale price is paid: a 3% surcharge for the state assurance account, a state deed fee of \$25.00, a deed filing fee of \$46.00, and a state deed tax of .33% of the sale price with a minimum amount due of \$1.65.

The balance of any special assessments that were levied before forfeiture and canceled at forfeiture may be reassessed by the taxing district. These special assessments are shown on the list of tax- forfeited land under the column entitled "Assessments Before Forfeiture."

Information about the sale of tax-forfeited land in Big Stone County can be obtained at the office of the County Auditor-Treasurer, 20 2nd Street SE, Ortonville, MN 56278 and phone number is 320-839-6366

Given under my hand and official seal at Ortonville, Minnesota, this 21st day of August 2026.

Cindy Brehmer
Big Stone County Director of Finance & Government

NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE UPPER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 2027

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Managers of the Upper Minnesota River Watershed District proposes to adopt a total budget not to exceed \$391,428.00 for the year 2027.

A hearing shall be held by the Managers of the District on the 8th day of September 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Upper Minnesota River Watershed District office located at 211 2nd Street SE, Ortonville, Minnesota.

Amber Doschadis, Director

(Aug 25, Sept 1 2026)

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at the Big Stone County Sheriff's Office, 11 2nd St. SE, Suite 101, Ortonville MN 56278, the premises and real estate described in said Judgment and Decree, to-wit:

All that tract(s) of parcel(s) of land lying and being in the County of Big Stone and State of Minnesota, described as follows, to-wit:

STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF BIG STONE, AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
LOT TWO (2), HILLTOP LOTS, LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (NE 1/4 SW 1/4), SECTION TWENTY-NINE (29), TOWNSHIP ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO (122) NORTH, RANGE FORTY-SIX (46) WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., ACCORDING TO THE PLAT ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER, BIG STONE COUNTY, MINNESOTA, IN LARGE PLAT CASE, PAGE 137;

AND

LOT G OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (NE 1/4 SW 1/4), SECTION TWENTY-NINE (29), TOWNSHIP ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO (122) NORTH, RANGE FORTY-SIX (46) WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., ACCORDING TO THE PLAT ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER, BIG STONE COUNTY, MINNESOTA. IN BOOK 6 OF PLATS, PAGE 87

Address: 38678 State Highway 7, Ortonville, MN 56278
Parcel ID: 04-0292-000

"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."
Dated this 4th day of August, 2026

Mark Brown, Sheriff,
Big Stone County, Minnesota

By: /s/ Mark Brown

Mark Brown, Sheriff

LIEBO, WEINGARDEN, DOBIE & BAR-BEE PLLP
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19-25-005907 FC

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

(Aug. 11, 18, 25, Sept. 1, 8, 15)

Ortonville School Board Proceedings

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2903
BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, July 22, 2026
5:30 PM Media Center
(Approved Proceedings)

Call to Order
Board Members Present: Pete Vangsness, Emily Sigler, Nancie Haukos, Lindsey Lee, Heather Henrich

Board Members Absent: Brett Kaye
Visitors Present: Mike Swenson, Thomas Froland, Meggan Karels, Heather Rise, Kathryn Melton, Andy Strei, Amanda Arndt, Kyle Arndt, Austin Schoon
Oath of Office: Interim School Board Member: Emily Sigler
Recognition of visitors to the Board Meeting

27.01 Action: Consideration of Agenda

Motion: Lindsey L 2nd: Nancie H unanimously approved 27.02 Consent Items:

27.02.01 Approval of 06.15.26 School Board Meeting Minutes

27.02.02 Consideration of bills and authorization to pay

27.02.03 Approve cash balance sheets and investments

27.02.04 Approve Teaching Contract for Shelby Morales - Elementary

27.02.05 Approve Teaching Contract for Alex Ourada - Special Education

27.02.06 Approve Contract for Jill Dale as Business Teacher and BPA Advisor.

27.02.07 Approve Long Term Substitute Teaching Contract for Nikki Evje and Beth Wagner (Splitting 2nd Grade LTS Position)

27.02.08 Approve Contracts for Mari Athey, Caiti Conroy, and Courtney Giese as JH Volleyball Coaches(Splitting the 2 JH positions)

27.02.09 Approve Contract for Rebecca Larson as 0.5 Special Education Teacher(Tier 1)

27.02.10 Accept Resignation of Dominique Boerger as Asst. Baseball Coach

Motion:Emily S 2nd:Nancie H unanimously approved

Information Items:
Discussion Items:
Action Items:

27.03 Accept Donation of \$3,000 from the Gene Haas Foundation to the Robotics Team/Program for their Team Competition Sponsorship.

Motion: Lindsey L 2nd: Emily S unanimously approved

27.04 Accept Donations of Equipment to the Industrial Arts Department from Tom Walsh. Items donated include: Qty. 6 - 3M 60 grit New Belt Sanders valued @ \$53.00 each Qty. 3-3M 100 grit New Belt Sanders valued @ \$53.00 each Qty. 3-3M 150 grit New Belt Sanders valued @ \$53.00 each Total value \$636.00
Motion: Nancie H 2nd: Lindsey L unanimously approved

27.05 Accept Grant Donation of \$3,000 from POET.

We have been awarded a \$3,000 Local Impact Grant from POET. We applied for these funds to go directly into our new

Agricultural Education Department with a specific call out to a real-world collaborative Field to Fuel Unit of study. We thank Poet for their continued support of our local programming.

Motion: Emily S 2nd: Nancie H unanimously approved

27.06 Accept donation of \$150 from Ortonville School Foundation.
Proceeds from this donation went to the FCCLA program, specifically to offset costs associated with Archer Dorry's National Competition in Washington, D.C. earlier this month.

Motion: Lindsey L 2nd: Nancie H unanimously approved

27.07 Set Substitute Teaching and Support Staff Rates of Pay for the 26-27 School Year.

Previous Year rate was \$160 certified for Full Day & \$80 for ½ day for Certified. For Non-Certified the rates were \$120 for a Full Day and \$60 for a ½ day.

Area median rates are: \$175 for Full Day for Certified and \$115 for a Full Day. Consideration given to increasing certified and remaining the same for non-certified short-call substitute rates of pay
Motion to approve \$176 certified for Full Day & \$88 for ½ day for Certified, Non-Certified no change: Lindsey L 2nd: Emily S unanimously approved

27.08 Approve Updated Model MSBA Policies.

Linked is a list of legislatively driven technical and substantive updates to policies. MSBA guidance and existing policy 208 allow for school boards to adopt the changes that directly quote recent legislation updates in one meeting.

Motion: Nancie H 2nd: Lindsey L unanimously approved

27.09 Approve Updated Service Agreement for the 2026-2027 School Year between the Ortonville School District and New Tech High

Motion: Nancie H 2nd: Heather H unanimously approved

27.10 Approve the Agreement between Big Stone County Family Services and Ortonville Public Schools. This will ensure the continuation of services provided by Greater Minnesota Family Services within the Ortonville Public Schools.

Motion: Lindsey L 2nd: Heather H unanimously approved

27.11 Approve the 2026-2027 Agreement between Ortonville Principal's Association and Ortonville School District.

Motion: Emily S 2nd: Nancie H unanimously approved

27.12 Consideration of Advertisement with Western Minnesota Prairie Waters. Linked are past examples and pricing for advertisements from some area schools that were included in the annual Visitor & Relocation Guide.

Motion for half page advertisement: Heather H 2nd: Lindsey L unanimously approved

27.13 AGREEMENT FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE PLACEMENT

This is the updated version of an agreement we have had in place with Big Stone county for years and needs updated dates and signatures.

Motion: Nancie H 2nd: Lindsey L unanimously approved

27.14 Accept Dairy Bid for 2026-2027 School Year.

Cass Clay and Prairie Farms both suc-

cessfully submitted their bid inside of the allotted time frame. Based on bid analysis of pricing, it is the recommendation of the Food Service Director and Business Office to award the bid to Kemps/Cass Clay.

Motion: Lindsey L 2nd: Heather H unanimously approved

27.15 Resolution approving FY27 10 Year Long Term Facilities Maintenance(LTFM) Plan.

Motion: Pete V 2nd:Nancie H roll call 5-0

27.16 Resolution calling for General Election of Ortonville School District School Board Members.

On November 3, 2026, there will be three positions up for elections for four year terms starting January of 2027.

Motion: Pete V 2nd:Nancie H roll call 5-0

27.17 Set the date for Canvassing of the November election.

We will look to set a date and time to canvass results of November elections. We will look for a time on either November 12th or 13th.

Motion to approve November 12th at 7:30am: Heather H 2nd: Nancie H unanimously approved

27.18 RESOLUTION RELATING TO DETERMINING THE NECESSITY OF REVOKING AN EXISTING REFERENDUM AUTHORIZATION, APPROVING A NEW REFERENDUM REVENUE AUTHORIZATION INCREASING THE GENERAL EDUCATION REVENUE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, APPROVING A NEW CAPITAL PROJECT LEVY AUTHORIZATION AND THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS.

Motion: Heather H 2nd: Nancie H roll call 5-0

27.02.19 Approve Contract for Vanessa Brehmer as a 0.5 FTE School Readiness Preschool Instructor for the 2026-2027 school year.

This is to support the 3-year-old pre-school program with this position being necessary due to enrollment numbers and the need to maintain appropriate student-to-adult ratios as well as program quality.

Motion: Lindsey L 2nd: Emily S unanimously approved

27.02.20 Approve Contract for Matt Fellows as Activities Director and Student Programs Coordinator for 2026-2027 School Year.

This is split with additional compensation deferred & contingent upon completion of all required Driver's Education instructional programming for certification and/or approval.

Motion: Nancie H 2nd: Heather H unanimously approved

Correspondence:
- Thank You from Mary Klages

Board Reports:
Nancie Haukos-
MRVED meeting in June,
Pete Vangsness-
Comm Ed meeting-over 100 kids in flag football

Lindsey Lee-none
Emily Sigler-none
Heather Henrich-none

Superintendent's Report:
Calendar Items:

Fall Athletics Begin August 17th

Next Regular Board Meeting is Monday, August 17th at 5:30PM

End of Meeting: 6:54pm

Nancie Haukos,
Clerk of The School Board
Ortonville School District #2903



Pre-LABOR DAY Sale

USED

2024 Polaris Ranger 1500XD Northstar Ultimate silver, 19,299 Miles.....	\$26,000
2024 Polaris Ranger 1000XP Northstar Ultimate Super Graphite, 13,118 Mi	\$19,000
2024 Polaris Ranger 1000 Soft Doors, White, 4,833 Miles.....	\$14,000
2023 Polaris Ranger 570 Northstar gray, 6,498 Mi.	\$12,900
2023 Polaris Ranger 1000XP Northstar Azure Crystal, 11,414 Miles.....	\$18,700
2022 Polaris Ranger 1000XP Northstar White	\$15,500
2022 JD 835R Gator heat & air, camo.....	\$13,500
2022 Polaris General 1000 RC, white, 2,954 Miles	\$13,900
2021 Polaris Ranger 1000 Crew Steel Blue, 604 Miles	\$13,500
2021 Polaris Ranger 1000XP Northstar Matte Navy, 6,272 Mi.	\$16,500
2021 Polaris Ranger 1000 Steel Blue, 3,063 Miles	\$10,500
2020 Polaris RZR 1000S 60" Silver, 2,490 Miles	\$8,900
2020 Polaris Ranger 1000 Titanium, 4,061 Miles	\$9,999
2020 Polaris Ranger 500 Green, 2,908 Miles	\$7,000
2019 Polaris Ranger 900 Silver, 10,078 Miles	\$7,500
2018 Polaris Ranger 570 EPS, Matte Navy, 3,890 Mi.	\$6,300
2018 Polaris Ranger 570 Matte Navy, Cab, 6,055 Mi. ...	\$9,500
2016 Polaris Ranger 900 Blue, Cab, Heat, Winch, Plow, 11,721 Miles	\$9,500
2014 Polaris Ranger 900 Cab/Heat, 5,625 Miles.....	\$9,000
2011 Polaris Sportsman 850 EPS, Camo, 7,561 Miles	\$3,999
2010 Polaris Ranger 800 Crew, Red, 8,052 Miles	\$6,000

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2024 Polaris RZR 4 XP White	\$18,999
2024 Polaris RXR Pro XP Gray	\$18,999

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