

The meeting was called to order by Chair Williamson with all commissioners present.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Williamson, to approve the December 16, 2014 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Hoime, seconded by Boyenga, to approve the December 02, 2014 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, requested approval of (3) grant applications for the MnDOT Local Road Improvement Plan program:

- Motion by Boyenga, seconded Hoime, to approve Resolution No. 39-14 for the improvement of Vienna Township 150th Ave from 131st Street to .5 mile south of CSAH 8, declared carried on a voice vote.
- Motion by Reisch, seconded by Boyenga, to approve Resolution No. 40-14 for the improvement of Clinton Township 21st Street from CSAH 24 to 120th Ave, declared carried on a voice vote.
- Motion by Williamson, seconded by Jarchow, to approve Resolution No. 41-14 for the improvement at intersection CSAH 4 and CSAH 17 (Manley), declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Hoime, seconded by Reisch, to approve the final payment of \$42,553.14 to R & G Construction Company for the 2013 box culvert projects (5), declared carried on a voice vote.

The Engineer and Administrator led a discussion regarding the operational hours at the Rock County Transfer Station; Oldre confirmed that union representatives have no issues with the extended hours and creating overtime. Motion by Reisch, seconded by Jarchow, to authorize the Engineer to modify the hours of operations at the Transfer Station on a trial basis beginning in late spring through early fall, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Engineer requested authorization to move forward in purchasing a 2015 Mack dump truck with attachments from the state bid for \$264,223.54; motion by Boyenga, seconded Jarchow, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator briefly summarized the AMC Annual conference; Broadband grants clarification was added to the General Government platform.

The County Board was in receipt of a meeting invitation to attend a 9-county regional legislative forum scheduled for December 30th in Windom; the Administrator requested input of topics to be discussed at this meeting.

The Administrator informed the County of the Swearing In Ceremony of Elected Officials is scheduled January 6th at 8:00AM in the Courtroom of the Rock County Courthouse; Judge Gordon Moore will be conducting the ceremony.

Motion Hoime, seconded by Boyenga, to adopt the 2015 County Board meeting schedule:

January 06	March 03
January 20	March 17
February 03	April 07
February 17	April 21

May 05
May 19

June 02
June 16

July 07
July 21

August 04
August 18

September 08
September 22

October 06
October 20

November 03
November 17

December 01
December 22

Eric Hartman, Land Management Office Director, informed the County Board that the Regional Solid Waste commission is in the process of developing and branding a new marketing plan to improve recycling efforts within the 12-county area; the goal is to educate and to achieve a 60% recycling rate, currently Rock County is at a 47% recycling rate.

Motion by Jarchow, seconded by Reisch, to set the County Attorney’s 2015 salary at \$87,500 and the Assistant County Attorney’s salary at \$67,500, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Rock County Board recognized Marvin and Grace Tofteland and David and Jamie Tofteland, doing business as TNT Farms, LLC as the Rock County and Area V Conservation Family of the Year. Tofteland in return recognized the efforts of the SWCD and LMO offices for their guidance and support. The County Board Chair also thanked Don Reker and Vicky Smook for their service on the SWCD board.

The Administrator presented a BRRRA repair and FEMA reimbursement status update; a seventy-five percent reimbursement for #1 project worksheet of \$1,014,667 is scheduled for remittance on December 24th, the other twenty-five percent will be reimbursed from the State of Minnesota. Oldre indicated that he is still in the process of resolving issues with the bridge/culvert repair and that they continue to explore options, some local, for the rail road tie clean up.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims and per diems of \$1,500; motion by Jarchow, seconded by Hoime, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer’s Office.

General	\$45,007.48
General Reserves	\$24,762.45
Library	\$3,934.07
Road & Bridge	\$54,191.01
Transfer Station	\$16,202.48
Land Management	\$737.90
Vets Memorial Care	\$240.00
TOTAL	\$145,075.39

Claims over \$2,000:

C & B Operations LLC	\$ 2,344.88
CHS Eastern Farmers Coop	4,486.52
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City of Luverne	3,304.06
City of Luverne	20,261.10
Mike Davis	2,780.00
Express Way – Luverne	4,284.78
Henning construction Inc	12,189.56
Lyon County Landfill	13,100.31
Nobles Co. Auditor/Treas	3,640.00
Rock County Opportunities	2,534.76
W & N Construction	8,287.50
CardinalPeak Technologies	9,995.00
Election Systems & Software Inc	8,418.74
Independent Emergency Svcs	5,658.71

Motion by Boyenga, seconded by Reisch, to authorize the Auditor/Treasurer to pay claims up to December 31, 2014, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator and Auditor/Treasurer led a discussion regarding the 2015 budget and presented (2) scenarios: 1) a 2.9% increase; 2) a 3.9%; the additional 1% would be designated for reserves. Motion by Hoime, seconded by Jarchow, to set the 2015 levy at \$5,009,217, a 3.9% increase, declared carried on a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Boyenga voting nay.

	GENERAL	HIGHWAY	FAMILY SERVICES	LAND MANAGEMENT	DITCH	DEBT SERVICE	2015 TOTAL
REVENUES							
Property Taxes	2,762,498	785,661	1,104,112	25,943		331,003	5,009,217
Other Taxes	34,600	236,500					271,100
Special Assessments				209,306	94,040		303,346
Licenses and Permits	5,400			39,099			44,499
Intergovernmental	502,606	1,196,759	36,351	171,855		10,897	1,918,468
Charges for Services	1,301,662	438,100		2,975			1,742,737
Fines & Forfeitures	1,200						1,200
Investment Earnings	55,000	10,000					65,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	199,225	6,500		14,288			220,013
Other Financing Sources	5,000	80,000					85,000
TOTAL REVENUES	\$4,867,191	\$2,753,520	\$1,140,463	\$463,466	\$94,040	\$341,900	\$9,660,580
EXPENDITURES							
General Government	2,237,111			43,017			2,280,128
Public Safety	1,853,842						1,853,842
Highway		2,336,820					2,336,820
Sanitation		416,700		410,720			827,420
Family Services			1,140,463				1,140,463
Health	16,800						16,800
Culture & Recreation	388,830						388,830
Conservation of Natural Resources	142,283			181,891			324,174
Economic Development	1,940						1,940
Intergovernmental	159,973						159,973
Debt Service					94,040	341,900	435,940
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$4,800,779	\$2,753,520	\$1,140,463	\$635,628	\$94,040	\$341,900	\$9,766,330

General Fund	\$2,509,999
General Reserves	48,212
Library	274,047
Road & Bridge	811,527
Human Services	1,140,463
Landfill	26,797

Tax Abatement Levy	21,190
Debt Service	341,900
State Aid	(164,918)
Net Tax	\$5,009,217

The County Board thanked Commissioner Jarchow for his 18-years of service to the citizens of Rock County and wished him well on his future endeavors.

With no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was declared adjourned.