

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

Motion by Jarchow, seconded by Hoime, to approve the March 18, 2014 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Hoime, to open a Public Hearing at 9:03AM to allow public comments on the proposed 2014-2018 Capital Improvement Plan, declared carried on a voice vote. Discussion highlights were highway infrastructure, highway capital equipment replacements and broadband.

Motion by Jarchow, seconded by Reisch, to close the Public Hearing at 9:57AM, declared carried on a voice vote.

Jordan Burmeister, Geronimo Wind Project Manager, provided an update of Phase II of the Prairie Rose project. The project will consist of (50) 100 mega-watt turbines, approximately one-half the size of the Phase I project. Phase II will be located on the east side of US Highway 75 and will be proceed north; the project will be split between Rock and Pipestone counties. Currently, Geronimo Wind is acquiring land and anticipates construction to begin in 2015. The County Board thanked Burmeister for the update and commended Geronimo Wind on the success of Phase I of the Prairie Wind project.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Jarchow, to approve the March 04, 2014 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Hoime, seconded by Reisch, to approve the consent agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

1. Maintenance Agreement with Zuercher Technologies LLC(Dispatch software) - \$4754.00
2. Resolution No. 13-14, requesting legislation to repeal HF2726 Assessor's Certification

Mark Sehr, Engineer, requested approval for final payment to R & G Construction Company for \$26,937.92 on the 2012 box culvert projects; motion by Boyenga, seconded by Hoime, to approve declared carried on a voice vote.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented an update regarding the 2014 wind production tax; Rock County is scheduled to receive \$767,270.92 in wind tax revenue of which the county will retain 80% - \$613,816.74 and the townships of Beaver Creek, Denver, Martin, Rose Dell and Springwater will divide up the remaining 20% - \$153,454.18. The township distribution formula is based on the number turbines within each township; the current total number of turbines in Rock County is 130.

Motion by Jarchow, seconded by Reisch, to pay the claims as presented by the Auditor/Treasurer, declared carried on a unanimous vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's Office.

General	\$50,028.47
General Reserves	\$3,413.99
Library	\$5,316.85
Road & Bridge	\$67,539.26
Transfer Station	\$15,260.85
Land Management	\$2,487.82
TOTAL	\$144,047.24

Claims over \$2,000:

Center Point Energy	\$2,074.78
Computer Professionals Unlimited	5,524.00
Eastern Farmers Coop.....	3,013.87
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Emergency Automotive	4,809.92
Fleet Services.....	5,572.58
Herman Ford.....	2,952.05
Herman Ford.....	2,964.99
Nobles County Auditor/Treas.....	5,040.25
Steven Robert Forrest	3,000.00
Three Eagle Communication	2,200.00
Tollefson Publishing	2,065.29
Fidlar.....	2,500.00
H. T. C. Inc	2,080.35
RDO Equipment.....	25,710.00
Ziegler, Inc.....	3,782.67

Motion by Jarchow, seconded by Reisch, to approve the Fund Balance report, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Boyenga, seconded by Hoime, to approve Resolution No. 10-14, authorizing the repurchase of tax forfeited property (parcel 08-0269-00) by the previous land owner, as per Minnesota Statutes 282.241, and remove from the tax forfeited property sale schedule, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Jarchow, seconded by Williamson, to approve a liquor license for the Luverne County Club, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Auditor/Treasurer informed the County Board that tax statements would be mailed out next week.

The Administrator led a discussion regarding bonding/financing options that would be used to pay for highway infrastructure improvements and using wind tax revenues to pay for the bond payments and highway capital equipment purchases; also discussed details of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Motion by Boyenga, seconded by Jarchow, to approve Resolution No. 11-14, approving the issuance of General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$4 million and adopting the Rock County 2014-2018 Capital Improvement Plan and to begin discussions regarding the implementation of a wheelage tax, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Boyenga, seconded by Reisch, to approve Resolution No. 12-14, setting the sale date for the General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Bonds for May 6, 2014, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was informed the Annual Road & Bridge Hearing scheduled for March 18th at 1:00PM.

The County Board was informed of the resignation of PT Deputy Sean Goedel; presented as information only.

By order of the Chair, Rock County Engineer Mark Sehr and Commissioner Jody Reisch were appointed to the Regional Development Commission Trails Committee.

The County Board was in receipt of a brief BRRT project update; the route has been changed and the schedule adjusted from 4 days per week and 2 days per week.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Boyenga, to reimburse municipalities ARMER radio state grant funds, declared carried on a voice vote.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he was asked to testify at a Senate Hearing regarding the Greater Minnesota boardband project.

Commissioner Williamson informed the County Board of the Southwestern Mental Health Annual meeting scheduled for April 9th in Luverne.

The Administrator informed the County Board of a Luverne School/County Liaison meeting scheduled for March 27th at 6:00PM at the school; discussion topic will be Crossing Guards.

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