

**Herreid Board Room  
Rock County Courthouse**

**9:00 AM  
May 20, 2014**

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

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Hoime, to approve the May 20, 2014 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Hoime, seconded by Reisch, to approve the May 06, 2014 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Boyenga, seconded by Jarchow, to approve the Consent Agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

1. Maintenance contract w/WahlTeck for LEC voice recording system - \$1,877.00; E911 eligible expense
2. SSTS CWF-FY12-27 in the SW ¼ of 01-103-44
3. SSTS CWF-FY12-25 in the SW ¼ of 03-104-45

Eric Hartman, Land Management Office Director, requested approval of a conditional use permit (CUP) for a dairy expansion for Moss Farms located in the SW ¼ of Section 21 of Mound Township; the public hearing reflected no opposition. Motion by Hoime, seconded by Boyenga, to approve the CUP, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was informed of the AMC District VIII meeting scheduled for May 29<sup>th</sup> in Jackson, Minnesota; it was determined that Commissioners Reisch, Williamson and Hoime would attend the meeting.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims and per diems of \$375.00; motion by Jarchow, seconded by Hoime, to authorize payment, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's Office.

General . . . . .	\$53,631.31
General Reserves . . . . .	\$7,159.14
Library . . . . .	\$4,371.60
Road & Bridge . . . . .	\$28,637.99
Transfer Station	\$27,688.06
Land Management . . . . .	\$7,135.77
TOTAL . . . . .	\$128,623.87

Claims over \$2,000:

American Solutions	\$ 2,044.83
Eastern Farmers Coop	3,249.99
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City of Luverne	3,774.47
Nobles County Auditor/Treas	4,360.00
SWHHS	14,953.70
SWRDC	2,580.00
Universal Premium	3,283.03
Election Systems & Software	6,602.50
Erickson Engineering	5,585.00
Master Blaster	5,487.00

Ketterling Services	9,815.74
Lyon Landfill	16,202.78
Rock Soil & Water Conservation	2,758.00
Tollefson Publishing	2,700.00

The County Board was in receipt of the Fund Balance report which reflected the first half collection of real estates and receipt of the wind production revenue; motion by Boyenga, seconded by Williamson, to accept the Fund Balance report, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Auditor/Treasurer stated the Community Corrections had their exit audit and recommended that they modify their Capital Asset policy; motion by Hoime, seconded by Boyenga, to modify Rock County's Capital Asset policy include Community Corrections, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator presented CIP bonding update; he and the Auditor/Treasurer had met with bond council and are awaiting the rating and the Auditor/Treasurer is working with local banks to ensure collateral compliance.

The Administrator presented a legislative recap, discussing details of the Lewis & Clark and Broadband. Legislative action designated \$22 million from reserves to the Lewis Clark project; this funding will bring Lewis & Clark water into Minnesota; legislative action also allows Rock, Nobles and the partnerships of the Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water system to bond up to \$43 million in getting the water from Rock County to other destinations. It was determined that additional discussions will take place in the near future regarding additional bonding.

Legislative action also designated \$20 million to the Greater Minnesota broadband project. The Administrator stated that the maximum award will be \$5 million and applicants should begin obtaining letters of support/interest for the application process. Motion by Reisch, seconded by Williamson, to send letters to the local mayors requesting their level of interest or need for broadband services, declared carried on a voice vote.

Commissioner Boyenga stated that Rock County residents with a Nobles County address are being accessed a wheelage tax when renewing their vehicle licensure; Rock County has not implemented a wheelage tax, therefore no tax will be collected.

Commissioner Boyenga also had comments regarding a recent article citing Rock County as non-compliant in conservation practices regarding filter strips between farm ground and streams/rivers; the article was written from an independent contractor and not from the Department of Natural Resources.

Commissioner Boyenga requested an update of funding sources for the Rock County Historical Society project; also stated that Southwestern Mental Health building plans are close to going out for bid and that currently they are sorting through project financing options.

Commissioner Williamson reported that the RCO building project is close to completion.

Commissioner Reisch reported that he attended a Plum Creek Mediation meeting; the whole process is becoming very frustrating.

The Administrator informed the County Board of the following building updates:

- Human Services Building – (6) additional offices are being constructed within the building; also replacing exterior windows. As identified in the CIP, the expense will be paid from remaining

FSA reserves and rent revenue. Building rent issues has been resolved with SWHHS and is currently awaiting the new lease agreement.

- Library Building – contracts will begin digging around the exterior to expose and repair an underground downspout; the Administrator will be meeting with Library board to determine how to move forward with interior building improvements.

With no further business to come before the County Board, motion by Reisch, seconded by Jarchow, to adjourn, declared carried on a voice vote.