

**Herreid Board Room
Rock County Courthouse**

**9:00 AM
January 21, 2014**

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

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Hoime, to approve the January 21, 2014 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Jarchow, to approve the January 07, 2014 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

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

1. EMS – Red Cross MOU for congregate care/shelter

The County Board was in receipt of an invitation from the Cattlemen’s Association to attend their annual banquet scheduled for February 3rd at the Blue Mound Banquet Center.

The Administrator provided an update regarding Broadband and stated that he, Commissioner Reisch and Deputy Administrator Susan Skattum attended a meeting with Alliance where fiber install was discussed with estimated costs. Also Oldre and Reisch will be attending a Blandin Broadband Initiative meeting in St. Paul on February 4-5.

The Auditor/Treasurer presented the claims; motion by Jarchow, seconded by Boyenga, 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	\$243,201.08
General Reserves	\$6,014.14
Library	\$3,312.38
Road & Bridge	\$56,848.18
Transfer Station	\$22,157.06
Land Management	\$3,691.59
TOTAL	\$335,224.43

Claims over \$2,000:

A.C.E. of SW Minnesota	\$3,511.50
Assn of Minnesota Counties	6,550.00
Computer Professionals	6,565.14
Eastern Farmers Coop	21,627.45
City of Luverne	25,277.22
MCIT	181,415.00
MN Workforce Center	2,225.00
Nobles Co Auditor/Treasurer	6,868.75
SWHHS	14,530.50
Kustom Signals	2,171.57
Farmers Feed & Supply	3,449.91
Lyon County Landfill	11,774.16

The Auditor/Treasurer presented a Gravel Tax report from 2013 that reflected a slight increase in tax revenue collected - \$65,365.46; the report also identified the following settlement:

Battle Plain Township	\$5,645.39
Beaver Creek Township	500.00
Clinton Township	748.39
Denver Township	3,807.62
Kanaranzi Township	500.00
Luverne Township	11,706.64
Magnolia Township	500.00
Martin Township	500.00
Mound Township	1,160.46
Rose Dell Township	500.00
Springwater Township	500.00
Vienna Township	3,322.78

The Administrator also added that Rock County needs to discuss the statute that allows Rock County to collect a different amount in gravel tax; the amendment sunsets on December 31, 2014.

The Auditor/Treasurer presented the Fund Balance report; motion by Boyenga, seconded by Jarchow, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator informed the County Board of a meeting with city and township officials regarding the distribution and application process in receiving additional funds from DEED for ice storm related damages from April 2013; the meeting is scheduled for January 30 at 7:00PM.

The Administrator confirmed that House of Representative Joe Schomacker and Senator Bill Weber are on the February 4th County Board agenda from 9:00AM – 10:00AM; Department Heads will also be attendance and city, township and school board representative will be invited to attend as well.

The Administrator informed the County Board that Lewis & Clark funding is identified on the Governor's bonding bill; the Administrator was directed to draft a resolution of support and forward to legislators.

The Administrator briefly discussed bond rating formula from Moody's and that the rating will unlikely improve due to the small amount of our regional diverse population and the regions dependency on the agriculture industry.

Motion by Hoime, seconded by Boyenga to approve Resolution No. 03-14, opposing revised renewable fuel standards by the Environmental Protection Agency, declared carried on a voice vote.

Commissioner Hoime stated the Planning & Zoning committee vacancy has been filled and that he attended a Land Use/Environmental meeting with Doug Bos as Bos was the presenter; also attended Rock/Nobles Community Corrections meeting.

Commissioner Reisch also attended the Rock/Nobles Community Corrections meeting which highlighted probation funding reform; also attended a number of meetings relating the broadband services.

Commissioner Boyenga led a discussion regarding the upcoming Legislative Conference scheduled for February 25-27.

Commissioner Williamson informed the County Board that he attended his first Rural Water meeting.

The Administrator reviewed the Rock County Emergency Operations Plan; motion by Boyenga, seconded by Reisch, to approve/accept the plan, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator led a discussion of topics to discuss with Weber and Schomacker at the February 4th County Board meeting; no action was taken.

Brent Hoffman informed the County Board that US Senator Al Franken is scheduled to be in Worthington on Friday, January 31st and in Tea, SD on February 1st.

Due to other conflicts on February 4th, the County Board Retreat was re-scheduled to February 18th by order by the Chair.

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