

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

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Hoime, to approve the July 22, 2014 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Jarchow, seconded by Boyenga, to approve the July 08, 2014 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

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

1. SSTS CWF-FY12-25 Amendment Authorization; changed from \$10,450 to \$13,500
2. Recount Agreement w/MN Office of Secretary of State – Primary Election
3. Recount Agreement w/MN Office of Secretary of State – General Election

Nancy Walker, SWHHS Deputy Director, presented an agency staffing update in the Rock County location. Walker stated that the consolidation has allowed the development of specialize services and has allowed for (4) new FTE positions that have been added to the Rock County service area. As to date, the SWHHS organization employs 220 people and operates with a \$25 million dollar budget.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, requested approval of (3) resolutions and their respective projects:

- Resolution No. 28-14, bridge bonds for SAP 067-601-011 for the construction of Bridge No. 67K22
- Resolution No. 29-14, bridge bonds for SAP 067-613-004 for the construction of Bridge No. 67K23
- Resolution No. 30-14, bridge bonds for SAP 067-613-005 for the construction of Bridge No. 67K24

The Engineer requested authorization for the purchase of a 2015 tandem axel cab and chassis and equipment attachments from the state bid for \$251,982.95; motion by Boyenga, seconded by Jarchow, to approve the purchase, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Engineer informed the County Board that (2) road closures remain in place that received extensive damage from the flood; the closures are on county road 20 and county road 16.

As to date, all paving projects are complete and they are beginning the Barck Street project. The Highway 75 project is delayed until 2015 due to high bids. The County Board commended the Engineer and Highway Department staff for their timely repairs to flood damaged roads in addition to their regular road maintenance efforts.

The Administrator informed the County Board that the State of Minnesota received a Presidential Disaster declaration on July 21<sup>st</sup> and that the FEMA applicant briefings are scheduled for the week of August 4<sup>th</sup>; Rock County has also been declared an agricultural disaster by the Secretary of State.

The Administrator stated that the Presidential Disaster declaration applies to public assistance only; disaster assistance for individuals that incurred flood damages are eligible for SBA low-interest disaster loans; the application deadline is September 8, 2014.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims with additions; motion by Jarchow, seconded Reisch, to approve the claims, declared on a unanimous vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's Office.

General . . . . .	\$97,123.86
General Reserves . . . . .	\$814.59
Library . . . . .	\$5,402.42
Road & Bridge . . . . .	\$127,597.70
Transfer Station	\$38,870.18
Land Management . . . . .	\$4,358.14
TOTAL . . . . .	\$274,166.89

Claims over \$2,000:

American Communications	6,127.50
Eastern Farmers Coop	2,428.39
Eastern Farmers Coop	10,401.01
Eastern Farmers Coop	2,282.72
Erickson Engineering	9,225.50
Expressway – Luverne	9,825.13
Henning Construction	56,025.00
Herman Motors	4,744.21
Ketterling Services, Inc	11,911.94
City of Luverne	4,775.62
City of Luverne	2,305.50
Lyon County Landfill	20,683.29
Northland Trust Services, Inc	34,493.75
Patten Roofing	7,005.00
Swanston Equipment Corp	18,900.00
Traffic Marking Services	23,404.64

The Auditor/Treasurer requested the appointment of (2) Commissioners to serve on the Canvassing Board for the primary and general elections; by order of the Chair, to appoint Commissioners Reisch and Hoime to the Canvassing Board.

The Administrator led a discussion in scheduling meetings for the development of the 2015 budget; it was determined to schedule a Budget Committee meeting for August 1<sup>st</sup> @ 9:00AM and then a Budget Retreat with Department Heads on August 19<sup>th</sup> following the regular County Board meeting.

A Discovery Farms Field Tour update was tabled.

The Administrator provided a Lewis & Clark project update. Governor Dayton was in Luverne on July 18<sup>th</sup> for a round table discussion and discussed the importance of funding the Lewis & Clark project for the hook-up to the Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water system as it not only benefits the City of Worthington but the entire LPRW system which serves 40 additional communities; current legislation brings Lewis & Clark water to the Rock County Rural Water system at the Magnolia hook up.

The Administrator presented a Buffalo Ridge Regional Transit update; ridership has been low and project will sunset on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion by Boyenga, seconded by Jarchow, to continue collaborative discussions with the 4-member entities regarding transit services and appoint Commissioner Reisch the

the BRRT JPA Committee in place of Oldre, declared carried on a voice vote. Oldre will continue to attend meetings and serve as an ex-officio.

The Administrator informed the County Board that Rock County's utilization for health insurance is in good shape and that it is well below 100-percent; health insurance rates for 2015 will be announced at the annual Southwest/West Central Service Cooperative meeting is scheduled for August 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Administrator presented a broadband project update; currently he has been tracking the Greater Minnesota Broadband grant requirements and recently learned that applicants must be based in state, thus, Alliance Communications would not be eligible as a grant applicant. The Administrator is investigating other eligible options that could serve as the grant applicant for the Rock County broadband project. Oldre also stated that Lismore Telephone Coop is in the process of conducting a feasibility study of Rock County's service area; according to grant requirements, fixed wireless solutions are not eligible. Oldre also stated that the county does not want to be the applicant as we do not want ownership of the fiber infrastructure.

Commissioner Hoime stated that he had attended a Corrections meeting and that they are currently working on the 2015 budget; also stated that he had attended a Land Use meeting in Slayton.

Commissioner Boyenga requested an update of the BRRRA; the Administrator indicated that the east line is open but still needs repairs and they have begun repairs on the west line. Overall, they are making good progress and activity continues to increase. The BRRRA is scheduled to meeting August 4<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00AM.

Commissioner Boyenga expressed his continued concerns regarding the agriculture markets and the economic impact.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he will be attending a special meeting for Plum Creek Library to discuss litigation from City of Marshall/Lyon County Library system.

Commissioner Williamson informed the County Board that the Rock County Fair begins this week and Extension will be presenting the Farm Family of the Year award; also stated that SWCD had met and discussed erosion damages and they also concluded that LMO's conservation assessment was very beneficial.

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