

**Herreid Board Room
Rock County Courthouse**

**9:00 AM
March 04, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Williamson with all Commissioners Boyenga, Jarchow and Reisch present and Commissioner Hoime was absent.

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

Motion by Jarchow, seconded by Reisch, to approve the February 04, 2104 and February 18, 2014 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims and per diems of \$1,200.00; motion by Jarchow, seconded by Boyenga, to pay the claims and per diems as presented, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's Office.

General	\$52,702.45
General Reserves	\$7,342.29
Library	\$5,307.04
Road & Bridge	\$40,177.01
Transfer Station	\$442.01
Land Management	\$2,290.26
TOTAL	\$108,261.06

Claims over \$2,000:

American Communications, Inc	\$3,034.25
Dave Haugom	4,891.23
City of Luverne	4,635.44
MN State Auditors	18,495.00
Morris Electronics	7,235.25
Morris Electronics	6,976.29
Sanford Health	2,413.00
Tollefson Publishing	2,000.60
Center Point Energy	2,974.63
Matheson Tri-Gas	6,103.39
PowerPlan – RDO	15,254.87
Widseth Smith Nolting	3,808.00
Plum Creek Library System	2,589.38
Luverne Body Shop, Inc	2,065.26

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Boyenga, to approve the Fund Balance report as presented by the Auditor/Treasurer, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Auditor/Treasurer requested authorization to re-issue lost warrant #71339 for \$16,550.00; motion by Boyenga, seconded Jarchow, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Boyenga, seconded by Williamson, to authorize the LMO Director to conduct a mail distribution to rural Rock County residents informing them of funding options for septic upgrades, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Boyenga, seconded by Reisch, to approve the authorizing signature of the Administrator for a Certificate of support on behalf of the Southwest Mental Center for their application for financial assistance with the USDA Rural Development, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator presented a Legislative Conference update; major topics were SWCD's ability to collect property tax and/or become a taxing district and broadband. Attendees also met with Representative Schomacker to discuss gravel tax; currently, Mark Sehr is testifying before the Senate Committee to request legislation for an amendment for Rock County.

The County Board was in receipt of a press release from Greater MN Partnership regarding the need for broadband expansion and building a fiber infrastructure.

George Eilertson, Northland Securities Senior Vice President, presented information regarding bond rates and identified a timeline in adopting a CIP and the necessary resolutions to adopt if the county chooses to bond.

The County Board was in receipt of the most recent state budget forecast which reflected a \$1.2 billion dollar surplus; presented as information.

The County Board was informed that the Rock County Historical Society is scheduled to close on their building acquisition from Herman Motors.

Commissioner Jarchow provided a Southern Prairie Community Care update and that it appears to only have short term financing solutions in place; also attended an A.C.E. (Advocate, Connect, Educate) meeting (formerly RSVP).

Commissioner Boyenga stated he attended a Southern Prairie Community Care (SPCC) meeting and A. C. E. meeting and that Lyon County expressed an interest in joining the A. C. E. network. He stated that he attended the legislative conference and the Health Human Services workshops.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he had attended the legislative conference and a Plum Creek Library meeting and the state indicated that Lyon County cannot pull out of the Plum Creek Library system and that mediation was recommended. Reisch also stated that Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council (SMOC) is participating in a feasibility study for the purpose of regional consolidation.

Susan Skattum, Deputy Administrator informed the County Board that the Buffalo Ridge Regional Transit has made adjustments to the route in an attempt to attract more riders.

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