

**Herreid Board Room
Rock County Courthouse**

**9:00 AM
September 9, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Williamson with all Commissioners present; the Chair welcomed Star-Herald news reporter Mavis Fodness.

Motion by Jarchow, seconded by Reisch, to approve the September 09, 2014 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Hoime, seconded by Reisch, to approve the August 19, 2014 County Board minutes and the August 26, 2014 special meeting minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Cheryl Glaeser, Southwest Initiative Foundation Program Officer, presented a program update with specific information pertaining to Rock County. Y2014 activities include: (5) grants have been awarded in Rock County totaling \$21,750 and (4) loans have been made totaling \$963,000; she thanked the County Board for their continued support.

Michele Baumhoefner and Greta Vander Brink, A. C. E. (formerly RSVP), presented an organization update; Baumhoefner is the new Regional Director and she stated that they were recently awarded a development grant that will used to sustain existing programs. Vander Brink presented a 2013 activity summary: Rock County A.C.E. had 464 volunteers that provided 62,513 hours of service; at \$10/hour, that translates into \$625,130 in savings for Rock County. Vander Brink also informed the County Board of the Volunteer Appreciation event scheduled for September 16th at St. Catherine's Doyle Hall.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims with additions and per diems of \$825.00; motion by Jarchow, seconded by Hoime, to approve the claims and per diems, declared on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's Office.

General	\$118,536.40
General Reserves	\$1,246.40
Library	\$2,130.05
Road & Bridge	\$45,945.69
Transfer Station	\$16,539.73
Land Management	\$1,345.13
TOTAL	\$185,743.40

Claims over \$2,000:

American Communications	\$ 3,948.75
Briggs & Morgan	9,020.00
Computer Professionals Unlimited	5,549.00
Fleet Services	5,879.81
Gary's Painting Services	2,300.00
Gerald Johnson Plastering & Drywall	9,850.00
Hedeem, Hughes & Wetering	3,000.00
MN State Auditors	4,630.00
Nobles County Auditor/Treasurer	8,968.75
Short-Elliott Hendrickson Inc.	44,538.08
Universal Premium	3,214.52
Caldwell Asphalt Co.	4,533.75
Contech Construction Products, Inc.	6,410.00

David A Swenson Construction	6,410.00
DeWild Grant Reckert & Assoc	3,630.08
Duininck Inc.	2,200.48
Erickson Engineering Co. LLC	2,466.00
Rupp Construction Co., Inc.	3,218.97
Titan Machinery	3,510.00
Butler Machinery	2,218.36
Ketterling Services	11,379.73

The County Board was in receipt of the Fund Balance report, the Auditor/Treasurer indicated that one-half of the CIP bond proceeds have been spent. Motion by Boyenga, seconded by Reisch, to approve the Fund Balance report, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Jarchow, seconded by Reisch, to re-issue lost warrant number #67179 for \$51.00, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator presented a FEMA update stating that applicants who have met with a FEMA rep to discuss eligible expenses should be receiving their reimbursement soon; also stated that the BRRRA applicant meeting with FEMA is scheduled for Thursday, September 11th. The Administrator also stated that FEMA procedure issues regarding bid laws were resolved; the Administrator was directed to send a letter of thanks to Senator Klobuchar's office.

The Administrator led a brief discussion regarding the 2015 budget; the Preliminary budget for 2015 will be adopted at the September 23rd meeting.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, presented repair bids for bridge 67522 on CSAH 20 and for bridge #6787 on CSAH 17:

Bridge #67522:

Prahm Construction	77,456.00
Duininck Inc.	129,038.28
Henning Construction Inc.	176,070.00

Bridge #6787:

Prahm Construction	104,750.00
Duininck Inc.	183,100.00
Henning Construction Inc.	217,000.00

Motion by Boyenga, seconded by Hoime, to accept the low bids from Prahm Construction on both repair projects, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Engineer requested authorization to bid let project SAP 067-608-014, a bridge replacement project on CSAH 8 over the Beaver Creek; motion by Hoime, seconded by Reisch, to approve authorization, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Engineer stated the Barck Street project should be paved by September 15th and that he is working with FEMA representatives regarding gravel replacement and ditch clean outs; also stated that the electrical work on the hoist replacement project will be moving forward.

The Engineer stated that he ordered an asbestos review on the tax forfeited property in Hardwick and that the report is pending; also stated that the property still contains household materials some of which is considered hazardous that he and the Administrator are making arrangements for that disposal.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Jarchow, to approve a H.E.A.T Tactical Team JPA, a law enforcement multi agreement with several organizations in the mid-west, contingent upon Minnesota legal review, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator presented a Rock-Nobles Community Corrections Circles program update stating that the program was overlooked during the SWHHS conversion and that coordination will come from both organizations and will be closely monitored to ensure there is no duplication of services.

The Administrator presented a Rock County Rural Water update stating that he anticipates approval of the USDA loan and grant application; also indicated that RCRW increased their usage rate for large users from \$2.20 to \$2.50.

The Administrator presented a BRRRA update stating that as to date \$1.3 million has been spent and that a majority of the materials have been purchased; the project is still tracking at the \$1.5million for repairs. Oldre also stated that they continue to address railroad tie clean up options and that the BRRRA will meet on an as needed basis.

The County Board was informed of a public notice of intent to approve the Southwest Regional Solid Waste Commission Solid Waste Management Plan; the notice calls for public comment beginning September 11 through October 11 with a Public Hearing date to be scheduled at a later date.

The County Board was in receipt of the Southwest/West Central Service Coop quarterly newsletter from their Board of Directors; presented as information only.

The County Board was in receipt of membership invitation to the Minnesota Rural Counties Caucac; no action was taken.

The County Board was informed that MVTV is expanding broadband services into Rock County; they are placing equipment on ARMER towers and private towers and requested access on the Rock County Rural Water tower in Magnolia; the Administrator has presented the request to the County Attorney's office.

The Administrator indicated that the MVTV expansion has no impact on the fiber project and that Alliance Communications is pursuing grants from the FCC and the State Broadband project. These grant applications need letters of support from individuals, businesses, educational institutions and other anchor institutions explaining their need for improved internet service.

Commissioner Hoime requested the County Assessor to follow up with individuals regarding private property access during the assessment process; also attended a Regional Landfill and Solid Waste meetings.

Commissioner Boyenga stated that the Southwest Mental Health USDA loan application is moving forward and that he attended a SWHHS union negotiation meeting.

Commissioner Williamson inquired about the status of the debris clean up along the rail in the City of Beaver Creek; the Administrator indicated that it was discussed at the recent BRRRA meeting and that Minnesota Southern Railway would take care of it. Williamson stated that RCO has moved into their new building addition and that an Open House is forthcoming.

The Administrator also informed the County Board that he has invited USDA Representatives Colleen Landmeir, Paul Pierson and Megan Gernentz to an October board meeting to publicly thank them for their

assistance on recent projects; Boyenga requested that Southwest Mental Health be invited as well. The October date has not yet been determined.

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