

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

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Hoime, to approve the December 01, 2015 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

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

1. SSTS 2012 Grant Close Out/Final Report
2. 2016 Sno-Masters Snowmobile Club Grant Agreement – Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer and Kyle Oldre, County Administrator authorizing signatures

Henry Petersen, County Citizen, requested assistance with a ditch drainage issue along CR12 in Denver Township; the ditch has become full of sediment and gravel from flood years and it backs up and flows into his pasture property. After discussion, it was the consensus of the County Board and Mr. Petersen to authorize the Land Management Office to begin the permitting process for the ditch clean out and allow Petersen to contract with a compliant contractor at his expense to remove the materials from the ditch and retain; the Engineer will provide oversight to the contractor.

Eric Hartman, Land Management Office Director presented an update from the SWCD meeting indicating that they are considering an additional Engineering Technician grant funded position to be regionally shared to assist on design work with the buffer strip conservation projects. SWCD organizations are trying to determine if there is enough staff to complete the high volume of projects to be completed within the identified timelines. Estimated cost to Rock County is \$15,000 - \$30,000 per year. It was determined that the topic will be discussed at an upcoming County/SWCD Liaison meeting scheduled for December 18th.

Evan Verbrugge, Sheriff, informed the County Board that Rock County was awarded a Court Technology Fund grant of \$30,000 for E-ticketing processes involving Law Enforcement, Courts and County Attorney's office; the compliance deadline for E-citation is July of 2016. The Sheriff stated that he has also applied for a grant to assist with mobile CAD equipment expenses that would not be eligible for E911 funding; the announcement of those grant receiptant are forthcoming.

The Chair led a discussion regarding the Sheriff's salary; motion by Boyenga, seconded by Reisch, to set the Sheriff's salary at \$82,896.98 for 2016, \$85,383.88 for 2017, and \$87,945.40 for 2018, reflecting a 3% increase each year, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Sheriff provided a detailed discussion regarding staffing and the shift schedules for deputies. After considerable discussion, it was the consensus of the County Board to table any action regarding additional deputy positions until 2016 when the 2017 budget is being developed.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer presented the Fund Balance report which reflected the last tax collection but not the settlement; motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to pay the claims and per diems of \$825.00, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's Office.

Claims Listing:

Commissioner of Transportation \$4,003.22

Erickson Engineering	\$2,135.50
Ketterling Services Inc	\$8,079.26
City of Luverne	\$2,443.40
Office of the State Auditor	\$8,373.50
Randy's Pumping Service	\$4,100.00
Willis Inc Dba Scale Center	\$17,026.50
73 Payment less than \$2,000	\$27,858.17
Final Total	\$74,019.55

The County Board was in receipt of a meeting notice for the Annual Township meeting scheduled for December 4th at 1:30PM in the basement of the Rock County Community Library building.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Thompson, to approve a JPA with State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and Rock County for reimbursement and oversight of the engineering firm DGR to conduct a feasibility study to determine options and costs in getting treated water from the Rock County Rural Water system to the Blue Mound State Park, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of a meeting notice from A. C. E. on December 10 at the Lyon County Museum in Marshall, MN; on the agenda is the recognition of Greta Vander Brink's retirement.

The County reviewed agenda items for the AMC Annual Conference scheduled for December 6-8 in St. Cloud, MN.

The next County Board meeting is scheduled for December 22nd at 9:00AM in the Herreid Board meeting room.

The County Board was informed that Southwest Mental Health Center will be hosting an Open House on December 18th from 3:00PM – 5:00PM.

Commissioner Reisch informed the County Board that he attended a Southwest EMS regional meeting where rural sustainability and recruitment of paramedics was discussed; the issue is becoming a crisis in the state. In attendance at the meeting were two Senators of which will take the issue up at the upcoming legislative process. Reisch also attended a Library Board meeting where building renovations were discussed.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended an Extension Committee meeting and that (2) new members will need appointment in January of 2016.

Commissioner Hoime stated that he attended an Extension meeting, Solid Waste Commission and Energy meeting; solar farm projects are gaining momentum. Hoime also attended the annual Community Corrections meeting.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she will be attending the annual A.C.E meeting in Marshall and that there will be a local recognition for A.C.E. Coordinator Greta Vander Brink on December 19th at the Senior Citizen Center.

With no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was declared adjourned at 6:00PM.

A Truth and Taxation Hearing was scheduled for 6:30PM and concluded 6:45PM with no attendees present.