

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

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the December 22, 2015 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Hoime, to approve the December 1, 2015 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

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

1. SWHHS Contract for Tobacco Ordinance Compliance
2. 2016 County meeting schedule

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| January 05 | July 05 |
| January 19 | July 19 |
| February 02 | August 02 |
| February 16 | August 16 |
| March 08 | September 06 |
| March 22 | September 20 |
| April 05 | October 04 |
| April 19 | October 18 |
| May 03 | November 08 |
| May 17 | November 22 |
| June 07 | December 13 |
| June 21 | December 27 |

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Williamson, to authorize a 2% COLA increase for non-union employees, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Hoime, seconded by Boyenga, to approve the 2016 Cafeteria Contribution of \$652.70 per month, declared carried on a voice vote.

Dave Haugom, Veterans Service Officer, presented a program activity update; as to date, Rock County has 693 veterans and receives \$5.7 million in federal benefits. In addition to the weekly case load of 20-24 cases, Haugom continues to try different approaches for the outreach programming.

The County Board was in receipt of an SWCD liaison meeting update where staffing and inter-departmental functions between LMO, NRCS and SWCD were discussed; a joint meeting with each respective board and state and federal representatives will be forthcoming in 2016. Also identified that LMO staff feel confident that they can keep up with workload volume.

The Administrator presented a recycling update stating that feedback from Millennium has been good and that they have offered to assist with additional marketing in the promotion of single sort recycling.

Oltman Honken, General Contractor, Library Representative Marcia Bork and Serena Gutnik, Director presented bids from Honken Construction and Barry Petit, Architect for SBP Designs for the Library

renovation; after considerable discussion, motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to table all action until the January 5, 2016 County Board meeting, declared carried on a voice vote.

Greta Vander Brink, A. C. E. local coordinator, introduced Norma Brands to the County Board; Ms. Brands is Vander Brink's successor and has begun her duties as the local A. C. E. Coordinator. The County Board congratulated Vander Brink on her retirement and welcomed Brands as the new coordinator.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, informed the County Board that he has been in touch with Banner Engineering regarding the status the repairs to township roads due to the construction of the Lewis & Clark project; Banner Engineering indicates they will make the necessary repairs as weather permits.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the final payment of \$225,653.19 to Hardrives Inc. for the 2015 mill/overlay projects, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Hoime, seconded by Boyenga, to approve the final payment of \$11,151.25 to Henning Construction for the 150th Ave/DNR Park Road project in Vienna Township, declared carried on a voice vote.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims and per diems of \$900.00; motion by Thompson, 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.

Claims Listing:

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| | A & B BUSINESS INC | 3,653.60 |
| | AMERICAN ENGINEERING TESTING, INC | 2,320.00 |
| | CHS EASTERN FARMERS COOP | 4,259.12 |
| | COMPUTER PROFESSIONALS UNLIMITED INC | 5,719.00 |
| | EXPRESSWAY-LUVERNE | 5,490.09 |
| | GRAHAM TIRE-WORTHINGTON | 3,330.85 |
| | KETTERLING SERVICES INC | 8,435.88 |
| | LUVERNE/CITY OF | 5,812.03 |
| | LYON COUNTY LANDFILL | 14,673.72 |
| | NOBLES COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER | 4,759.23 |
| | NORTH CENTRAL BUS & EQUIPMENT INC | 71,008.00 |
| | REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA | 16,882.50 |
| | REKER CONSTRUCTION & AGGREGATE LLC | 24,783.13 |
| | ROCK COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES | 2,370.78 |
| | RUPP CONSTRUCTION CO INC | 3,854.56 |
| | SHORT-ELLIOTT-HENDRICKSON, INC | 4,664.10 |
| | TEXAS REFINERY CORP | 4,594.46 |
| | W & N CONSTRUCTION INC | 2,439.57 |
| | WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING & ASSOC, INC | 6,375.00 |
| | ZIEGLER INC | 5,431.71 |
| | LIBRARY CONSULTING | 5,370.00 |
| 154 | Payments 2000 less than | 57,499.67 |
| | TOTAL | \$263,727.00 |

Motion by Hoime, seconded by Boyenga, to approve the Fund Balance report, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve contract payment to Winter Brothers for \$39,172.45 for the Rock County Rural Water expansion project, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Hoime, seconded by Boyenga, to authorize the Auditor/Treasurer to pay claims on 12/31/2015, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Boyenga, to approve the 1-year letter of engagement with the State Auditor's Office to conduct the 2015 audit, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to set the 2016 levy at \$5,153,362, a 2.88% increase, declared carried on a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Boyenga voting nay.

| | <u>GENERAL</u> | <u>HIGHWAY</u> | <u>FAMILY SERVICES</u> | <u>LAND MANAGEMENT</u> | <u>DITCH</u> | <u>DEBT SERVICE</u> | <u>2016 TOTAL</u> |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| REVENUES | | | | | | | |
| Property Taxes | 2,858,246 | 786,495 | 1,154,337 | 26,128 | - | 328,156 | 5,153,362 |
| Other Taxes | 34,600 | 230,000 | - | - | - | 469,540 | 734,140 |
| Special Assessments | - | - | - | 207,771 | 94,040 | - | 301,811 |
| Licenses and Permits | 5,400 | - | - | 43,700 | - | - | 49,100 |
| Intergovernmental | 476,138 | 1,236,713 | 36,740 | 382,162 | - | 10,444 | 2,142,197 |
| Charges for Services | 1,283,584 | 392,500 | - | 3,200 | - | - | 1,679,284 |
| Fines & Forfeitures | 1,200 | - | - | - | - | - | 1,200 |
| Investment Earnings | 55,000 | 7,000 | - | - | - | - | 62,000 |
| Miscellaneous Revenue | 201,500 | 10,000 | - | 14,288 | - | - | 225,788 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | \$ 4,915,668 | \$ 2,662,708 | \$ 1,191,077 | \$ 677,249 | \$ 94,040 | \$ 808,140 | \$ 10,348,882 |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | | | | |
| General Government | 2,289,854 | - | - | 52,489 | - | - | 2,342,343 |
| Public Safety | 1,831,927 | - | - | - | - | - | 1,831,927 |
| Highway | - | 2,313,608 | - | - | - | - | 2,313,608 |
| Sanitation | - | 349,100 | - | 320,922 | - | - | 670,022 |
| Family Services | - | - | 1,191,077 | - | - | - | 1,191,077 |
| Health | 16,800 | - | - | - | - | - | 16,800 |
| Culture & Recreation | 423,635 | - | - | - | - | - | 423,635 |
| Conservation of Natural Resources | 144,529 | - | - | 267,088 | - | - | 411,617 |
| Economic Development | 1,940 | - | - | - | - | - | 1,940 |
| Intergovernmental | 171,983 | - | - | - | - | - | 171,983 |
| Debt Service | - | - | - | - | 94,040 | 808,140 | 902,180 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$ 4,880,668 | \$ 2,662,708 | \$ 1,191,077 | \$ 640,499 | \$ 94,040 | \$ 808,140 | \$ 10,277,132 |

The Auditor/Treasurer presented an invoice from the Luverne Fire Department for \$750.00 relating to a ditch fire on County Road 11. After considerable discussion, motion by Hoime, seconded by Boyenga, to deny payment of the claim; motion failed on a 2-2 vote with Commissioner Reisch abstaining. The Administrator was directed to follow up with the County Attorney and provide some additional information.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Thompson, to approve the salary of the County Attorney of \$90,000 and the Assistant County Attorney of \$70,000, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of the Rock/Nobles Community Corrections Advisory Board 2016 meeting schedule; presented as information only.

The County Board was in receipt of a draft of Boards & Committee assignments for 2016; no action was taken.

The County Board was informed of correspondence from the Blue Mound State Park stating their intent to proceed with the water study; the correspondence has been forwarded to DGR Engineering.

As per County Board action of 12/02/14, the 2016 salary for County Commissioners will be \$17,504.85; presented as information only.

Commissioner items:

Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended the Southwest Mental Health Center Open House and inquired about the status of the installation of the pedestrian crossing light on Highway 75; the Administrator indicated the install will take place after January 1, 2016.

Commissioner Boyenga stated that he attended the Southwest Mental Health Center Open House and their building project was successful.

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