

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

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to approve the September 22, 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. 2015 EMPG - \$17,524 – authorizing signatures of Kyle Oldre and Susan Skattum

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, requested approval to pay RCRW partial payment #3 payable to Winter Brothers for \$653,879.54 relating to the expansion project along with the claims; motion by Hoime, seconded by Boyenga, to authorize payment of the claims presented, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer’s Office.

General	\$78,390.71
General Reserves	\$10,086.03
Library	\$2,374.47
Road & Bridge	\$79,077.44
Transfer Station	\$59,990.55
Land Management	\$1,542.63
TOTAL	\$231,461.83

Claims over \$2,000:

AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS INC	2,920.85
BARR ENGINEERING COMPANY	4,309.20
BUTLER MACHINERY CO	2,425.58
CALDWELL ASPHALT CO. INC.	4,549.37
CHS EASTERN FARMERS COOP	6,672.01
COMPUTER PROFESSIONALS UNLIMITED INC	5,915.00
CONTECH CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS, INC	15,556.23
DAKOTA SECURITY SYSTEMS INC.	3,411.48
EXPRESSWAY-LUVERNE	5,198.32
FELLING TRAILERS INC	3,700.00
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-ADMIN FMR	5,831.45
KETTERLING SERVICES, INC	8,864.76
LUVERNE/CITY OF	7,697.35
LYON COUNTY LANDFILL	12,225.60
MORRIS ELECTRONICS	14,559.60
OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR	12,290.00
PRESTIGE SERVICES	17,250.00
ROCK COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES	2,217.53
TRAFFIC MARKING SERVICE, INC	35,902.22
Willis Inc Dba Scale Center	34,053.00
84 2000	25,912.28
Payments	
less than	

Final Total: 231,461.83

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

The Auditor/Treasurer and Administrator conducted a review of the 2014 audit findings which reflected an un-modified opinion; no action was taken.

Evan Verbrugge, Sheriff, presented a request to move forward the mobile Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) project; software and licensing with Zuercher is \$155,953 with an annual maintenance fee of \$29,400. The Sheriff stated that the expenditure is not E911 eligible and would need to be paid from General Fund reserves. The County Board also discussed the option of adding a Deputy in lieu of mobile CAD implementation. Motion by Hoime, seconded by Reisch, to table the mobile CAD project request to allow for conversation regarding staffing needs at the Sheriff's Office, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator and the Auditor/Treasurer led a discussion regarding the preliminary budget; after considerable discussion motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to set the preliminary levy at \$5,367,381.00, which reflects a 3.88% increase, declared carried on a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Boyenga voting nay.

General Fund	\$2,591,735
Library	283,432
Road & Bridge	811,527
Human Services	1,191,077
Landfill	26,960
Debt Service	338,600
Tax Abatement	19,050
Reserves	105,000
State Aid	<u>(164,019)</u>
Total Levy	\$5,203,362

The Administrator presented a Rock County Rural Water project update stating that ten miles remain in of the project and that after the expansion portion is completed, they will conduct system enhancements on the entire line to ensure all the grant dollars are utilized.

The Administrator also stated that DNR has not committed to hooking up the State Park to the RCRW system and that the current hook up estimate is \$261,000. He stated that DNR has requested more assurances resulting in more engineering costs; as to date, RCRW Board will not authorize these engineering costs. Motion by Reisch, seconded by Boyenga, to support the RCRW management decisions of the expansion project, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator also stated that DNR officials have made no commitment on the repairs of the lower dam structure at the State Park.

The Administrator informed the County Board of a request from the Luverne Legion Commander, Jerry Wienman for financial assistance for expenses in hosting a Memorial Day service. The Administrator stated that Minnesota Statute 375.35 authorizes a County Board to appropriate up to \$300.00 annually to each post of a recognized military organization, incorporated in the state and existing in the county.

Motion by Hoime, seconded by Williamson, to support the following military service organizations within Rock County – Hills Legion, Hardwick Legion, Luverne Legion and Rock County VFW and appropriate \$300.00 annually to each organization, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of the final draft of the County Program Aid proposal from the AMC Policy Committee; the goal is to have 87 counties have a resolution of support.

The Administrator presented a transit update stating that he and Deputy Administrator Skattum had met with Pipestone County representatives and Western Community Action Program/Transit Director Kathleen Amick about contracting administrative services; presented as information only.

The Administrator and Deputy Administrator informed the County Board of an increase in staff turnover and new employee status year to date; no action was taken.

Commissioner Items:

Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the following meetings: Governor's Taskforce for Broadband, AMC Policy meetings where he led a discussion regarding prevailing wage and that it should be a legislative platform issue.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended a Rock County Rural Water meeting and Southwestern Mental Health meeting; also stated that a new employee was hired at the Land Management Office.

Commissioner Hoime stated that he will be attending the Annual Community Corrections conference.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended a Southwest Regional Development Commission meeting, the A. C. E. Volunteer Appreciation Banquet and that she will be attending the Blandin Leadership Training and will miss the October 6, 2015 County Board meeting.

Commissioner Boyenga stated that Southwestern Mental Health is also experiencing staffing and benefit issues and they are working closing with Avera for contract management services; they also anticipate moving into their new building location in October. Boyenga reported that the SWHHS Executive Board has finalized the remaining union contract.

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