

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

Motion by Hoime, seconded by Williamson, to approve the February 3, 2015 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Boyenga, to approve the January 20, 2015 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

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

1. BRRT – Joint Powers Agreement Amendment

Mark Sehr, Engineer, requested approval for final payment of \$16,312.94 to Duininick, Inc. for SAP 067-599-157, a bridge project over the Beaver Creek on 81st street in Beaver Creek Township; motion by Williamson, seconded by Hoime, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator led a discussion regarding the location of a single sort recycling shed within the City of Luverne; proposed location would be at the Highway Department and estimated construction cost of the shed is \$12,000 - \$15,000. The Administrator would research city zoning requirements.

The Administrator and Engineer led a discussion regarding pedestrian crossing on US Highway 75 up at the Luverne School; the issue was discussed at the City/County/School Liaison meeting. It was the consensus to contest MnDOT's recommendation of (1) Hawke light system and pursue (2) Hawke light systems.

The Administrator also presented a FEMA update; the Highway Department was in receipt of FEMA reimbursement funds of \$100,000. The Administrator is still in the process of resolving reimbursement issues for the Buffalo Ridge Regional Rail Authority.

Motion by Hoime, seconded by Thompson, to pay the claims as presented, declared carried on a unanimous vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's Office.

General	\$50,588.00
General Reserves	\$9,769.35
Library	\$2,446.24
Human Services	\$2,725.59
Road & Bridge	\$11,938.74
Land Management	\$3,018.11
TOTAL	\$80,486.03

Claims over \$2,000

American Communications Inc	\$3,248.75
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Computer Professionals Unlimited Inc	6,604.00
Fleet Services	5,879.81
Rock County Opportunities Inc	2,354.73
Southwest Health & Human Services	18,232.75
Total Funds by Hasler	3,500.00
Zuercher	4,991.70
Thompson Reuters-West	3,607.50
McClure Electric	2,603.63
Barr Engineering	2,831.54
Center Point Energy	2,175.46
Power Plan	4,068.04

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

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Boyenga, to approve a fund transfer of \$50,866.66 from Road & Bridge Equipment General Reserves to Debt Service 2014 GO Bond, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator led a discussion regarding the Governor's proposed budget; presented as information only.

On a recommendation from the Safety Committee, motion by Hoime, seconded by Reisch, to approve an updated Safety Policy/Manual, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of an invitation for the Southwest Regional Development Commission Orientation Workshop scheduled for February 28th at 8:00AM; Commissioner Thompson indicated she would be attending.

The Administrator presented Minnesota Broadband project update; through the office of Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) the Rock County Broadband Alliance was awarded \$5 million in grant towards the Rock County fiber connect project. The grant application identified the project cost of \$12.5 million, with Alliance Communications contributing \$7.5 million and the remaining in grant of \$5 million. Initially the \$12.5 million would have covered the entire project, however, due to Minnesota prevailing wage, the \$12.5 million dollars will not cover the entire county and a portion of the county will remain unserved; an additional \$2.1 million is needed to complete the fiber connect project in Rock County. Alliance Communications has offered an additional \$1.1 million towards completion of the project if the county would fund the other \$1 million bringing the total cost of the project to \$14.6 million. Bonding options were discussed and after considerable discussion, action was tabled and the Administrator was directed to research potential grant options and/or bonding options and present at the next meeting along with bond council and Alliance Communications representatives.

A press release from the Lieutenant Governor's office regarding the grant award is scheduled for Friday, February 6th @ 10:00AM at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center. Commissioner Reisch thanked all who were involved in the success of the \$5 million dollar grant award.

Commissioner Reisch informed the County Board that he had attended a Plum Creek Library meeting and that they are in the process of hiring a new director.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she had attended the New Commissioner training and found it to be very informative.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended the Rock/Nobles Cattleman Banquet and that it was well attended.

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