

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

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to approve the March 03, 2015 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Boyenga, to approve the February 17, 2015 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

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

1. State Auditor engagement letter for 2014 audit

Alliance Communications Representatives Don Snyders and Andy Holstra presented an overview of the broadband project to occur in Rock County stating that construction start timeframe is contingent on the bid process and fiber availability. Currently Alliance Communications serves 13,000 customers in the southeast South Dakota, northwest Iowa region and Hills and Steen areas of Rock County.

Clint Wolthuizen, Rock County Community Library Director, informed the County Board of a Minnesota historical & Cultural Heritage grant award of \$9,285.00 with a \$250 match from the Friends of the Library. Purpose of the grant will be to replace and update the microfiche system.

Wolthuizen also informed the County Board of an \$11,000 - \$12,000 repair estimate from Johnson Controls for the heating system at the Library building; motion by Hoime, seconded Thompson, to approve the repair up to \$12,000, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator presented a draft of the 2015 Capital Improvement Plan; also discussed tax abatement bonding for the broadband expenditure and using wind production revenues to pay for the bond payment in addition to highway capital equipment. No action was taken at this time.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer presented the claims and per diems of \$375.00; motion by Thompson, seconded by Boyenga, to pay the claims and per diems, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's Office.

General	\$28,916.20
General Reserves	\$7,246.70
Library	\$3,759.51
Road & Bridge	\$30,957.63
Transfer Station	\$2,696.19
Land Management	\$1,383.75
TOTAL	\$74,959.98

Claims over \$2,000

Fleet Services	\$ 5,879.81
Gary's Painting Service	2,260.00
City of Luverne	5,525.45
Wayne's Auto Body	5,462.36

Information Systems Corporation	5,359.00
Emergency Automotive Tech	2,310.65
Widseth Smith Nolting	15,652.25
Sanitation Products	2,284.70

The Auditor/Treasurer presented the fund balance report which reflected a \$500,000 payment from BRRRA; motion by Hoime, seconded by Williamson, to approve the Fund Balance report, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Auditor/Treasurer informed the County Board of an employee resignation from Amy Hanson, Staff Assistant II in the Auditor/Treasurer’s office; the Auditor/Treasurer requested to re-structure the office and backfill the position with a Deputy Auditor/Treasurer – Accountant at an H15 range. Motion by Williamson, seconded by Thompson to approve the Auditor/Treasurer’s request, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Auditor/Treasurer presented a gravel tax update that reflected revenues received in 2014; no action was taken.

The Auditor/Treasurer requested to purchase a new copier/printer/fax machine and presented the following quotes:

BUSINESS	MARCO	A & B BUSINESS	CENTURY BUSINESS
COPIER TYPE	CANON C5250	XEROX 7845	KYOCERA KM4551
PRICE	7,142.00	9,589.79	10,598.00
MONTHLY BASE FEE	-	247.80	-
COST PER COPY - B & W	0.0074	0.0076	0.0085
COST PER COPY - COLOR	0.0504	0.0556	0.0450 - 0.0850

On a recommendation from the Auditor/Treasurer, motion by Hoime, seconded by Williamson to approve the quote from Marco for the Canon C5250 product for \$7,142.00 and to be paid from the Compliance Fund; declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator presented a request on behalf of the Land Management Office to fill the vacant LMO Technician position as a result from a department transfer that occurred January 1, 2015; motion by Williamson, seconded by Thompson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator presented a FEMA update and stated there has been no status change regarding the BRRRA bridge issue.

The Administrator presented an update of the BRRRA meeting and stated that Nobles and Rock Counties each received a \$500,000 from the rail authority and that they continue to research railroad tie clean up options.

The County Board was in receipt of an Open House announcement for Rock County Opportunities on March 27th @ 10:00AM.

The County Board discussed the status of the tax forfeited property in the City of Hardwick and the proper procedure in transferring the property. As per the County Attorney, the property needs to be conveyed to the City of Hardwick and they can in turn to transfer to Alliance Communications.

The County Board was informed the Minnesota Economic Forecast estimating a \$1.8 billion dollar surplus.

Broadband financing options was tabled until the March 17, 2015 meeting.

Commissioner Hoime stated that he had attended a BRRRA meeting that the townships elections are currently in progress.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she had attended the Southwest Regional Development Commission new commissioner training and found it to be very informative.

Commission Boyenga recognized the late Larry Boelman and his years of service as a Kanaranzi Township official.

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