

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

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the November 3, 2015 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

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

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

1. SSTS Contract Amendment – CWF-FY 12-36, amended from \$6,539.25 to \$7,622.25

Chris Ryan, Gevo Vice President of Operations requested an abatement of tax penalty \$8,632.24 that was collected on the second half of real estate taxes that was paid late; while the County Board sympathized with the penalty, a qualifying factor was not provided and the request was denied.

Ryan provided a brief operations update stating that the plant is producing both isobutnal and ethanol and that they have achieved a turning point and production is becoming profitable.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims and per diems of \$1,275.00; motion by Hoime, seconded Williamson, 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 over \$2,000:

DGR Engineering	6,720.00
Fleet Services	5,643.34
Johnson Controls	26,895.00
City of Luverne	6,087.85
Midstates Equipment & Supply	2,947.50
Nobles County Auditor/Treasurer	4,046.25
90 payments less than \$2,000	29,188.96
Total	81,528.90

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

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve Rock County Rural Water expansion project payment #4 of \$510,783.09 payable to Winter Brothers, contingent on USDA approval, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to set the Truth and Taxation Hearing for December 1, 2015 at 6:00PM, declared carried on a voice vote.

By order of the Chair, the December 1, 2015 County Board meeting time will begin at 4:00PM to coincide with the Truth and Taxation Hearing.

Motion by Hoime, seconded by Reisch, to authorize the Auditor/Treasurer to re-issue lost warrant number 11697 for \$41.97, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of a letter from the State Auditor's office stating Rock County will be subject to a state audit for the next three years; no action was taken.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, presented an updated regarding the US Highway 75 pedestrian crossing light as the agreement has been amended by site engineers; the pedestrian light will be located on the north side of the Hwy 75 and Dodge Street intersection as opposed to the south side of the intersection. An amended contract from MnDOT will be forthcoming.

The Engineer informed that County Board of (2) recent resignations and an additional resignation scheduled at year end and requested to fill all (3) positions; the request was approved by order of the chair. The County Board thanked Lee Hamann for his 32 years of service to the Highway Department and the citizens of Rock County.

The Engineer gave a brief construction update pertaining to bridge and culvert projects; also stated that he is currently addressing road damages from the Lewis & Clark expansion project.

The County Board discussed attendance at the upcoming AMC District VIII meeting scheduled for November 5 at Key Largo.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Boyenga, to approve the A. C. E. quarterly payment of \$3,632.75, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator presented a BRRRA update stating that the final repair has been conducted and that the close out payment is forthcoming.

Also stated that railroad tie cleanup has resumed at the Rushmore site and that they are moving east; railroad tie cleanup will not occur in Rock County until next year.

The County Board was in receipt of correspondence from MNDNR Regional Manager Kathy Dummer and DGR Engineering Project Manager Darin Schriever regarding a scope of services in determining an estimated cost in hooking up the Blue Mound State Park to the Rock County Rural Water system; presented as information only.

The Administrator informed the County Board he is meeting with the architect for the Library building renovation on November 9.

The County Board was in receipt of the MCIT annual report; no action was taken.

Commissioner Boyenga reported that the cell phone service in the south and east portions of the county and extending into Nobles County remains poor.

Commissioner Boyenga also stated that the new Southwest Mental Health Center building is very impressive and that an open house is forthcoming.

Commissioner Boyenga also requested that a budget review be conducted at the next County Board meeting.

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