

The meeting was called to order by Chair Boyenga with Commissioners Hoime, Williamson and Reisch present; Commissioner Thompson was absent.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Hoime, to approve the October 6, 2015 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Hoime, seconded by Boyenga, to approve the County Board minutes of September 08, 2015 and September 22, 2015, declared carried on a voice vote.

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

1. Kanaranzi-Little Rock Watershed 1-year appointment – Connie Frahm

Brent Hoffman, Rock County Rural Water (RCRW) District Manager, presented an expansion project update; the project is near completion and as to date, they have signed on thirty-three new customer with the potential of more. Hoffman stated that the expansion project is projected to have surplus funds and that those funds are eligible and will be used for additional infrastructure improvements. Also stated that the meter replacement project is moving forward and currently 249 customers have the new meters installed and are operating.

The RCRW District Manager was also informed of a meeting with Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Regional representatives and Blue Mound State Park staff regarding the status of the state park hooking up to the RCRW system and the status of repairs to the dam.

Doug Bos, Land Management Office Assistant Director, presented information regarding Wellhead Protection initiatives affecting water quality. Current programs in place are nitrogen management, nitrogen testing and well sealing; RCRW supports nitrate management and enforcement as nitrate removal would be an additional investment for their system. Bos stated that Pipestone County Soil & Water Conservation District is hiring a Water Resource Technician to work with producers in providing education about nitrogen management and testing and requested that Rock County cost share that resource with an estimated cost of \$1,000 per year; other potential entities cost sharing the Water Resource Technician are Rock County Rural Water and the City of Luverne. The Administrator indicated that he had briefly reviewed the contract with Pipestone County SWCD and stated there were number questions that need be addressed. By order of the Chair, the option to share the Water Resource Technician with Pipestone County SWCD was tabled until the October 23, 2015 meeting to allow the County Attorney to review the proposed contract.

Bos requested authorization to participate in a county geologic atlas for the purpose of a refined mapping of surficial geology and sub-surficial geological sand lenses (possible aquifers). The process will require a large amount of data entry which will be conducted by existing staff; the county cost will be staff time. Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to authorize the Land Management Office to participate in the county geologic atlas, declared carried on a voice vote.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, requested approval of final contract payment to M & K Bridge Construction, Inc. for \$55,277.97 for project SAP 067-608-014, bridge #67568 on CSAH 8 over the Beaver Creek; motion by Hoime, seconded by Reisch, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator discussed a proposal from Western Community Action for contracting administrative services for transit; no action was taken at this time.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims and per diems of \$1,725.00; motion by Hoime, seconded by Reisch, 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:

Contech Construction Products	4,804.88
Dakota Fluid Power Inc	3,039.36
Hedeen, Hughes & Wetering	2,680.20
Honken Construction, Inc	11,323.13
Interstate Power Systems, Inc	2,470.16
Midstates Equipment & Supply	31,890.88
Nobles Co. Aud/Treas	2,493.75
Regents of the University of MN	16,882.50
City of Steen	5,032.83
Widseth Smith Nolting & Assoc, Inc	4,190.75
Willis Inc DBS Scale Center	17,026.50
Midwest Technology Services, LLC	4,926.19
85 payments less than 2,000	28,380.99
Total	135,142.12

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

Commissioners Boyenga and Williamson reported that cell phone coverage on the southeast and northwest borders still remain sub-standard. The Administrator was directed to contact the City of Ellsworth Mayor and Nobles County.

The Administrator provided a follow up regarding a complaint of stock piling recyclables at the Transfer Station; the current practice is a temporary solution until Ketterling, Inc. purchases and installs a compactor.

The Personnel Committee of the County Board reported that they had met with Sheriff Verbrugge regarding Sheriff's salary, staffing and mobile CAD and that they will continue to meet regarding additional staff and CAD.

Commissioner Items:

Commissioner Hoime stated that he had received a phone call regarding County Road 7 in Denver Township and that he also attended the annual Community Corrections conference.

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