

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

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to approve the September 08, 2015 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Hoime, to approve the August 18, 2015 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

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

The Chair led a discussion regarding the status of the county's debt and requested the county adopt a resolution not to take on additional debt; the discussion was tabled to allow comments from the Auditor/Treasurer.

Sheryl Glaser, Southwest Initiative Fund Program Director, presented a program update; local impacts include \$200,000 in loans for 2015 year to date and grant awards given to Hartland Community Action Agency, ISD#2184/Luverne Public Schools/Child Guide, Rock County Early Childhood Initiative, Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership and Luverne Backpack Program. The Southwest Initiative Fund will be celebrating a 30-year anniversary in 2016.

Eric Hartman, Land Management Office Director, presented a conditional use permit for the expansion of an existing feedlot located in the SW ¼ of Section 32 of Clinton Township for Kellenberger Farms; one concern was identified at the Public Hearing regarding the quality of drinking water and the issue was addressed, therefore, no opposition was identified and the Planning and Zoning Board recommended County Board approval. Motion by Williamson, seconded by Hoime, to approve the conditional use permit for Kellenberger Farms, declared carried on a voice vote.

The LMO Director presented a contract with Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. (SEH) for hydrogeological services/ground water monitoring at the Rock County Transfer Station; the study is a requirement for the demolition permit renewal from Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. The estimated cost of the contract is \$13,450.00; motion by Hoime, seconded by Boyenga, to approve the service contract with SEH for \$13,450.00, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve up to \$5,000 for well drilling expenses at the Landfill Demolition site, declared carried on a voice vote.

Hartman presented a request to purchase a GPS total station to assist with the repair efforts of the streambank stabilization projects; a quote from the state bid is \$32,237.05. Hartman and the Highway Engineer are currently researching to see if the additional GPS system is compatible to be used at the Highway department as a second station. Motion by Williamson, seconded by Thompson, to authorize the Highway department to purchase a second GPS total station from the state bid for \$32,237.05 pending compatibility research, declared carried on a voice vote.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims; motion by Hoime, seconded by Thompson, to pay the claims, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer’s Office.

General	\$62,646.91
General Reserves	\$4,024.48
Library	\$3,184.72
Road & Bridge	\$117,299.86
Transfer Station	\$35,571.97
Land Management	\$936.89
Vets Memorial Care	\$10,000.00
TOTAL	\$233,664.83

Claims over \$2,000

MN State Treasurer	\$ 6,867.00
Nobles County Auditor/Treas	7,055.00
Office of State Auditor	16,485.30
Prestige Services	17,250.00
Thomas Reuters	3,546.00
Commissioner of Transportation	10,285.96
Henning Construction	63,734.04
Interstate Power Systems	4,627.61
City of Luverne	24,357.15
Ketterling Services, Inc	9,708.01
Lyon County Landfill	21,469.36
Ben Hammond Fine Art LLC	10,000.00

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

Tabled from the beginning of the meeting, the County Board discussed the county’s debt amount with the Auditor/Treasurer; Kurtz stated she felt the debt amount was appropriate. The County Board took no action regarding the issue.

The Administrator presented a 60-month contract from A & B Business solutions for print management services; contract details include leased equipment of copiers and printers at 10 county building sites for a cost of \$1,895.85/mo, to include maintenance and equipment upgrades. Motion by Thompson, seconded by Boyenga, to approve the A & B Business service contract, declared carried on a voice vote.

A. C. E. (formerly RSVP) Representatives Michelle Baumhoefner and Greta Vander Brink, provided a regional and local program activity update. Regionally, participation has increased to seven counties with Rock County being the most active participant. The success of the program was credited to Greta Vander Brink, who announced her retirement effective December 31, 2015. The County Board thanked Greta for her years of dedicated service and for the success of the local A. C. E. program.

The Administrator presented a Courthouse building update regarding security courtroom security. Currently, panic buttons have been installed through the entire courthouse building along with one way access features on all exterior doors for after hours; the courtroom has been re-wired for the installation

of security monitors and the installation of new security glass at the Court Administrator front counter, improvements have totaled \$30,000 - \$35,000 of non-budgeted expenses.

The County Board was also in receipt of a letter from the Court Administrator expressing concerns regarding increased activity of bats within the courthouse building and requesting the issue to be fixed. The Administrator presented a quote from Prestige Services for \$34,500 to bat proof the building with a work warrantee of 10 years. The Administrator stated other services are available, but without the guarantee. After considerable discussion, motion by Hoime, seconded by Reisch, to approve the contract with Prestige Services, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve a rate structure change at Heartland Express, adding a "Unlimited Monthly Family School Pass" at the following rates: Zone 1: \$67.50; Zone 2: \$108.00; Zone 3: \$135.00; Zone 4: \$162.00; motion was declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of a letter of support for MVTV for the Border to Border Middle Mile grant application; no action was taken.

Commissioner Items:

Commissioner Hoime stated that he attended the retirement party for Angel Otero, Adult Work Site Supervisor at Rock/Nobles Community Corrections along with the exit audit for Community Corrections, PACE project meeting, and Regional Extension meeting where he informed the County Board that Holli Arp is no longer the Regional Coordinator.

Commissioner Thompson informed the County Board of the A.C.E. Volunteer Appreciation event scheduled for September 15th at 11:30AM at St. Catherine's Doyle Hall.

Commissioner Boyenga stated the Southwest Mental Health Center is nearing completion and is looking at October for a project completion.

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