

**Herreid Board Room  
Rock County Courthouse**

**9:00 AM  
February 16, 2016**

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

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Williamson, to approve the February 16, 2016 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the February 02, 2016 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

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

1. Safe Assure Contract Renewal - \$5,898.66
2. SWHHS Contract for Internet Access

Ashely Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims and per diems of \$825.00; motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch to approve 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.

Claims Listing – February 16, 2016:

American Communications, Inc	2,616.85
Busse Plumbing, Heating, & AC Inc	2,776.32
CHS Eastern Farmers Coop	3,394.06
Computer Professionals Unlimited	6,735.67
Expressway – Luverne	6,789.89
Fleet Services Division-Admin FMR	5,305.31
Gary's Painting Service LLC	2,000.00
Honken Construction Inc	3,705.00
Kris Engineering Inc	32,126.10
Lamar	2,850.00
Lyon County Landfill	13,096.50
MVTL Laboratories Inc	3,671.00
Nobles County Auditor/Treas	9,975.00
Plum Creek Library System	12,017.83
Prahm Construction	8,500.00
Safe Assure Consultants Inc	5,898.66
Zuercher Technologies	5,241.29
104 Paymnet less than \$2,000	38,172.05
TOTAL	\$167,371.53

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

The Auditor/Treasurer requested to purchase an additional voting machine for \$4,935.00 to accommodate multiple precincts; the expenditure would come from the Elections fund. Motion by Boyenga, seconded by Thompson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, requested approve of Resolution No. 07-16, to vacate the excess right-of-way that was part of a MnDOT Trunk Highway; motion by Boyenga, seconded by Williamson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Boyenga, seconded by Reisch, to authorize the Engineer to bid let SP 067-615-009, a bridge replacement project on CSAH 15 over the Kanaranzi Creek, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Engineer informed the County Board that the Annual Road & Bridge Public meeting is scheduled for March 22 at 1:00PM in the basement of the Rock County Community Library.

The County Board reviewed another draft of the 2016 Boards & Committees; action was tabled until the March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Administrator informed the County Board of a resignation from Elaine Birkestrand, Transportation Dispatcher/Administrative Assistant at Heartland Express effective April 1, 2016. The Administrator met with the Personnel Committee of the County Board to discuss back fill the position; prior to filling the position, Oldre, Reisch and Boyenga will meet with the Western Community Action organization to inquire about contract services.

The Administrator and the Personnel Committee of the County Board also discussed an office re-organization at the Sheriff's Office consisting of combining (2) Part time positions between Dispatch and Deputy into a (1) FTE position. The combined position will assist in filling the shifts between the two functions of Law Enforcement while utilizing the credentials of an existing part time Deputy, a position that is difficult to fill. Motion by Boyenga, seconded by Reisch, to approve the Sheriff's Office re-organization upon Union approval, declared carried.

The County Board was in receipt of the agenda for the Regional Legislative meeting schedule for February 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM in Murray County.

The Chair inquired about the status of the repairs on the rail road bridge that recently failed an inspection; the Administrator stated that work will in spring after the frost has thawed.

The Commissioners discussed the recent public meeting hosting by the DNR regarding the status of the re-establishment of the pond at the Blue Mound State Park; they indicated the meeting had been well attended. The County Board also requested Doug Bos to attend the next meeting to provide some details regarding the options that were presented at the public meeting.

Eric Hartman, Land Management Office Director and Jenny Gieseke, Board of Water Soil Resources (BWSR) PRAP Coordinator, informed the County Board of a Level II Review, a process that measures the accountability for the Clean Water Legacy initiative. The Level II Review process also works in conjunction with the Water Plan update. Gieseke reviewed the time table of the process and anticipates that she will be back to present the findings in two months; after the follow up with the County Board, the report is then submitted to the legislature.

Commissioner Williamson reported that he attended the DNR meeting.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended a LIFT meeting and the DNR meeting and feels that the County Board needs to start being more vocal about the issues at the Blue Mound State Park.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the LIFT meeting where he provided an update regarding broadband.

Commissioner Boyenga informed the County Board that Commissioner Thompson is serving as Vice Chair on the SWHHS Committee.

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