



in Martin Township in general bonding bill; they also discussed with local representatives the status of the Blue Mound State Park and DNR issues stymieing repairs to the dam structure and water quality.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Williamson, to approve Resolution No. 09-16, a local and national effort proclaiming April 5<sup>th</sup> as National Service Recognition Day, declared carried on a voice vote.

Commissioner Thompson led a discussion regarding a full page ad to be placed in the Star Herald identifying the details of April 5<sup>th</sup>, the National Service Recognition Day and to inquire if the city and school districts will be interested in sharing sponsoring the advertisement as well; motion by Williamson, seconded by Thompson, to move forward with the advertisement, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of correspondence from DNR regarding the Blue Mound State Park issues of whether or not to repair the dam structure or not to repair and leave the existing stream as a natural waterway; the correspondence identified all (6) alternatives, of which (4) are not feasible with the reasoning of why those alternatives were not feasible. The Administrator inquired as to whether or not to schedule a follow up meeting with DNR representatives, in light of this correspondence; after discussion, it was determined to invite DNR representatives to the April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting for follow up and project update.

The Administrator confirmed that there will be a Joint Rock County and Martin Township Public Hearing scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00AM in the Herreid Board meeting room to hear public comment regarding a tax abatement request from New Vision Coop. As previously stated, the Rock County Highway Department has requested legislation in the 2016 bonding bill to upgrade a portion of 141<sup>st</sup> street in Martin Township to a 10-ton road; the Engineer has stated that if legislation is approved, Rock County will conduct the improvements upon approval from Martin Township, however, future maintenance will be the responsibility of Martin Township.

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

Claims Listing – March 08, 2016:

American Communications	2,403.40
Busse Plumbing, Heating & A-C Inc.	3,529.70
CHS Eastern Farmers Coop	4,815.03
Expressway-Luverne	6,795.81
Fleet Services	4,963.18
Jones Library Sales Inc	11,655.64
Ketterling Services Inc	5,073.60
City of Luverne	3,616.19
Lyon County Landfill	11,768.00
Nobles County Aud/Treas	6,195.00
Rock County Opportunities	2,683.33
107 payments under \$2,000	37,609.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>101,108.68</b>

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

The Auditor/Treasurer informed the County Board that the 2016 wind production tax revenue for Rock County would be \$825,688.68, a decrease of \$70,741.06 from 2015; presented as information only.

The County Board was also in receipt of the tax capacity rates for 2016 and a listing of all delinquent taxes; the Auditor/Treasurer also stated that tax statements were going to be mailed out that week as well.

The Administrator informed the County Board of a broadband meeting in Slayton on March 25 and that he and Commissioner Reisch planned on attending that meeting.

The Administrator led a discussion regarding the Armory buildings in Rock and Pipestone counties and stated that MN Army National Guard intends to close both buildings and construct one new facility of which the location remains to be determined. The new potential site will need at a minimum of 15-20 acres and that the new facility could also include another community function. After discussion, it was determined that the topic would be discussed at the next city/county liaison meeting.

The Administrator informed the County Board that Rock County passed their Pay Equity testing and that we are compliant.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he had attended a SWCD, Extension, Rural Water and Beaver Creek township meetings.

Commissioner Hoime stated that he had attended an Extension, Community Corrections meetings and the Library Open House event.

Commissioner Boyenga stated that he had attended a SWHHS meeting and that out of home placements have increased.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she had also attended a SWHHS meeting were they were informed that March was National Social Worker month with the mission statement of Forging Solutions Out of Challenges; also local SWHHS employees Tara Vander Steen (5yr) and Tami Groen (1yr) were recognized for their years of service to the SWHHS organization.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he had attended the Lewis & Clark/City of Luverne event, the Legislative Conference and his first Governor's Broadband Taskforce meeting.

The Administrator informed the County Board that Alliance Communications will be hosting a pre-construction meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

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