

The meeting was called to order by Chair Williamson with all Commissioners present; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the July 11, 2017 County Board Agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to approve the June 20, 2017 County Board minutes and the June 20, 2017 Board of Equalization, declared carried on a voice vote.

Jason Overby, Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water System Director, presented highlights of the 2016 audit that reflected an un-modified/clean opinion result; additional audit highlights was an increase in assets of \$70,000,000 due to capital improvements with an updated net position of \$50 million. The Lincoln-Pipestone Rural system services two percent of Rock County.

Doug Bos, Land Management Office Assistant Director, presented an update regarding noxious weeds, primarily poisonous and water hemp weeds. Bos stated that producers need to cautious about their hay and recommended no composting or burning; also stated that resource information is available through the University of the Minnesota Extension and/or on their departmental web site.

Jane Hennagir, MCIT Risk Management Consultant presented the MCIT Annual report; no action was taken.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims and per diems of \$1,429.87; motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard to approve declare carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's Office.

Claims Listing – July 11, 2017

AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS INC	3,415.80
COMMUNITY EDUCATION	4,000.00
COMPUTER PROFESSIONALS UNLIMITED INC	16,031.00
DGR ENGINEERING	3,770.00
EXPRESSWAY-LUVERNE	3,996.60
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-ADMIN FMR	4,445.90
MIDSTATES EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY	2,797.50
NOBLES COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	10,854.86
REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA	19,055.78
ROCK COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES	2,728.30
SAS FARMS INC	24,797.00
WEX BANK	3,340.49
WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING & ASSOC, INC	2,034.00
101 payments less than 2000	35,815.50
Total	137,082.73

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the Fund Balance report which reflected the receipt of the second half of highway funding from the state and the distribution of the June tax settlement, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard, to amend the Rock County Capital Asset policy to include the Rural Water threshold of \$500.00, declared carried on a voice vote.

Kurtz briefly discussed an update from the Secretary of State regarding grant opportunities for new election equipment; Kurtz stated that the grant requirements will have a match and that she anticipates the elections reserve account will fund that match requirement.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, requested authorization to issue final payment of \$23,567.95 to R & B Construction Company for the 2015 concrete box culvert projects; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Reisch, to authorize the Engineer to bid let the Luverne Loop Phase II bike path project for August 18, 2017 at 11:00AM, declared carried on a voice vote. The Engineer stated that the project was awarded a federal grant and that the City of Luverne is paying Rock County for engineering services to administer the grant.

The Engineer informed the County Board of extensive bridge damage on CR 52 that crosses over the Burlington Northern railroad line and resulted in the closure of county road 52. The Administrator and Engineer presented several options and it was determined that the Engineer would conduct research and report back to the County Board.

The Engineer also presented a brief construction update with no action taken.

The Administrator stated that (2) informational meetings are underway regarding the introduction of the new railroad operators Elis & Eastern; also stated that the railroad tie clean up project is near completion with a final inspection to follow.

The Administrator stated that MN State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is currently reviewing a joint powers agreement between DNR and Rock County Rural Water for hooking up the Blue Mound State Park to the rural water system.

The Administrator reported that the Governor's Broadband Taskforce meeting, held on June 28th in Rock County went extremely well and thanked those who either testified or that were visited for their time and efforts in making the event a success.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the Governor's Broadband Taskforce meeting, Plum Creek Library Executive meeting and will be attending the Southwest Minnesota Opportunity Council (SMOC) Annual meeting.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended the Southwest Regional Development Commission (SRDC) Annual meeting and the meet and greet event for Beth Williams, the new SWHHS Director.

Commissioner Burger stated that he attended Southern Prairie regular and executive committee meetings, along with SWHHS, Elis & Eastern informational meeting and Rock-Nobles Community Corrections.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he attended the Hardwick celebration, Luverne School referendum informational meeting and the Elis & Eastern informational meeting.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended Broadband meeting and a RCRW meeting.

The County Board discussed potential dates for a road tour, by order of the Chair that date was scheduled for August 8th following the regular County Board meeting.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.