

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

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the March 21, 2017 County Board agenda, declared carried.

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

1. Resolution No. 06-17 – National Service Recognition Day April 4th
2. Client Agreement with Employee Relations

Motion by Burger, seconded by Thompson, to approve the March 07, 2017 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, requested to bid let (4) mill overlay projects; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Burger, authorize the Engineer to bid the following mill overlay projects, declared carried on a voice vote.

1. SAP 067-604-030 – CSAH 4 from Walnut Ave to TH 75
2. SAP 067-618-009 – CSAH 18 , 611 feet south of 131st Street
3. SAP 067-618-010 – CSAH 18 from Fairway Drive to CSAH 8
4. SAP 067-634-004 – CSAH 35 from Lincoln Street to Barck Ave

The Engineer reviewed the 5-year construction plan with the County Board; no action was taken at this time.

The Engineer also presented an overview of the department to include staffing and construction/project funding sources; no action taken.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims; motion by Burger, seconded Overgaard 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.

Claims Listing – March 21, 2017

C & B OPERATIONS LLC	6,007.44
CHS EASTERN FARMERS COOP	3,152.53
EXPRESSWAY-LUVERNE	3,015.05
KETTERLING SERVICES INC	6,257.63
LITTLE FALLS MACHINE INC	4,670.00
LUVERNE/CITY OF	6,108.07
LYON COUNTY LANDFILL	12,627.50
MN COUNTIES INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRUST	2,500.00
NOBLES COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	19,895.25
RACOM	2,620.81
ROCK COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES	2,816.62
SAFEASSURE CONSULTANTS INC	6,016.63
STREICHER'S	2,424.14
WEX BANK	2,200.43
87 payment less than 2000	<u>33,724.15</u>
	\$114,036.25

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

Motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch, to approve a liquor license for the Luverne Country Club, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Auditor/Treasurer requested approval of a new 60-month lease agreement for the postage meter; the new lease agreement reflects a small increase at \$488/month but also includes new updated equipment. Motion by Reisch, seconded by Williamson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator presented an update from a recent Judicial Ditch Advisory meeting regarding needed repairs to Judicial Ditch No. 3. Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Williamson, to authorize the repair of a collapsed lateral on the east side of US Hwy 23 that drains west for an estimated repair cost of \$10,000 - \$15,000, declared carried on a voice vote.

Brent Hoffman, Rural Water Systems Manager, presented an update from the MN Rural Water Association annual meeting; Rock County Rural Water was awarded a Water Source Water Protection award for their efforts benefitting the protection of drinking water and for the collaborative efforts between Rural Water, the Rock County Land Management Office the Soil & Water Conservation District. Hoffman also informed the County Board that Red Arndt was awarded the Henry Walraven Award, a prestigious award given to recipients who have given leadership contributions for the improvement of a water/wastewater system in Minnesota.

Hoffman also stated that construction from the expansion project is complete and that the water hook up to the Blue Mound State Park is still pending.

The Administrator led a discussion regarding computer equipment for the commissioners; he presented a price quote from Office Depot for a Microsoft Surface Pro 4 tablet with keyboard/cover and wireless mouse accessories totaling \$1,288.78 per unit. Motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to authorize the purchase of (5) tablets with accessories totaling \$6,443.90 and to pay the expenditure from County Board contingency, declared carried on a voice vote.

Commissioner Williamson informed the County Board that there is a vacancy on the Judicial Ditch Advisory Committee and recommended Dean Wenzel as candidate; the Administrator would follow up with Mr. Wenzel for confirmation. No appointment action was taken at the time.

The Administrator led a discussion regarding the 2017 Local Boards of Appeal & Equalization schedule and that the schedule is receiving some unpopular comments as it is 30-days later than the past years and it may potentially interfere with spring agriculture activities. The Administrator explained that the delay was due to unplanned circumstances and the schedule cannot be changed in order meet compliance timelines with the Department of Revenue. The Local Boards of Appeal & Equalization schedule will be adjusted back in 2018.

The County Board was in receipt of the Southwestern Mental Health Center Annual Meeting scheduled for April 12th @ 6:00PM at the Grand Prairie Events Center.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the following meetings: Rock/Nobles Community Corrections, Plum Creek Library Executive Board, City/County Liaison and a Southwest MN Opportunity Council meeting.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended the following meetings: Buffalo Ridge Regional Railroad Authority, Southwest Regional Development Commission, Southwest Health & Human Services where they discussed oral health access for MA recipients and farewell event for Chris Sorenson scheduled for March 28th; also attended a Chief Elected Officials kickoff event for the high school student pilot project.

Commissioner Burger stated that he attended the following meetings: Rock/Nobles Community Corrections, Southwestern Mental Health, LIFT, Chief Elected Officials Pilot Program meeting and a Southwest Health & Human Services which also highlighted a discussion regarding banning E-Cigarettes from all public areas. Upon additional discussion, it was determined that the restriction would zoning issue and not a Tobacco Ordinance issue.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he attended the following meetings: Extension, Denver and Vienna Annual Township meetings, Judicial Ditch Advisory Committee, Fair Board, City/County Liaison and that he has scheduled a Coffee with the Sheriff event at the Magnolia Care on March 31st.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended the following meetings: Buffalo Ridge Regional Railroad Authority, Extension, Beaver Creek township annual meeting, Southwestern Mental Health and a Judicial Ditch Advisory Committee.

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