

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

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Williamson, to approve the September 05, 2017 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch, to approve the August 22, 2017 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

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

1. Approval of Benchmark Communities & Jobs for comparable worth study

Elizabeth Schear, Rock County Opportunities Director, informed the County Board that the agency currently has a decrease in revenues of \$66,000 due to CMS and DHS agencies redefining programs and affecting the demand in employment and the services provided by clients; also stated that the agency has been experiencing a high amount of employee turnover. After considerable discussion, the County Board encouraged Shrear to explore service options for sustainability.

Shrear also stated that effective October 1st, RCO will be contracting will UCAP for client transportation needs.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, requested authorization for final payment of \$28,836.28 to M & K Bridge Construction for SP 067-615-009, bridge 67571 replacement over the Kanaranzi Creek on CSAH 15; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

Eric Hartman, Land Management Office Director, presented a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission to re-zone a tract of land located in the SE ½ and all that part of the NE ¼ lying South of the right-of way of I-90 as now established across the NE ¼, All in 15-102N-45W with the exception of a 1,650 foot by 750 foot tract located within SE ½ of Section 15. Motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard, to re-zone the tract of land as described above to I-1 General Industry; a roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners voting aye. Motion was declared carried.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims and per diems of \$2,250.00; motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to approve the claims and fund balances, declared carried on a unanimous vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's Office.

Claims over \$2,000:

AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS INC	3,212.50
CONTECH ENGINEERED SOLUTIONS LLC	8,621.91
MARTINEZ CONSTRUCTION	7,400.00
MORRIS ELECTRONICS	3,112.50
NOBLES COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	9,511.25
TOWMASTER	131,894.50
WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING & ASSOC, INC	3,613.00
ZIEGLER INC	2,770.00
72 payments less than 2000	22,949.87
Total	\$193,086

The County Board was in receipt of the Fund Balance report; motion by Reisch, seconded by Burger, to approve the Fund Balance report, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of community event entitled Leaders Partnering to End Poverty with guest speaker Jodi Pfarr scheduled for September 21 at Grand Prairie Event Center.

The Administrator stated that a Hills-Beaver Creek School/County Liaison meeting has been scheduled for September 11 at 6:00PM in Hills, Minnesota.

Commissioner Reisch attended the following meetings: Plum Creek Library and Luverne Economic Development Commission.

Commissioner Burger attended a Southern Community Care meeting and stated they are hiring a new director.

Commissioner Thompson attended an event with US Senator Klobuchar referencing a follow up of the Lewis & Clark project.

Commissioner Overgaard attended a One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) meeting in Worthington, the Klobuchar event, City/County Liaison, Planning & Zoning and an AMC Extension meeting.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he was also present for the Klobuchar event.

The Administrator and Auditor/Treasurer review a 2018 budget summary that currently reflects a 2.55% increase. After considerable discussion, it was determined to have the Budget Committee meet with County Attorney, Sheriff and Library Director to discuss details of their budget. The preliminary budget needs to be adopted by September 30th. It was determined that the Budget Committee would meet on September 8th at 8:30AM.

The Administrator stated that Tessia Melvin, Management Consultant of DDA Human Resources, Inc. will present preliminary results of a market study for Rock County as part of the Comparable Worth Study. Due to her availability, the County Board meeting will begin at 2:00PM instead of 9:00AM.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.