

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

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Burger, to approve the June 06, 2017 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the May 16, 2017 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

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

1. Appointment of Dean Wenzel to the Judicial Ditch Advisory Committee

Scott Johnson, Southwest Mental Health Center Director presented a program update and 2016 activity update. The summary indicated that demand and needs are at a very high level and that the agency struggles with recruitment and retention of qualified staff. The Southwest Mental Health Center is a 5-county non-profit agency that collaborates with many other partners and operates under an Avera management agreement. Mr. Johnson thanked the County Board for their local support of the agency.

Eric Hartman, Land Management Office Director, presented a conditional use permit for Blue Mound Dairy for an expansion to their dairy operation located in Section 28 of Mound Township. Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve the conditional use permit with conditions identified on the permit, declared carried on a voice vote.

Hartman led a discussion regarding manure stockpiling. Current regulation is addressed by the policy and the conditional use permit of the feedlot owner and only applies to permits over 1,000 animal units. After considerable discussion, motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to research options of how regulate manure stockpiling that is not related to a conditional use permit, declared carried on a voice vote.

Hartman presented information regarding the MN Buffer Law program update stating that counties will need to adopt a resolution of Election of Jurisdiction and submit to MN Board of Water & Soil Resources to be eligible to receive riparian aid funding. By order of the Chair, action was tabled until the next County Board meeting.

Hartman and Administrator Oldre presented an update regarding office building improvements needed due to the Farm Service Agency vacating the building effective July 1st; improvement include the purchase of phone handsets, router switches, internet service upgrades and some updated wiring to the building. Hartman presented a quote from Midwest Technology for (8) handset phones, licensing, programming and installation for \$3,867.64; cost estimates for additional wiring to the building are under \$5,000. Motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to approve the quote from Midwest Technology and authorize up to \$5,000 for the wiring expense, declared carried on a voice vote.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, presented bids for SAP 067-632-003, the reconstruction of Luverne Street from Cedar Street to Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne:

Winter Brothers Undergrounds, Inc	775,000.00
LCS Inc	797,120.50
Duininck, Inc.	841,270.97
Henning Construction, Inc.	843,284.10
Kuechle Underground Inc.	881,145.26
First Rate Excavate, Inc.	919,332.04

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to accept the low bid from Winter Brothers, contingent upon the approval from the City of Luverne as they will be responsible for a portion of the project expense, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Engineer presented price quotes for the repair of Judicial Ditch No. 2 Lateral C which is approximately 3200 feet of underground drainage tile:

- Vis & Van Dyken, LLC - \$29,500.00
- Sas Farms, Inc - \$23,600

The Engineer stated that neither quotes includes any incidentals while excavating the old tile. Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Burger, to accept the quote from Sas Farms, Inc. for \$23,600, declared carried on a voice vote. The assessment will be determined after the repair project has been completed.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to authorize payment of the Judicial Ditch No. 2 repairs up to \$25,000 and to pay the expense from the Road & Bridge until the assessment has been determined, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Engineer led a discussion regarding banked CSAH highway miles within the state aid system; currently Rock County has 1.3 miles in the banked system. The Administrator and Engineer led a discussion to utilize 1.2 miles to upgrade Koehn Ave to a 10-ton standard and improving the Industrial Park within the City of Luverne. Motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to authorizing the Engineer to begin the process to apply for 1.2 miles within the state aid banked highway system, declare carried on a voice vote.

Clark Meyer, Elis & Eastern Company President introduced himself as the operator of the BRRRA line and stated that they have been busy meeting with businesses and land owners that are along the rail line. Meyer stated that (2) public meetings have been scheduled in Nobles County and requested to have meetings in Rock County; it was determined that meetings would be scheduled in the City of Beaver Creek and the City of Magnolia for residents and land owners to come a meet the new operator. Meyer thanked the County Board for their support and stated that Elis & Eastern Co intends to be good neighbors and intends to incorporate growth and economic development along the BRRRA rail line.

Administrator Oldre stated that the railroad tie cleanup project is progressing faster than anticipated and is also addressing the issue of abandon equipment on the rail line as well.

Senator Bill Weber and Representative Joe Schomacker presented a legislative updates: increase in LGA and CPA funding, 8-month extension on the MN Buffer Law, funded aqua culture with Agriculture funds, Ag land is exempt from school referendums, 2-year pilot program introducing vocational career training at the high school level, completion of Lewis & Clark within the state and funding for rural water hookup at the Blue Mound State Park, slight increase in transportation, broadband received \$20 million, Real ID (MN Driver's License compliance) meets federal compliance, MN Choice will issue rebates to those who had high premium increases, although more work is still needed on this issue.

The Administrator stated that Rock County's CPA funding will increase by \$350,000 will most likely be offset by the MN Choice increase; as to date the overall impacts have not been determined.

The County Board had a brief discussion regarding proposed changes to the Rock County tax abatement policy; initial discussions indicate that the City of Luverne is in favor of the proposed change.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims and per diems of \$1,350.00; motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's Office.

Claims Listing – June 06, 2017

COMPUTER PROFESSIONALS UNLIMITED INC	6,031.00
DGR ENGINEERING	5,083.50
DLT SOLUTIONS	3,296.07
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC	6,807.50
ERICKSON ENGINEERING	6,567.50
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-ADMIN FMR	4,302.49
LUVERNE/CITY OF	3,271.73
MVTL LABORATORIES INC	2,015.50
NOBLES COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	8,925.05
OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR	4,710.97
RETROFIT COMPANIES, INC	5,317.75
SOUTHWEST HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	26,033.81
THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR CORP	2,087.99
WAHLTEK INC	34,230.00
ZIEGLER INC	2,880.00
93 Payments less than 2,000	33,511.68
TOTAL	<u>155,072.54</u>

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

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Burger, to re-issue lost warrants #87830 for \$76.69 and #78081 for \$2,385.31, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator that stated that the comparable worth study is progressing and that the Position Analysis Questionnaires (PAQ) have been completed and forwarded to the vendor for review.

The Administrator presented a broadband project update stating that Alliance is addressing a few incidents regarding hook ups and that he has been prepping for the Governor's Broadband Taskforce meeting scheduled for June 28th at 10:00AM.

The County Board was in receipt of a letter from Murray County regarding funding for Plum Creek Regional Library; more information is forthcoming on the issue.

The County Board was reminded of the Board of Equalization meeting scheduled on June 20 from 7:00PM – 7:30PM; motion by Burger, seconded by Williamson, to change the start time of the June 20 regular County Board meeting to 5:00PM, declared carried on a voice vote.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he had attended a Rock/Nobles Community Corrections.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she had attended a Southwest Health & Human Services regular and special meeting and that the SWHHS organization has hired a new Director Beth Willems; also attended a Senior Dining fundraiser.

Commissioner Burger stated that he attended a Southwest Health & Human Services regular and special meetings along a with Rock/Nobles Community Corrections and Clinton township meeting.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he had attended a Southwest Regional Development Commission meeting along with Planning & Zoning and Judicial Ditch No. 2 meetings.

Commissioner Williamson attended a Soil & Water Conservation District meeting, Judicial Ditch No. 2 and One Water Shed One Plan meeting.

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