

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 March 07, 2017 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the February 21, 2017 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

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

1. OSA Engagement Letter for 2017 audit
2. Safe Assure contract renewal - \$6,016.63
3. Resolution No. 05-04, CSAH Highway Funds Advance Request

The County Board was in receipt of a notification from Minnesota Department of Revenue informing them of the 2016 Wind Production Revenue of \$847,948.68. The Administrator stated that eighty percent of the revenue is retained by the county and is dedicated to bond payments for road improvements, fiber and highway capital equipment; the other twenty percent is distributed to townships with wind towers.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims and per diems of \$1,200.00; motion by Reisch, seconded by Williamson, to approve the claims as presented and per diems, 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 07, 2017

AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS INC	3,281.35
ASSN OF MN COUNTIES	2,000.00
CENTERPOINT ENERGY	3,079.03
COMPUTER PROFESSIONALS UNLIMITED INC	6,056.00
DGR ENGINEERING	4,702.00
EMERGENCY AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	4,008.97
THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR CORP	3,243.93
WATCH GUARD	21,235.00
85 Payment less than 2000	29,331.13
Total	76,937.41

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

The Auditor/Treasurer presented bid tabulation for auditing services for the 2017 – 2019 audit; bid tabulation also includes Rural Water and Rock/Nobles Community Corrections:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Total</u>
CliftonLarsonAllen	\$44,900	\$46,350	\$47,800	\$ 139,050
Eide Baily	46,700	47,700	48,800	\$ 143,200
Abdo, Eick & Meyers LLP	46,700	48,500	49,600	\$ 144,800
Redpath & Company	58,000	59,700	61,400	\$ 179,100

Upon a recommendation from the Auditor/Treasurer and Audit Committee, motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch, to accept the bid from CliftonLarsonAllen for \$139,050, declared carried on a voice vote.

Eric Hartman, Land Management Office Director, presented the following (7) conditional use permits for approval:

1. David Hamann – expansion of an existing feedlot by more than 250 animal units, located in the NW ¼ of Section 24 of Luverne Township; motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch, to approve conditional use permit with conditions identified on the permit, declared carried on a voice vote.
2. Greg Kracht – expansion of existing feedlot which is currently over 1000 animal units located in the NE ¼ of Section 31 of Magnolia Township; the site is subject to NPDES and MPCA permitting standards. Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Burger, to approve conditional use permit with conditions identified on the permit, declared carried on a voice vote.
3. Lewis & Clark Regional Water System – placement of a 4-million gallon above ground water storage tank located in the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 6 of Clinton Township; motion by Burger, seconded by Williamson, to approve conditional use permit with conditions identified on the permit, declared carried on a voice vote.
4. Lewis & Clark Regional Water System – placement and operation of a pumping station located on a tract in the E ½ of the SW ¼ of Section 36 of Luverne Township; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to approve conditional use permit with conditions identified on the permit, declared carried on a voice vote.
5. Walleye Wind – placement of a temporary guyed 60 meter meteorological/wind monitoring mast located in the S ½ of the SW ¼ of Section 20 of Springwater Township; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Williamson, to approve conditional use permit with conditions identified on the permit, declared carried on a voice vote.
6. Duinick, Inc. – temporary hot mix asphalt plant located in the SW ¼ of NW ¼ of Section 14 of the Section 14 of Denver Township; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to approve conditional use permit with conditions identified on the permit, declared carried on a voice vote.
7. Duinick, Inc. – temporary hot mix asphalt in the SW ¼ of Section 21 of Battle Plain Township. There was considerable discussion regarding the conditions identified on the permit, specifically a road maintenance agreement between the applicant and the township; it was determined that the county will not regulate township road maintenance. Motion by Reisch, seconded by Burger, to approve the conditional use permit with conditions identified on the permit, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Thompson, to approve designating Lance Wheeler as a second Feedlot Officer for Rock County, declared carried on a voice vote.

Hartman presented a Buffer Program update stating that he anticipates policy adoption and enforcement timelines to be slightly delayed.

The Administrator presented an update regarding the dissolution of the Kenneth Fire Department; city and township officials need to determine new coverage territories between Edgerton, Lismore, Hardwick, Magnolia and Luverne with an effective date of 04/01/2017.

The County Board was in receipt of a state budget and economic forecast which reflected a \$1.65 billion surplus; presented as information only.

The County Board Chair led a discussion regarding road maintenance issues; it was determined that the topic be discussed at the Annual Road & Bridge Construction & Weed meeting scheduled for March 21st at 1:30PM in the basement of the Rock County Community Library.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended an Audit Committee meeting.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended a LIFT meeting.

Commissioner Burger stated that he attended a Planning & Zoning meeting, LIFT and Audit Committee meeting.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he attended a City/County Liaison meeting, the Kenneth Fire Department meeting and a Planning & Zoning meeting; also stated that he has coordinated with the Sheriff "Coffee with a Cop" events to take place in Magnolia, Kenneth and Hardwick.

Commissioner Williamson informed that County Board that he was receipt of a thank you from a pork producer for bringing fiber connections to Rock County and that it has been beneficial for his pork operation.

The Administrator stated the Rock County Fiber Alliance fiber project is projected to be complete within the next 4-6 weeks.

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