

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

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to approve the September 19, 2017 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch, to approve the September 05, 2017 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

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

1. Renewal of the 2018 BCBS health insurance renewal reflecting a zero percent increase

The Administrator requested authorization to add an additional voluntary benefit of Vision Insurance to the cafeteria plan with an effective date of 01/01/2018; the voluntary benefit has no employer financial impact to the cafeteria plan. Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Burger, to approve the addition of Vision Insurance as a voluntary benefit to the cafeteria plan, declared carried on a voice vote.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, presented the bid results for SAP 067-598-016, Bridge L2171 replacement on county highway 55 in Magnolia Township:

- Prahm Construction Inc. \$319,830.00
- M & K Bridge Construction 346,531.00
- Redstone Construction 425,974.00
- Duininck, Inc. 599,510.00

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve the low bid from Prahm Construction, Inc. for \$319,830.00, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Engineer led a discussion regarding the status of a picnic shelter building at Schoeneman Park that is in need of repairs, project options and repair estimates are forthcoming. Also discussed was the status of the old restroom structure and park signage, the Engineer stated that the restroom building structure will be demolished this fall will look into different signage as well.

The Engineer requested to list a 2011 Ford 9511 Sterling Tandem Axle Dump Truck (Unit #242) as surplus and sell; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims and per diems of \$450.00; motion by Thompson, seconded by Burger, to approve the claims and per diems, 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	2,705.35
CHS EASTERN FARMERS COOP	6,069.41
COMPUTER PROFESSIONALS UNLIMITED INC	6,070.00
EXPRESSWAY-LUVERNE	4,486.48
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-ADMIN FMR	5,248.54
KETTERLING SERVICES INC	9,104.78
LUVERNE/CITY OF	8,119.04
LYON COUNTY LANDFILL	18,721.00

ROCK COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES	2,307.62
SCHNEIDER CORPORATION	2,300.00
TAPCO	2,045.00
77 Payments less than 2000	28,998.93
Total	96,176.15

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

Eric Hartman, Land Management Office Director, informed the County Board that the Rock County is in receipt of the demolition landfill Permit No. SW-499-003, however it lists noncompliance conditions due to boron and manganese concentrations exceeding intervention limits; the permit also indicates the county must report noncompliance to MPCA. After considerable discussion, it was determined to request clarification from MPCA and have the County Attorney review the draft letter from the SEH Senior Hydrogeologist to MPCA regarding the noncompliance issue.

The Chair called a Public Hearing to order at 2:07PM for the purpose of hearing public comments regarding proposed amendments to the Water Plan.

There was no public comment; the Chair closed the Public Hearing at 2:12PM.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Burger, to approve the Amended Water Plan of September 19, 2017, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete copy of the Amended Water Plan is on file at the Rock County Land Management Office.

Doug Bos, Land Management Office Assistant Director presented details of the major accomplishments that have been made resulting from the 2006 Water Plan; also highlighted agenda details for an upcoming training session entitled Groundwater and Watershed Planning for a Secure Future scheduled for October 2, 2017 in the Grand Prairie Event Center in Luverne.

Tessia Melvin, Management Consultant with David Drown Associates, Inc. presented a comparable worth study project update stating that a draft of all job descriptions has been reviewed by employees and fourteen appeals were submitted and reviewed by the project management team. Melvin stated that the next step in the process was to adopt the job descriptions to include most changes identified in the appeals process; motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to adopt the new job descriptions, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Thompson, to add Elected Officials to the list of benchmarked positions adopted on 09/05/2017, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator and Auditor/Treasurer led a discussion regarding the 2018 Preliminary levy and how the Comparable Worth Study will be implemented and the financial impact; motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to set the 2018 Preliminary Levy at \$5,729,498.00, a 4.75% increase, declared carried on a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Items:

Commissioner Reisch attended the following committee meetings: Library, Southwest Minnesota Opportunity Council, and Personnel of the County Board.

Commissioner Thompson attended the following committee meetings: Southwest Health and Human Services union negotiations, A.C.E. Volunteer appreciation lunch and Southwest Regional Development Commission.

Commissioner Burger attended the following committee meetings: Budget Committee, Rock/Nobles Community Corrections and Personal Committee of the County Board.

Commissioner Overgaard attended a meeting regarding fire protection and a City/County Liaison.

Commissioner Williamson attended a Hills-Beaver Creek/County Liaison meeting, Rural Water and Soil & Water Conservation District meeting.

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