

# Rock County Commissioners meet August 18

Herreid Board Room  
Rock County Courthouse

9:00 A.M.  
August 18, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chair Boyenga with all Commissioners present.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to approve the August 18, 2015 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Hoime, to approve the August 4, 2015 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

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

1. Resolution No. 21-15, 2016 VSO Operation Enhancement Grant - \$7,500

Andy Hulscher, Alliance Communications Technical Equipment Supervisor, presented a broadband/fiber project update; the project was awarded to Michaels Construction and they will begin in the spring of 2016 of burying 554 miles of fiber. A groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for September 1 at 11:30AM; Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith will be invited along with local legislators Weber and Schomacker. Currently, Alliance is awaiting the contract between Rock County and Alliance on how to deliver the \$1 million in bonds proceeds for the portion of the project not served in the state grant.

Serena Gutnik, Rock County Community Library Director, reviewed updated plans for the library building renovation; estimated cost is \$200,000 - \$225,000 and Gutnik requested authorization to move forward with the project. Motion by Reisch, seconded by Boyenga, to move forward with the project with \$175,000 paid from 2015 CIP bond proceeds and the remaining balance to be paid from Library reserves, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Library Director also reviewed the 2016 library budget which reflected a 3.42% increase; no action was taken.

Motion by Reisch, seconded Thompson, to approve a \$4,926.19 library building expenditure for a new phone system, declared carried on a voice vote.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, presented (2) bids for a new scale at the Transfer Station:

•Scale Center – Sioux Falls, SD	\$76,305.00
•VandeBerg Scales	\$81,131.25

Motion by Hoime, seconded by Williamson, to accept the low bid from Scale Center for \$76,305.00 and to pay the expenditure from the 501 Fund, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Engineer presented the bid results for (3) box culvert projects, SAP 067-599-172, SAP 067-598-107, SAP 067-598-018 :

•R & G Construction	\$458,113.00
•Midwest Contracting, LLC	493,406.00
•Henning Construction, Inc	532,668.75
•Larson Crane Service, Inc	659,264.50

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to accept the low bid from R & G Construction for \$458,113.00, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Engineer briefly discussed the budget for the Transfer Station stating that the proposed budget is drafted to operate at a break-even point; the budget for the Highway Department will reflect a zero increase.

The Engineer also presented a brief construction update with no action taken. Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims and per diems of \$150.00; motion by Thompson, seconded by Boyenga, to approve the claims 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.

General	\$52,178.63
General Reserves	\$1,059.38
Library	\$3,372.70
Road and Bridge	\$32,328.16
Transfer Station	\$2,605.03
Land Management	\$2,491.29
TOTAL	\$94,035.19

#### Claims over \$2,000:

American Communications Inc.	\$6,840.10
Computer Professionals	5,573.00
Fleet Services	5,831.45
Nobles Co. Aud/Treas	6,475.50
Tollefson Publishing	3,111.50
CHS Eastern Farmers Coop	5,338.18
Expressway	7,149.21
City of Luverne	2,645.00
Manley Tire & Oil Service Inc	3,932.15
W & N Construction	6,979.41

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

Motion by Williamson, seconded Reisch, to approve a RCRW contract payment of \$881,190.75, declared carried on a voice vote. The payment was also reviewed by USDA, DGR, and RCRW Board.

The Administrator informed the County Board that FEMA issued a payment of \$388,000 to BRRRA for flood damage repairs; half of the reimbursement will be remitted to Nobles County and the remaining half will be used for railroad tie clean up expenses.

Eric Hartman, Land Management Office Director, presented the departments proposed budget for 2016; the Water Plan budget will have significant changes due to the increased funding and the LMO Director stated he will be shifting some salary expenses to the Water Plan fund.

The County Board was receipt of a Planning & Zoning Public Hearing notice for a feedlot expansion down by Steen; the proposed expansion comes within the one mile buffer of the city limit. The notice was presented as information only.

The Administrator informed the County Board that the health insurance rates increased by 14.9%; presented as information only.

The Administrator led a discussion regarding the preliminary budget that reflected a 3% increase; no action was taken.

The Administrator informed the County Board that recyclables from Rock County are currently being transported to Millennium in Sioux Falls, SD; the recyclables are temporarily being dumped at the Transfer Station until Ketterling, Inc. retrofits their business operation with a compactor.

The County Board was in receipt of the SWCD Local Work Group (LWG) which detailed how the projects will be prioritized and will give direction to the NRCS office.

The Administrator informed the County Board that he and Sheriff Verbrugge met with Murray County again regarding dispatch services; a meeting with Nobles County is also planned in the near future.

Commissioner Williamson expressed concerns about the future of broadband funding from the state and that Rock County needs to encourage local legislators to continue funding through grants for a statewide fiber infrastructure.

Commissioner Thompson stated that the ACE Director informed her of Greta Vander Brink's retirement at year end 2015.

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