

The Rock County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. as advertised in the Rock County Leader on December 29, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hollenbeck at 9:00 a.m. Roll call was taken. Present were Commissioners Wade Hollenbeck, Faye Smith & Colby Sybrant. Also present were Waylon Reynolds, Road Foreman & Daunitta Buoy, Clerk.

Hollenbeck stated the Open Meeting Law is posted on the wall in the Commissioners room.

The minutes were presented to the Commissioners for the December 17, 2024 regular meeting. Motion by Sybrant and seconded by Smith to approve the minutes for the December 17, 2024 regular meeting as presented. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried.

The agenda for the day was reviewed. Motion by Smith and seconded by Sybrant to approve the agenda as posted in the Clerk's office. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried.

Clerk Buoy swore Commissioner elect Hollenbeck in for a 4 year term 2025-2028.

Waylon Reynolds, Road Foreman gave road updates. Kenny Turpin, Brown County Highway Superintendent was also present to discuss the McCollough Bridge. It is in the fracture critical stage. It is on Brown County's inventory, but is shared by Rock County. Approval is still needed by the Federal Government. Matter tabled until approval is received. Resolution for a supplemental agreement was presented to the Commissioners on the Bassett Northeast Project (Carn's Bridge). Motion by Smith and seconded by Hollenbeck to approve the Supplement Agreement Resolution 2025-5 to increase the fee to align with the current work scope. . Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried. Bridge #23705 South of Gesiriech's on 458 RD was discussed. There was an inquiry if the bridge could be removed & culverts put in. The county has already put a significant amount of money & time into this bridge. Matter tabled.

The Annual Reorganization meeting was held. Motion by Smith and seconded by Sybrant to nominate Hollenbeck for Chairman & Sybrant for Vice Chairman. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against Motion carried.

Motion by Sybrant and seconded by Smith to declare the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month as their regular meeting date. Such meetings to start at 9:00 a.m. May – October & 1:00 p.m. November – April. Notices to be published on Wednesday prior to the noticed meeting. Roll Call Vote: Motion carried.

The Rock County Leader was approved as the official newspaper of the county at the December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting. Motion by Hollenbeck and seconded by Sybrant to also designate the county website rockcountyne.gov as an additional method of providing notice of Board meetings. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith and seconded by Hollenbeck to approve Hollenbeck, Smith & Sybrant as approved signatories of the imprest checking account at The Tri-County Bank. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against Motion carried.

Applications for investment of funds were received from Sandhills State Bank, The Tri-County Bank, NPAIT & NFIT (Union Bank & Trust). Motion by Sybrant and seconded by Smith to approve Resolutions declaring the Sandhills State Bank (Resolution 2024-1), The Tri County Bank (Resolution 2024-2, NPAIT of Lincoln (Resolution 2024-3) & NFIT (Union Bank & Trust - Resolution 2024-4) as County Depositories. Roll call vote: All For None Against Motion carried.

Holidays were discussed. Motion by Hollenbeck and seconded by Sybrant to approve the Holidays as stated in the Employee Handbook. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against Motion carried.

Clerk, Register of Deeds, Clerk of the District Court, Library Fees & Fines & Sheriff Fees were discussed. Motion by Hollenbeck and seconded by Smith to approve the fee report as presented, with the exception that if the mileage rate changes the county will follow the mileage rate approved by the State Auditor & IRS. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried.

County Road Wage & Equipment Rental scale was reviewed. Motion by Smith and seconded by Sybrant to leave the Wage Scale the same as last year. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against Motion carried.

Motion by Hollenbeck and seconded by Sybrant to approve Mitchell Dean as the Weed Superintendent for 2025.

The County received 1 application for Highway Superintendent for 2025. Matter tabled until January 21, 2025. Lloyd C. Smith was appointed as the County Surveyor for 2023-2026 at the 2023 re-organization meeting.

Motion by Smith and seconded by Sybrant to appoint TJ Ellermeier as the Zoning Administrator for 2025.

Rock County is in an Interlocal with Brown & Keya Paha Counties for the Veteran's Service Officer. Emergency Manager is shared with Brown County per an interlocal.

Motion by Smith and seconded by Sybrant to appoint Hollenbeck to Niobrara Council & North Central Health Boards. Roll call vote: All For None Against Motion carried.

Motion by Hollenbeck and seconded by Sybrant to appoint Smith to NE Area on Aging Governing Board, Region IV Mental Health Board & NCDC Board. Roll call vote: All For None Against Motion carried.

Motion by Smith and seconded by Hollenbeck to appoint Sybrant to the Central NE Community Services Board & Emergency Management Designee. Roll call vote: All For None Against Motion carried.

Employee raises for 2025 was discussed. Motion by Sybrant and seconded by Smith to approve 91% of the officials wage for L. Friedrich, C. Sell, K. Funke & J. Gardner. Motion by Hollenbeck and seconded by Sybrant to approve 91% of the official wages plus 50 cents for D. White & \$16.40/hour for J. Rowher. The stipend of \$3360.96 paid to the Sheriff & full time deputies for doing City Law Enforcement was discussed. Motion by Hollenbeck and seconded by Smith to approve leaving the amount the same at \$3360.96 divided equally between the 2 full time deputies & Sheriff. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against Motion carried.

Mona Davis, Treasurer met with the Commissioners on the Fund Balance Report & money on hand that will be published this week. She also presented the road expense & revenue report.

Fee reports were presented to the Commissioners. Motion by Hollenbeck and seconded by Smith to approve the Clerk, Clerk of the District Court & Sheriff Fee Reports. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against Motion carried.

T.J. Ellermeier, Assessor, Zoning Administrator met with the Commissioners on the Zoning Comp. Plan & Zoning Regulations. TJ reached out to 3 different companies for quotes & a timeline for completion. After discussion it was decided to go with Hanna Keelan Assoc., due to cost & timeline. Motion by Hollenbeck and seconded by Sybrant to approve Hanna Keelan Associates to do the Zoning updates. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against Motion carried.

The following claims were audited:

	<u>GENERAL</u>	
Employees	Salaries	41186.33
Appeara	Towel Service	63.92
Applied Connective	IT Services	1797.20
Kurt Arganbright	Contract Labor	5195.83
Capital Projects Fund	Fund Transfer	84000.00
CashWa	Sr Ctr Support	984.00
City	Wtr/Swr/Trash/Rent	694.27
Colonial Life	Employer Share Life Ins.	3.00
Comfort Inn	Lodging	249.90
D. Buoy	Mileage	189.61
M. Davis	Books	86.00
NE CDC Assoc.	Dues	50.00
G&V	Water	7.29
A. Gurnsey	Prior Service Retire.	96.00
Hampton Inn	Lodging	1749.30
Hard Head Veterans	Ballistic Helmets	2580.98
Historical Society	Painting Reimb.	750.00
RC Leader	Advertising	260.54
L. May	Prior Service Retire	36.00
MIPS	Data Process	1922.27
NACO	Open Meeting Poster	13.00
Assoc. of Co. Assessors	Dues	100.00
NPPD	Electricity/SrCtr	925.59
Office Depot	Supplies	53.01
Office Products	Supplies/Copy Machine	469.22
PrestoX	Pest Control	79.20
Ameritas	Matched Retire	2912.63
W. Reynolds	Meal	16.73
RC Court	Court Fees	17.00
RC Senior Center	Sr Ctr Support	368.99
Seven Springs	Water	53.50
IRS	Matched SS	3136.14
J. Stahl	Prior Service Retire.	204.00
Stout Welding	Rails for Steps	4435.00
Verizon	Cell Phone/Hot Spot	199.02
L. Wegener	Prior Service Retire.	72.00
NACO Planning & Zoning	Dies	40.00
	<u>ROAD</u>	
Road Crew	Labor	18379.88
Appeara	Towel Service	39.14
B's	Drag Blades	880.00
Bomgaars	Oil	119.96
City	Wtr/Swr/Trash	236.42
Colonial Life Ins.	Employer Share Life Ins	3.00
Comfort Inn	Lodging	249.90
KBR RPPD	Electricity	2654.66

RC Leader	Advertising	37.38
NMC	Parts/Repairs	6773.55
Northeast Glass	644H Loader	320.00
NPPD	Electricity	175.95
Powerplan	Radiator Hose	150.86
RDO Truck	Repairs	366.60
W. Reynolds	Meal/Fuel	61.31
Ameritas	Matched Retirement	1240.64
RC Tire	Tire	1858.00
IRS	Matched Social Security	1387.46
	<b><u>PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION</u></b>	
MIPS	ROD Program	233.20
	<b><u>LIBRARY</u></b>	
Employees	Salaries	3726.96
Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	304.14
City	Wtr/Swr/Trash	138.84
Fastwyre	Phone/Internet	228.89
G & V	Water	204.89
Glena Soukup	Engraved Sign	11.50
RC Leader	Notice	5.82
NPPD	Electricity	67.49
Office Products	Paper/Copier	49.26
PrestoX	Pest Control	59.07
Ameritas	Matched Retirement	225.23
IRS	Matched SS	285.12
Kara Sybrant	Cleaning Supplies	15.99

Motion by Sybrant and seconded by Smith to approve January 7,2025 claims. Roll Call Vote: All For None  
Against Motion carried.

Motion by Smith and seconded by Sybrant to adjourn at 2:41 p.m. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against The next  
meeting will be January 21, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

S/Wade D. Hollenbeck, Chairman of the Board

Attest: S/Daunitta J. Buoy, County Clerk

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