

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

MARCH 18, 2014

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room in the Government Center, Redwood Falls, Minnesota.

Present for all or portions of the meeting were Commissioners Lon Walling, John Schueller, Al Kokesch, Sharon Hollatz and Priscilla Klabunde, County Administrator Vicki Knobloch, County Attorney Steve Collins; Sheriff Randy Hanson; Technology Coordinator Paul Parsons, Auditor-Treasurer Jean Price, Land Use & Zoning Supervisor Nick Brozek, HR Coordinator Peter Brown, Denise Siegfried, Brandon Kerkhoff.

Chair Hollatz called the meeting to order asking for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On motion by Schueller, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the March 18th agenda.

Chair Hollatz asked the Board members to identify any areas for which they had a Conflict of Interest. Klabunde identified a conflict within the Abstract of Bills.

CONSENT AGENDA

- On motion by Kokesch, second by Schueller, and excluding the bill from Klabunde Electric in the amount of \$33.00, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda.
- On motion by Walling, second by Schueller, with Klabunde abstaining due to the Conflict of Interest, the Board voted to approve the bill from Klabunde Electric in the amount of \$33.00.
 - March 4th minutes.
 - Payment of bills as follows:

Revenue Fund	\$ 105,280.82
Building Fund	\$ 281,698.24
Ditch Maintenance Fund	\$ 200.00
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 23,198.53
Forfeited Tax Sale	\$ 158.72
Public Health Service	\$ 37.50
Human Services	\$ 37.50

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

- The Board recognized Commissioner Lon Walling for 5 years, and Denise Siegfried for 10 Years of Service to Redwood County.

SHERIFF

- Hanson updated the Board on the Redwood County Jail Population for February, 2014.

AUDITOR/TREASURER

- On motion by Hollatz, second by Klabunde, the Board voted to approve the following:
 - Cash Balance Report, Investment Summary, Budget Report, Revenue Fund, Building Fund, Ditch Maintenance, Solid Waste and February Disbursements in the amount of \$1,261,291.33.

ENVIRONMENTAL***Planning and Zoning***

- An application for an Animal Confinement Feedlot Conditional Use Permit filed by Brandon Kerkhoff for expansion of an existing feedlot on the following described real property, to wit: NE ¼ of SE ¼ of Section 34, TWP 112 & 113, Range 35W, Paxton Township. On motion by Kokesch, second by Schueller, the Board voted unanimously to approve CUP #3-14 of Brandon Kerkhoff with (1) condition as set forth by the Planning Commission.

ADMINISTRATION

- On motion by Schueller, second by Klabunde, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Change order #2 on the Redwood County Public Health Remodel Project in the amount of \$2,024.
- On motion by Klabunde, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the fixed fee proposal from WOLD architects & Engineers in the amount of \$3000 for LEC Addition & Remodel for Furniture Procurement.
- On motion by Kokesch, second by Schueller, and in a roll-call vote Kokesch, Schueller, Walling, Klabunde and Hollatz all voted aye, the board adopted the following Resolution:

Resolution Requesting the State of Minnesota Pass a Smoke-Free Foster Care Policy

WHEREAS, there is no safe level of secondhand smoke, especially for children whose bodies are still developing; and

WHEREAS, a lit cigarette releases more than 7,000 chemicals into the air, hundreds of which are hazardous; and

WHEREAS, secondhand smoke contains 11 known cancer-causing poisons and 250 known toxins and children exposed to secondhand smoke inhale the same cancer-causing substances and poisons as smokers; and

WHEREAS, secondhand smoke is a known cause of ear infections, frequent and severe asthma attacks, potentially fatal respiratory infections, and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS); and

WHEREAS, foster families provide critical and nurturing care to some of Minnesota's most vulnerable children; and

WHEREAS, nearly 80 percent of the more than 400,000 children who live in foster homes in the United States have at least one chronic medical condition; and

WHEREAS, more than half of the states in the U.S. have smoke-free foster care policies and smoke-free foster care policies are supported by the National Foster Parent Association; and

WHEREAS, states with smoke-free foster care policies report overall acceptance of the policies and stability with recruitment, retention, implementation and enforcement efforts; and

WHEREAS, seven counties and one tribe in Minnesota have already passed smoke-free foster care policies; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive statewide smoke-free foster care policy would ensure the safety of all children in foster care, regardless of where they live;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Redwood County Board of Commissioners, requests that the Minnesota Legislature pass a smoke-free foster care policy.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Redwood County Board of Commissioners on this 18th day of March, 2014.

- On motion by Schueller, second by Klabunde, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Fifth Amendment to the LEC Lease Agreement effective April 1, 2014.
- On motion by Klabunde, second by Kokesch, the Board voted unanimously to approve the First Addendum to the Southwest Health and Human Service Lease Agreement.
- On motion by Schueller, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously submission of LCCMR proposal to develop a Redwood/Renville County Recreation Master Plan for the Mid Minnesota River Watershed Grant.

PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS

- On motion by Schueller, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to accept the resignation of Beth Koch as full-time GIS Specialist effective April 4, 2014.
- The Board directed Administration and Human Resources to review what is the need of the County for GIS.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- The commissioners reported on meetings they attended:

Walling

- Veterans Cemetery
- Technology Committee
- Chief Elected Officers-Workforce
- Joint Powers Health Insurance Group
- Township Meeting/Farming in ROW

Kokesch

- Township Meeting
- MN Valley Regional Rail Authority

Hollatz

- By-ways Meeting
- EDA
- Township Meetings
- SW Regional Development Commission

- Ditch Viewer Training (Lyon County)

Schueller

- Joint Ditch Viewer Meeting
- RSVP Funding

Klabunde

- Restorative Justice
- Western Community Transit/City of Redwood Falls
- EDA/RADC

ADJOURN

- There being no further business, Vice Chair Hollatz declared the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Attest: _____
Vicki Knobloch
County Administrator

Sharon Hollatz, Chair
Board of County Commissioners