

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

APRIL 1, 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, Priscilla Klabunde, Al Kokesch, John Schueller, and Sharon Hollatz; Administrator Vicki Knobloch; Auditor-Treasurer Jean Price; Highway Engineer Willy Rabenberg; Technology Coordinator Paul Parsons; Recycling Center Supervisor Brian Sams, Maintenance Supervisor Loren Gewerth; Recorder Supervisor Joyce Anderson; Environmental Supervisor Jon Mitchell; GIS Specialist Beth Koch; Assessor Kathy Hillmer; HR Coordinator Peter Brown; Jenna Haler; Karen Gagnor; Pat Lubich; Kerry Netzke; Mary Kay Weber; Nicholas Weber; Bruce Rigge; Bill Schwandt and Mark Erickson.

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

On motion by Schueller, second by Klabunde, the Board voted unanimously to approve the revised agenda.

Chair Hollatz asked the Board Members to identify any areas for which they had a conflict of interest. There were none

CONSENT AGENDA

- On motion by Klabunde, second by Kokesch, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
 - March 18th, 2014 Board minutes.
 - Payment of bills as follows:

Revenue Fund	\$ 70,945.32
Ditch Maintenance Fund	\$ 16.04
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 4,499.37
Building Fund	\$ 7,166.51
Forfeited Tax Sale	\$ 1,387.49

BOYS AND GIRLS COUNTY DAY

- Redwood County students entered the Board meeting at various times representing Wabasso, Red Rock Central, Cedar Mountain, Redwood and Westbrook-Walnut Grove.

TECHNOLOGY

- On motion by Schueller, second by Kokesch, the Board voted unanimously to approve the quote from NowMicro of 18 new PC's in the amount of \$17,603.25 and the quote from CDW-G in the amount of \$916.30 for 5 laptops for the XP Windows 7 Upgrade Project.
- On motion by Klabunde, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Records Management IT Support Contracts with the Lower Sioux, Lamberton, Morgan and Walnut Grove Police Departments.

AUDITOR/TREASURER

- Reviewed the first draft of the 2013 Designation of Fund Balances.

ADMINISTRATOR

- On motion by Klabunde, second by Schueller, and in a roll call vote with Hollatz, Schueller, Klabunde, Walling, and Kokesch all voting aye, the following resolution was adopted

**RESOLUTION
A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HF2726 TO REPEAL ASSESSOR'S
CERTIFICATION**

WHEREAS, legislation passed in Minnesota requiring all assessors working in the state in an official capacity of assessing property will be required to achieve certification at a level of Accredited Minnesota Assessor (Minnesota Statute 2013 Supplement, section 270C.9901); and

WHEREAS, the County Assessor is ultimately responsible for the duties and outcomes of each county's property valuation and assessment process; and

WHEREAS, rules of valuation and assessing are well prescribed for Minnesota assessors; and

WHEREAS, townships and counties across Greater Minnesota are currently having difficulty attracting and hiring qualified assessors; and

WHEREAS, townships and counties count on local assessors engaged in assessing as a part-time supplement to maintain low costs for Minnesota taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, counties are in full support of continuing education requirements including ethics training; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this unfunded mandate, this will likely require higher wages and increased training costs be levied to taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, local assessors provide a high level of service to the individual property owner that may be reduced if MN Statutes 270C.9901 is implemented;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Redwood County Board of Commissioners supports HF 2726, legislation now before the 2014 legislature that would repeal the requirement for all assessors to be credentialed as Accredited Minnesota Assessors by 2019 or within 4 years of being hired for those duties.

- On motion by Walling, second by Kokesch, the Board voted unanimously to close the Social Welfare Fund Checking Account.
- On motion by Walling, second by Klabunde, the Board voted unanimously to approve the SW MN Workforce Council Joint Powers Agreement effective from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016.

Personnel Action Items

- On motion by Walling, second by Schueller, the Board voted unanimously to approve the authorization to post for Full-time Geographic Information Specialist vacancy.
- On motion by Schueller, second by Klabunde, the Board voted unanimously hire Jenna Haler as Assistant County Attorney effective April 14, 2014; grade 16, step 1, \$25.47/hr.
- On motion by Kokesch, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve HR Coordinator to post for future position openings without prior board approval.
- On motion by Klabunde, second by Schueller, the Board approved Department Heads to be placed on the non-union salary schedule effective 1-1-15.

ATV ORDINANCE

- Mark Erickson, Renville County Environmental & Community Development Director, presented Renville County's ATV Ordinance. No decision to move forward by Redwood County at this time.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

- On motion by Klabunde, second by Kokesch, with the Board voted unanimously to approve payment of Road & Bridge bills in the amount of \$91,532.92.
- On motion by Klabunde, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Final payment SAP for 64-598-20 Bridge Replacement Contract in the amount of \$284,693.32 with Midwest Contracting, LLC.
- On motion by Klabunde, second by Schueller, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Final payment for SAP's 64-599-97 & 98, Bridge Replacement projects L6953 in Paxton Township and L6822 in Redwood Falls Township in the amount of \$357,300.52 with Midwest Contracting.
- On motion by Schueller, second by Kokesch, and in a roll call vote with Hollatz, Schueller, Klabunde, Walling and Kokesch all voting aye, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION BRIDGE #89841

WHEREAS, Redwood County plans to replace bridge 89841 over unnamed stream and eliminate a narrow bridge built in 1955 on CSAH 15,

WHEREAS, the existing easements need to be expanded to accommodate the bridge replacement work, approach work, inslope work, and minor horizontal/vertical alignment corrections,

WHEREAS, Redwood County has CSAH 15 Pavement Rehabilitation in the Redwood County Highway Department 5 Year Plan for Highway and Bridge Construction Program and the bridge replacement needs to occur before CSAH 15 Pavement Rehabilitation can take place,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the County of Redwood does hereby authorize the acquisition of ROW required for replacing existing Bridge #89841.

- On motion by Walling, second by Schueller, the Board voted unanimously to approve proposal for engineering services for Bridges L6924 with Widseth, Smith, Nolting & Associates.

3RD PARTY AGREEMENT

- On motion by Walling, second by Kokesch, the Board voted unanimously to approve a 3rd party Agreement Addendum to current non-exclusive use agreement to allow 3rd party consultants free access to Redwood County digital data.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

- Historical Society Representative, Bill Schwandt, held discussion with the Board regarding the future of the Redwood County Museum building. County Commissioners will meet with Historical Society Board at Gilfillan on 4-9-14 to discuss further.

COMMISSIONERS

- The commissioners reported on meetings they attended.

Walling

- Vet's Cemetery Site

Klabunde

- Southern Prairie Community Care
- Swayback Ribbon Cutting
- Western Mental health
- EDA/RADC
- Tatanka Bluffs
- SWHHS

Schueller

- LEC Project
- Ditch Viewer Program
- Senior Care (RSVP)
- Solid Waste Commission
- Red/Ren Recycling bid

Kokesch

- Tatanka Bluffs Corridor
- Health Insurance Monthly Report
- Vets Cemetery

Hollatz

- Hwy/Bridge Funding Legislative Contract
- EDA/RADC

ADJOURN

- There being no further business, Chair Hollatz declared the meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Sharon Hollatz, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: _____
Vicki Knobloch
County Administrator