

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

FEBRUARY 4, 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 Sharon Hollatz, Lon Walling, Priscilla Klabunde, Al Kokesch, John Schueller; County Administrator Vicki Knobloch, Land Use & Zoning Supervisor Nick Brozek; Auditor-Treasurer Jean Price, License Center Supervisor, John Ebner, License Center Clerks, Sarah Groebner & Lisa Guggisberg, County Attorney, Steve Collins, HR Coordinator Pete Brown, Hwy. Engineer, Willy Rabenberg, Legion Representative, Floyd Kumerow, Commander, John Dubler, Al and Leona Weckwerth and Tom Groebner.

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

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- On motion by Schueller, second by Kokesch, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
 - January 21st, 2014 Board minutes.
 - Payment of bills as follows:

Revenue Fund	\$ 41,096.13
Building Fund	\$ 171,046.67
Ditch Maintenance Fund	\$ 128,865.49
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 4,896.11
Forfeited Tax Sale	\$ 10,188.20

BOYS AND GIRLS COUNTY DAY

- Kumerow & Dubler informed the Board of the date for the 2014 Boys and Girls County Day. April 1, 2014 was set for Boys and Girls County Day.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Planning & Zoning

- Brozek presented an update of the January 27, 2014 Planning Commission.
- An application for Conditional Use Permit #16-13 filed by Brian Runck to install a water pipeline to bring City of Sanborn water to his residence on the following described real property, situated in the County of Redwood, State of Minnesota, to wit: 32092 U.S. Hwy 14. An additional branch of pipeline will be installed to serve the residential and business properties on the west side of U.S. Hwy 14. Scheffler, Stark and Grams, and other property owners on the west side of Hwy 71 are constructing a branch line from Runck's to services their properties. Runck's line will run from the Sanborn main on the east side of Hwy. 71, south of Sanborn Corners to his residence one mile west on Hwy

14.4". Line will be bored under Hwy 71 and will continue for 400' to the Stark property on the following described property, situated in the County of Redwood, State of Minnesota, On motion by Klabunde, second by Schueller, the Board voted unanimously to approve CUP #16-13 of Brian Runck with (15) conditions set forth by the Planning Commission and 2 additional conditions as follows: #16 Request a 10' setback from the Weckworth property; #17- users are responsible for maintenance and repair of the water line.

- A application for Conditional Use Permit #17-13 filed by Redwood Electric Coop to build replacement electrical sub-station and associated power lines required to connect it to the electrical grid residence on the following described real property, situated in the County of Redwood, State of Minnesota, to wit: Section 34 Gales Township. The new substation will replace the existing REC substation located ¼ mile to the south in Section 2 of Spingdale Township, which will be decommissioned. Overhead transmission line will also be constructed to connect the new substation to the existing transmission line currently serving the existing substation The line will run in the County right of way on the east side of County Hwy 57, crossing 160th Street and connecting with the existing line in the twp right of way. On motion by Walling, second by Kokesch, the Board voted unanimously to approve CUP #17-13 of Redwood Electric Coop with (17) conditions set forth by the Planning Commission.

ADMINISTRATOR

- On motion by Schueller, second by Hollatz, and in a roll-call vote Hollatz, Klabunde, Walling, Kokesch and Schueller all voting aye, the board adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 10858

RESOLUTION FOR SUPPORT OF THE MOVE MN CAMPAIGN

WHEREAS, the County of Redwood supports efforts for a new state-wide comprehensive transportation funding package to address Minnesota's \$50 billion transportation deficit; and

WHEREAS, the County of Redwood agrees that transportation investments provide benefits beyond new infrastructure, but also create jobs, build economic competitiveness, and improve the quality of life for all Minnesotans by enabling the state to properly maintain and improve transportation assets that expand access and opportunity for all; and

WHEREAS, the County of Redwood affirms that to be effective, the new state-wide transportation funding package must be:

- Comprehensive, including funding for roads, highways, transit, bicycle and pedestrian facilities throughout Minnesota.
- Balanced across transportation modes and between Greater Minnesota and the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area, serving all Minnesotans equitably.
- Sustainable, including long-term solutions that will grow with the economy to
- Meet the states growing transportation needs.
- Dedicated to transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of the County of Redwood, Minnesota, that the County of Redwood hereby supports the Move MN Campaign.

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

Resolution to Use Additional Method to Disseminate Bids and Requests

WHEREAS, Minn. Statute #331A.03 Subd. 3 (b), allows a county to use its website or recognized industry trade journals as an alternate to disseminate solicitations of bids, request for information and requests for proposals;

NOW THEREFORE, the County of Redwood Board of Commissioners hereby resolves:

BE IF RESOLVED, The County of Redwood may use the County of Redwood website, www.co.redwood.mn.us, as an additional means to disseminate solicitations of bids, requests for information, and requests for proposals for transportation related construction and maintenance projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any dissemination by alternative means must be in substantially the same format and for the same period of time as a publication would otherwise be required under Minn. Statute #331A.03 Subd.3.

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

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LEGISLATION ALLOWING COUNTIES TO DESIGNATE THEIR COUNTY WEBSITE TO PUBLISH PUBLIC NOTICES

WHEREAS, counties are currently required by law to publish public notices in a designated official newspaper for the county (Minn. Stat.#331A); and

WHEREAS, counties are committed to providing information to citizens and increasing Access to information about county operations and business; and

WHEREAS, citizens expect and demand information in an immediate format; and

WHEREAS, counties have limited resources and must utilize tax dollars in the most Efficient way possible; and

WHEREAS, counties should have the authority to determine the best and most efficient Method of communicating information to citizens based on citizen expectations; and

WHEREAS, counties are continuously improving and investing in technology to reach more citizens in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, utilizing county websites to publish public notices would eliminate the time And costly burden of publishing in newspapers; and

WHEREAS, county websites are increasingly the first place citizens look for information About their counties; and

WHEREAS, the ability of county websites to provide citizens with up-to-date, detailed Information exceeds that of print media

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Redwood County Board of Commissioners Supports HF 1286 and SF 1152, legislation now before the 2014 legislature that would allow Counties to publish certain public notices on their websites instead of, or in addition to, in an official newspaper.

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

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF REDWOOD COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Member Counties of the Southern Prairie Health Purchasing Alliance (“SPHPA”) adopted a Joint Powers Agreement (“JPA”) pursuant to the authority granted by Minn. Stat. #471.59; and

WHEREAS, Redwood County is a Member County of the SPHPA; and

WHEREAS, the JPA provides that the Board of Directors may, from time to time, adopt a business name for the entity or change the legal name; and

WHEREAS, the JPA also provides that amendments to it must be approved two-thirds of the Member Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors approved a Resolution Amending Joint Powers Agreement at its duly called meeting on April 26, 2013 that “amended section 1.2 of the JPA and subsequent sections as necessary to reflect the name change from Southern Prairie Health Purchasing Alliance (“SPHPA”) to Southern Prairie Community Care (“SPCC”); and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Resolution Amending Joint Powers Agreement as approved by the Board of Directors is attached hereto for reference; and

WHEREAS, it appears necessary and desirable for Redwood County to approve the Board-adopted amendments to the JPA described herein; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Redwood County approves the JPA amendments adopted by the Board of Directors in the Resolution Amending Joint Powers Agreement on April 26, 2013.

- Tabled discussion of Letter of Support to Renville County to the February 18, 2014 meeting.
- On motion by Klabunde, second by Schueller, the Board unanimously approved Senator Dahmes to author a bill to all Redwood County to opt out as an audit client of the Office of the State Auditor, allowing counties the option to procure a private accounting firm to conduct the annual state audit.

Personnel Action Items

- On motion by Kokesch, second by Klabunde, the Board voted unanimously to approve the promotion of Jennifer Rudnik to Legal Secretary; Grade 8 Step 5 at \$15.17/hr, after 6 month successful probation period, to Grade 8, Step 7 at \$15.94/hr. effective February 10, 2014.
- On motion by Walling, second by Schueller the Board voted unanimously to authorize to Post for the vacancy of full-time Senior Technical Clerk/Legal Secretary position.

AUDITOR-TREASURER

- Price updated the Board on the status of the Tax Forfeited fund which has net proceeds of \$84,497.26 from the 2013 sale. Pursuant to MN Statute 282.04 Subd.25, the Board may authorize demolition of the remaining unsold properties; 1 in Delhi and 2 in Lamberton. Tom Groebner, Clements Mayor, was present to discuss Clements receiving their portion of Tax Forfeited Funds from the auction. Discussion was tabled until February 18, 2014 meeting.

RECESS

- The Board recessed at 10:23 a.m. and entered into session as Redwood County Ditch Authority.

REDWOOD COUNTY DITCH AUTHORITY

Chair, Schueller presided. Price informed Board of the negative balances on various ditch accounts.

WHEREAS, Various Joint County Drainage system's accounts have insufficient funds to pay the expenses incurred in maintaining the efficiency of the drainage systems; and **WHEREAS**, Minnesota State Statutes 103E.655, Subdivision 2 provides that the County Board may transfer funds from other drainage systems' accounts under its jurisdiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Redwood County Board of Commissioners authorizes a transfer of \$132,855.44 as of 12/31/13 from Lat J JD 33 to the following drainage accounts:

CD 13 (\$1,851.53)
CD 21 (\$671.60)
CD 38 (\$7,433.83)
CD 47 (\$14,650.86)
CD 52 (\$9,499.68)
CD 90 (\$4,666.37)
CD 90 LAT A (\$17,311.67)
JD 12 B & R (\$912.67)
JD 25 R & B (\$136.48)
JD 29 B & R (\$5,131.29)
JD 31 LAT A (\$1,657.89)
JD 36 R & B (\$8,296.92)
JD 36 LAT B (\$34,108.13)
JD 91 R & YM (\$26,526.52)

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was made by Commissioner Klabunde and was seconded by Commissioner Walling and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted "Aye"; Kokesch, Schueller, and Hollatz; and the following voted "Nay", none; and the following were Absent: none; whereupon, the resolution was duly passed and adopted.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

- On motion by Klabunde, second by Schueller, the Board voted unanimously to approve payment of Road & Bridge bills in the amount of \$108,334.37.
- On motion by Kokesch, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the final payment for SAP 64-631-04, Swayback Bridge to Robert R. Schroeder Construction in the amount of \$40,533.51 for a total contract in the amount of \$810,706.20.
- On motion by Walling, second by Schueller, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 5 year plan for Highway and Bridge Construction in 2013-2017.
- On motion by Schueller, second by Kokesch, the Board voted unanimously to purchase GPS Survey Equipment from Frontier Precision on State contract #15679 in the amount of \$29,695.46.
- On motion by Kokesch, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to purchase a JD 1445 mower with 72" deck for Plum Creek Park in the amount of \$4702.50 with trade of existing 1445 unit from Lyon County Implement in Tracy. A second quote from Kibble Equipment in Wabasso was received in the amount of \$4809.37.
- On motion by Schueller, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously the purchase of a Sign Truck Body/Box for the Sign Truck from Truck Utilities off State Contract #T-765(5) in the amount of \$49,270.
- On motion by Schueller, second by Klabunde, the Board voted unanimously the purchase of a Sign Truck Crane from State Contract #C-798(5)66034 in the amount of \$61,136.
- On motion by Walling, second by Kokesch, the Board voted unanimously to declare the 1986 Water Truck Surplus Equipment and authorized disposal.
- Set Annual Safety Meeting date to April 24, 2014.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

- Chair Hollatz appointed Kent Runkel to the Planning Commission, District 4
- Chair Hollatz informed the Board of the status of the Strategic Planning Session and noted March 5, 2014 is the date set for the meeting.

COMMISSIONERS

- The commissioners reported on meetings they attended.

Walling

- Insurance Joint Powers
- Building Committee-LEC projects
- Building Committee- City and County

Klabunde

- Southern Prairie Community Care

Schueller

- Planning and Zoning – Septic Review
- Lamberton Lions
- MN River Board
- RSVP (A.C.E.)

Kokesch

- Historical Society

Hollatz

- SRDC
- Extension
- Strategic Planning

ADJOURN

- There being no further business, Chair Hollatz declared the meeting adjourned at 11:55am.

Sharon Hollatz, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: _____
Vicki Knobloch
County Administrator