

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

May 5, 2015

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, Jim Salfer and Sharon Hollatz; Administrator Vicki Knobloch; Highway Engineer Willy Rabenberg; Highway Accountant/Office Manager Nancy Schmidt; Human Resource Coordinator Peter Brown; County Attorney Steve Collins; Economic Development Coordinator Julie Rath and Dennis Groebner.

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

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- On motion by Salfer, second by Klabunde, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
 - April 21, 2015 amended Board Minutes.
 - Payment of bills as follows:

General Fund	\$ 132,719.80
Building Fund	\$ 2500.00
Ditch Maintenance Fund	\$ 14,481.38
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 9,201.06
Health Fund	\$ 66,323.75

ROAD AND BRIDGE

- On motion by Klabunde, second by Hollatz, the Board voted unanimously to approve payment of Road & Bridge bills in the amount of \$45,134.50
- On motion by Klabunde, second by Salfer, the Board unanimously to approve the Road and Bridge Annual Report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Julie Rath presented February, March and April report to the Board.

ADMINISTRATOR

- On motion by Hollatz, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to rescind the motion from 6-2-14 that the museum is to be vacated by the Spring of 2016 based on the new findings after building inspection of museum.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Hollatz, the Board voted unanimously to move museum funds of \$50,000 back to an undesignated fund. If the Historical Society has a new building plan, the Board will take action at that time based on plan presented.
- On motion by Walling, second by Hollatz, the Board voted unanimously to approve the TMB Liquor License Renewal with date corrections.
- On motion by Klabunde, second by Hollatz, and in a roll-call vote with all members voting aye, the Board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION**OPPOSING NEW STATE LEGISLATION MANDATING 50' BUFFER STRIPS**

WHEREAS, The Governor and Legislature of the State of Minnesota have proposed legislation mandating establishment of buffers adjacent to perennial waters; and

WHEREAS, said buffers would require a 50' wide strip of perennially rooted vegetation adjacent to all perennial waters; and

WHEREAS, said buffers must be in place by Sept. 1, 2016, or within one year of designation of new perennial waters designated by the Commissioner of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Natural Resources must establish and maintain an inventory map of each county that shows the waters that are subject to the buffer requirement; and

WHEREAS, exemptions from the buffer requirement would be allowed for areas adjacent to perennial waters including such areas used for public or private water access or recreational use areas; and

WHEREAS, soil and water conservation districts must implement the buffer requirement with duties including planning, technical assistance to landowners, follow up complaints, approval of alternative practices, and tracking progress of implementing the buffer requirement. The soil and water conservation district may delegate all or part of the implementation to another local unit of government by written agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Natural Resources may issue orders that require violation of said regulations be corrected or administratively assessing monetary penalties for violations; and

WHEREAS, financial assistance for landowner reimbursement may be in the form of local, state, or federal cost share grants, contracts, or loans that may be available to establish buffers.

NOW; THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Redwood County Board of Commissioners opposes any mandate that does not fairly apply said regulation to all properties urban as well as rural adjacent to perennial waters of the state that are not open to public access.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Redwood County Board of Commissioners proposed that property owners subject to a mandate for buffer strips shall be justly and fairly compensated for loss of their property rights by permanent or perennial payment from the governing authority implementing such mandates and that local units of government receive payments in lieu of taxes commensurate with the reduction of land valuation under said regulation.

(Details of this resolution drawn from HF 1534 and SF 1537 as published by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, 4-17-2015)

Personnel Action Items

- On motion by Klabunde, second by Hollatz, the Board voted unanimously to approve a Wellness Program Policy.

CLOSED SESSION – REAL ESTATE CONSIDERATION

- On motion by Klabunde, second by Hollatz, the Board voted unanimously to enter into closed session at 10:50 a.m. for the purpose of a real estate consideration. Present were Commissioners Hollatz, Salfer, Klabunde and Walling and County Administrator Knobloch. No action taken. Closed session ended at 11:19 a.m.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- The commissioners reported on meetings they attended:

Hollatz:

- Redwood County Historical Society

Walling:

- MN Public Sector Collaborative
- Redwood County Insurance Committee
- Area II/Springdale Township
- District VIII Meeting

Salfer:

- Extension Meeting
- Historical Society
- Tatanka Bluffs Regional Meeting

Klabunde:

- A.C.E. Annual Meeting
- MnDOT Meeting - Runnings
- Western Mental Health
- Nurse Family Partnership

ADJOURN

- There being no further business, Chair Walling declared the meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Lon Walling, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: _____
Vicki Knobloch
County Administrator