

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

May 3, 2016

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 Denny Groebner; Administrator Vicki Knobloch; Highway Engineer Willy Rabenberg; Human Resource Coordinator Peter Brown; County Attorney Steve Collins; Technology Coordinator Paul Parsons; Environmental Director Scott Wold; County Assessor Kathy Hillmer; Child Advocacy Intern Katie Salden; Doug Kerkhoff; Plum Creek Library System Director Jim Trojanowski and Redwood Falls Public Library Director Terri Smith. Commissioner Hollatz was absent.

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

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- On motion by Groebner, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
 - April 19, 2016 Board Minutes.
 - Payment of bills as follows:

General Fund	\$ 189,807.01
Ditch Maintenance Fund	\$ 13,183.31
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 301.52
Road and Bridge Fund	\$ 1,108.49

ROAD AND BRIDGE

- On motion by Groebner, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve payment of Road & Bridge bills in the amount of \$46,545.22.

TECHNOLOGY

- On motion by Salfer, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve to proceed with a network assessment up to a cost of \$3,800.

CHILD ADVOCACY

- On motion by Klabunde, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of technology equipment to upgrade an existing interview room and install new equipment in a new interview room with two payments totaling \$18,126 to be paid with grant money.

HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING

- Kerkhoff updated the Board on the activity of the sale of the Human Services building.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to reduce the listing price of the Human Services building to \$174,900. Requested Kerkhoff to return with update to the Board at the July 5, 2016 meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR

- On motion by Groebner, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Blandin Grant Agreement in the amount of \$4,000 to promote the new Technology Training Center classes as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Minnesota Snowmobile Trails Maintenance and Grooming Application.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to proceed with a Request for Proposal for 3 parking lot projects to include either seal coating existing pavement or to remove and replace pavement.
- The Board instructed Collins to draft letter to send to parties involved with Parcel #60-020-4060.

Personnel Action Items

- On motion by Salfer, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to hire Robin Kokesch as part-time License Center Technician in the License Center effective May 9, 2016 at the AFSCME Scale, Grade 8, Step 1 at \$14.31/hr.
- On motion by Klabunde, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to hire Bryan Haen as part-time Custody Officer/Dispatcher in the Sheriff's Office effective May 4, 2016 at the LELS Scale, Grade J/D, Step 1 at \$14.90/hr.

PLUM CREEK LIBRARY SYSTEM

- Trojanowski presented information on the Outreach program. Board consensus was to table the discussion of participation in the program to the May 17, 2016 board meeting.

COMMITTEE ITEMS:

- On motion by Salfer, second by Walling, in a roll-call vote with Salfer, Walling, Klabunde and Groebner all voting aye, the Board adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A STATE WIDE INCREASE IN FUEL TAX
DEDICATED TO FUNDING ROAD AND BRIDGE INFRASTRUCTURE**

WHEREAS, the Redwood County Board of Commissioners is committed to the maintenance of our road and bridge system; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Legislature is considering methods to increase funding to cover an estimated \$600,000,000 annual shortfall in funding for maintenance and improvements of the state's roads and bridges; and

WHEREAS, multiple methods are being considered including increased gas tax, sales tax for automobile and truck parts, increased licensing fees, and others; and

WHEREAS, an increase of \$0.16 per gallon for an automobile getting 30 miles per gallon and driving 15,000 miles annually, the cost would be \$80 per year; and

WHEREAS, costs for repairs of roads and bridges continue to increase, and, the reconstruction of roads and bridges due to a lack of maintenance far exceeds the cost of regular maintenance; and

WHEREAS, an increase of \$0.16 per gallon would add an estimated \$480,000,000 to the dedicated highway fund, equivalent to 80% of the current estimated shortfall; and

WHEREAS, in a meeting with governmental leaders April 28, 2016, state representatives requested county commissioners act by resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Redwood County Board of Commissioners hereby supports an increase in the Minnesota State Fuel Tax including all fuels as specified by state statute.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- The commissioners reported on meetings they attended:

Walling:

- Planning and Zoning
- Buffer Legislation

Salfer:

- Transportation Meeting – Governor's Office
- Policy Committee
- Extension Committee
- Southwest Health and Human Services

Klabunde:

- A.C.E.
- Southern Prairie
- Western Mental Health
- Nurse Family Partnership
- Southwest Health and Human Services

Groebner

- Historical Society
- Soil & Water
- Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority
- Friends of Gilfillan
- Service Enterprises

ADJOURN

- There being no further business, Chair Klabunde declared the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Priscilla Klabunde, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: _____
Vicki Knobloch
County Administrator