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AREAS IN REDWOOD COUNTY ARE RECEIVING NEW BROADBAND OPTIONS!

by *Briana Mumme, Redwood County Economic Development Coordinator*

March 2021, the Redwood County Board appropriated funding to hire a Lead for Minnesota Fellow, Patrick Garry, in addressing the broadband needs of the county. Redwood County currently ranks 85th out of 87 counties in the state with access to an internet speed of 100 Mbps download, and 20 Mbps upload speed (100/20 Mbps). The state goal is that every household and business is served a minimum of 25/3 Mbps by the year 2022, and 100/20 Mbps by 2026. To provide perspective, a gig of speed is 1,000 Mbps. At this time, Redwood County is not positioned to meet either goal.

Did you know the average household has fifteen devices? And with every device operating, and the platform being used, the amount of bandwidth increases. Every year, the amount of devices and bandwidth needs increase. To ensure Redwood County is equipped with the technology to support the growing needs, a community group developed a vision statement: *Every resident and business in Redwood County will have access to an affordable, reliable, high-speed internet connection delivered by committed community partners skilled in operating and maintaining a successful fiber broadband network.* This vision statement has been endorsed by the Redwood County EDA Board and County Commissioners.

The unified vision establishes a framework for decision making as a fiber network is planned in partnership with internet service providers. To achieve the funding needed to bring projects to fruition, the EDA is striving to maximize the federal and state broadband

dollars available and be application-ready when funding programs become available. Listing fiber broadband network in the vision statement was an intentional decision, simply because a fiber network is future proof. It has the capacity to serve the needs of today, and the next 50 years. Fiber transmits data at speeds which far exceed the current DSL, cable modem or fixed wireless technologies; deploying faster, consistent and greater internet speeds.

To achieve the vision statement, Redwood County is working on the following projects:

1. State of Minnesota Border to Border Program: The County EDA and Arvig are partnering to develop an application to deploy fiber to the premises to 830 structures in four cities and three townships, for a total \$2.3million for about 14 miles. The State is still awaiting approval from the U.S. Treasury to issue the Border-to-Border program, with anticipation of award notice the fall of 2022. If awarded, the project would likely begin in 2023, and completed by 2025.
2. Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus (CDBG-CV): Redwood County was awarded \$1.7million to procure an internet service provider to deploy fiber to the premises within the city of Sanborn, and Charlestown Township. The program is administered by the state, and funded through HUD, a Federal agency; with anticipation of project completion by March of 2024.
3. Arvig ACAM Fiber projects: Arvig deployed fiber-to-the-premises to 231 structures at 56 miles in 2021, through a Federal ACAM program. In 2022 another 254 miles will

be installed to 1,178 structures. Households and businesses eligible to receive access to a fiber network will be notified by Arvig via a postcard. We encourage you to review the information listed, and contact Arvig with any questions. Additionally, in 2023 another 237 structures will be served, 55 structures in 2025, and 106 in 2026. View the full press release <https://www.arvigbusiness.com/news/arvig-to-commit-acam-funding-to-improve-internet-service-in-7-rural-areas/>

4. Nuvera Communications Fiber Project: Nuvera Communications is currently engineering the design of a fiber-to-the-premises network within the city of Redwood Falls, with anticipation of construction beginning 2023, over a three year period. View the full press release <https://nuvera.net/gigrelease/#:~:text=Nuvera's%20Gig%2Dspeed%20end%2Dto,over%20the%20next%20few%20years>

So what can you do? Engage and advocate for high-speed internet access! Funding programs require demonstrated community support. Consider drafting a letter of support describing your internet needs, and why access to high-speed internet is no longer a luxury. Contact your County Commissioner to advocate for high-speed internet, or pledge your support! To learn more about broadband access in Redwood County, and the available resources visit <https://redwoodcountypeda.com/>, or contact Briana Mumme, Economic Development Coordinator at briana_m@co.redwood.mn.us or (507) 637-1122 or Patrick Garry, Broadband Coordinator at patrick_g@co.redwood.mn.us or (507) 637-1362.

REDWOOD-RENVILLE REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY (RRRSWA)

More than a Recycling Facility

Disposal options available for garbage, demolition materials, scrap metal and confidential papers.

In October 2015, the new material recovery (recycling) and solid waste transfer facility opened on the west side of Redwood Falls, MN, replacing the old Redwood County Recycling Facility and the soon to close municipal solid waste (garbage) portion of the Renville County Landfill (November 2018). After 6 years of operation, some residents still do not realize that other than a recycling facility for all your residential/business recyclables, the Redwood-Renville Regional Material Recovery and Transfer Facility (RRRMRF) is a transfer station that accepts almost anything you need to dispose of, with a few exceptions. Recycling is still one of the primary materials handled at the facility, but garbage, demolition materials, scrap metals and all types of confidential paper for shredding are also accepted.

WHERE DOES MY RECYCLING GO AFTER IT IS COLLECTED? In Redwood County, most city residents have the convenience of a curbside recycling cart to place their household recyclables. These carts and recycling collection are paid for through your annual Redwood County Solid Waste Assessment. RRRSWA encourages you to continue recycling and to keep taking advantage of this convenient service. For Redwood County Township Residents, not serviced by curbside collection, rural recycling drop sites have been established for their recycling, which is available for use 24 hours a day (see Redwood County Webpage for details). All of what you place in your recycling cart/rural recycling dumpsters is brought directly to the RRRMRF (recycling/transfer facility), compacted into 48 foot semi-trailers and shipped to Dem Con Industries, Shakopee, MN. Cardboard and other paper materials dropped at the RRRMRF in roll-off boxes and confidential/shredded paper are baled separately onsite and sold by RRRSWA in semi-load quantities.

WHY ISN'T ALL OF MY RECYCLING BEING PROCESSED AT THE RRRMRF FACILITY ANYMORE? With the unforeseen collapse of the overseas recycling markets in 2017, many county run processing facilities, such as ours, closed their doors before the end of 2019. Like RRRSWA, these facilities could not financially afford to continue to process with little to no recycling revenues coming in. Without these recycling revenues, RRRSWA's only other option was to increase the county solid waste special assessment, located on the resident's property tax statement. This was viewed as unfavorable by the RRRSWA Board, so in order to continue a recycling/solid waste program, RRRSWA had to consider several budget cutting options: Reduce the number of workers, eliminate the recycling processing lines, cut some of the programs offered to residents/businesses or

close the facility altogether. To fulfill the state's mandatory recycling requirement and continue to provide recycling services to its residents, RRRSWA chose to reduce staff, eliminate the recycling processing lines and outsource recycling processing to a larger metropolitan located facility. Dem Con, Inc. is a privately owned recycling facility located in Shakopee, MN. Dem Con, Inc., like us, suffered through the same 2017 market collapse, but was able to survive it by providing contracts with greater volumes of recyclables and retro-fitting many of its sorting lines with high tech automation, thus reducing its rising labor costs and extended Covid-19 facility shutdowns. The RRRSWA's decision to discontinue processing and to transfer our recyclables to a larger facility, saw the 2019 RRRSWA Annual Budget go from a \$350,000.00 deficit (loss), to a positive \$400,000.00 revenue in 2021. Looking into 2022 and with market values continuing to be volatile, this sort of recycling revenue may not be as abundant in the future, but the choice to make the hard decision and change the operation did eliminate the county's need to increase the county solid waste assessment in the near and hopefully distant future.

WHAT ELSE DOES THE RRRSWA FACILITY TAKE FROM RESIDENTS AND WHERE DOES IT GO? Although BOTH the curbside garbage and 95 gallon recycling carts are convenient, there are times when people need to dispose of large, bulky items that just don't fit into their cart, or they are rural residents who have chosen not to have home garbage service. Let's face it: carpet, recliners, couches, plastic swimming pools, Little Tyke Toys, etc. are too large to fit inside these carts, so the RRRMRF offers residents an option, which is to "self-haul" those GARBAGE items directly to the facility for their disposal. Private haulers have often said, "This was convenient and much less expensive than I anticipated". Garbage (which is transferred to the Lyon County Landfill, Lynd, MN) and demolition waste (transferred to the Renville County Landfill, Olivia, MN) disposal costs are based on net weight, so as a private hauler it would make sense for you, "the disposer", to separate what is recyclable (cardboard, metal, etc.) and only pay for what is considered "garbage". Mattresses and box springs are also items accepted for disposal at the transfer station. The cost for disposal of these depends on their condition and will need to be inspected upon delivery to the facility.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY OLD BED FRAME OR OTHER SCRAP METAL ITEMS? RRRSWA offers a designated "scrap metal" roll-off box for scrap metal disposal. There is no charge for utilizing this box. RRRSWA staff request that any non-metal material (concrete, wood, fabric, and plastic) be removed first, before placing scrap metal into the roll-off box.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY CONFIDENTIAL OR BUSINESS PAPERS THAT I WANT TO SECURELY DISPOSE OF? Private Citizens and businesses have the option to utilize the RRRSWA's "Secure Shred" service as well. If you own a business, you can request a cart to take to your location and pay \$25.00/cart once it is returned to the facility for shredding. If you are a resident of Redwood or Renville County and have personal papers to be shredded, there is no fee for the service. If you shred your own paper, there is a grey cart stationed in front of the main office for you to deposit your sealed

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continued from page 2 bags or boxes of shredded paper into. Staff will safely secure it after delivery to ensure it is baled and recycled properly. Please refrain from placing bags of shredded paper into your curbside or rural recycling cart/dumpster. Bags tend to tear/burst and the shreds become confetti and non-recyclable.

As mentioned, there are a few items that are not accepted at the recycling facility/transfer station. Items such as: tires, batteries, appliances, electronics, hazardous waste, fluorescent or LED bulbs are not accepted, but each has its own alternative location, or special collections, for disposal. (Disposal options can be found on the Renville County website as indicated below.) **GIVE US A TRY... You will be amazed at how easy it is to use our services!**

RRRSWA OVERVIEW:

- Location: 907 West Bridge Street, Redwood Falls, Minnesota
- The RRRSWA offers 24/7/365 recycling options at this facility. (Outside of the fence are three roll-off boxes into which you can place your recyclable materials.)
- Facility hours for garbage, demolition, and scrap metal disposal: Monday-Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. (Excluding holidays.)
- Payment forms include cash or check only. (No debit or credit cards accepted.)

QUESTIONS? CONTACT RRRSWA: Call 507-637-1800 or 320-523-8002 OR like our Facebook page "Redwood/Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority" OR visit our website at www.renvillecountymn.com.

Environmental Office

NOXIOUS WEED NOTICE

Just a reminder per MN Statutes, property owners are required to control or eradicate noxious weeds



QUESTIONS?

Contact Redwood County Ag Inspectors, Brent or Matt at (507) 637-4023

LICENSE CENTER UPDATES

UPDATES TO MINNESOTA DVS WEBSITE

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SPECIAL ORDER AG PLATES AVAILABLE



Min contribution fee of \$20 plus plate fee of \$15.50

License plates can be displayed on passenger class vehicles, one-ton pickup trucks, & self-propelled recreational vehicles. Funds support FFA & U of M Extension Minnesota 4H.

TRAVELING SOON?

To board an airplane after May 3, 2023, a REAL ID, Enhanced License, Passport card or Passport book will be required. Each ID requires additional documentation. Visit our website to review a list of documents needed.



CDL APPLICANTS



Effective February 7, 2022, applicants seeking a Class A or Class B CDL and/or obtain a passenger (P), school bus (S), or hazardous materials (H) endorsement, will need to take the Entry Level Driver Training course.

LICENSE CENTER HOURS

Monday - Friday
Office: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Drive Thru: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



2022 Road and Bridge Projects

by Anthony Sellner, Redwood County Highway Engineer

The Highway Department has had a busy planning and design season this past winter, and also has a busy construction season ahead, which includes \$22.5 million (M) dollars in road and bridge projects shown in the map below. The map lists expected construction timelines for each project, and also shows planned construction for 2023, valued at \$7.6M. This summer you will see our staff out and about surveying, testing and completing quality assurance and contract management per State and Federal regulations.

The 2022 construction work will include the following: County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 6 will receive pavement rehabilitation from Wabasso to Trunk Highway (TH) 19, which includes a 4 inch thick cold in place recycling of the existing pavement and 3 inches of new bituminous overlay. CSAH 1 (from MN 67 to TH 19) and CSAH 24 (from MN 67 to CSAH 2) will receive a full depth reclamation of the existing roadway pavement and aggregate base, along with 8 inches of new bituminous surfacing. CSAH 1 and County Road (CR) 63 within Clements city limits will both receive full depth reconstruction. We also

plan to have 21 bridges under contract for completion over the next two years (see map).

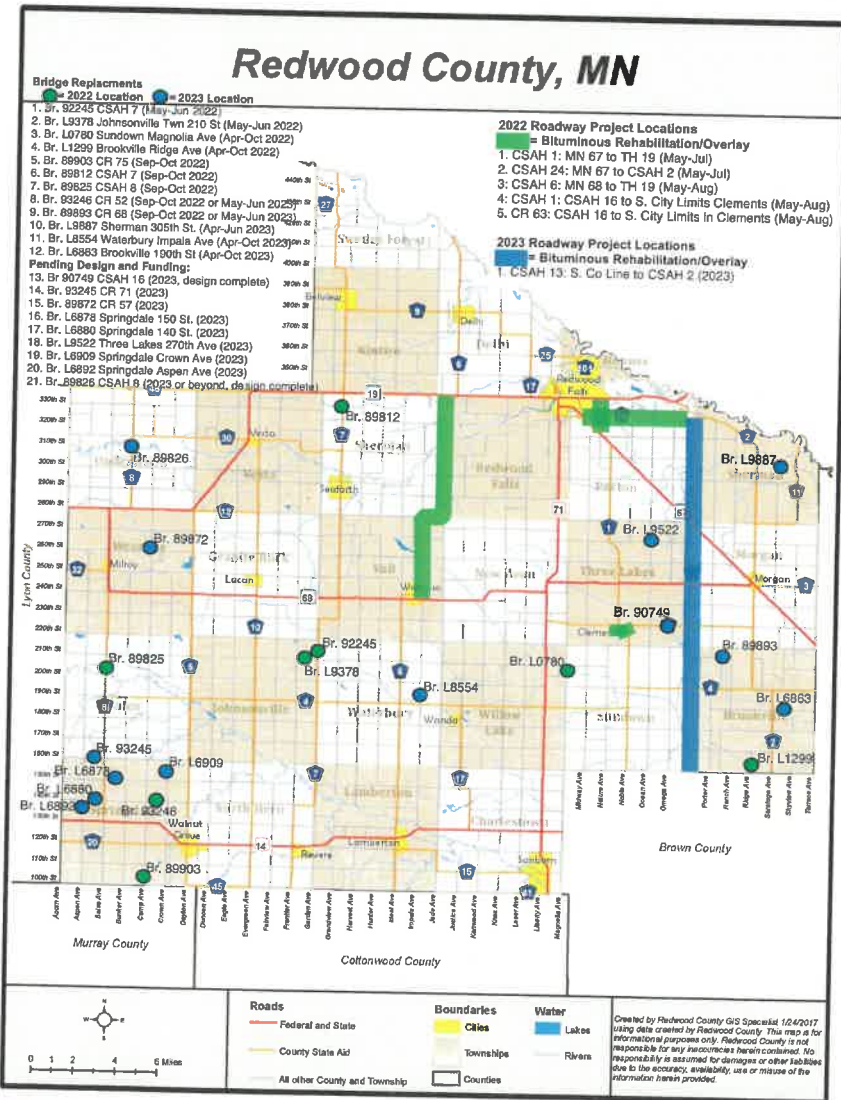
Detours will be setup for projects on all paved roadways and projects on gravel roads will be posted closed. Local access to businesses, schools, hospitals and to the Lower Sioux Indian Community will be maintained throughout the projects. We tried to avoid closing bridges during planting and harvest season to the maximum extent possible, however exact construction timelines are dictated by contractor schedules, concrete bridge beam and concrete box culvert availability and timing of when bridge bonds become available.

The Highway Department has aggressively and successfully pursued external funding sources, and will continue to do so. The 2022 construction program includes \$4.7M in additional bridge funding through state bridge bonds, \$2.5M in federal funding and \$2.5M in state Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) funds. Of the \$22.5M in 2022 construction funds, Redwood County contributes \$1.3M through the one half percent sales tax and \$20 wheelage tax, which are critical local matching contributions. Redwood County also received \$4.9M from the Highway Users Distribution Fund, also known as the statewide gas tax. Lastly, Redwood County borrowed ahead \$7M from our future gas tax funds in the form of a County State Aid Highway Bond to pay for this year and next years' construction. As a result our gas tax distribution will be reduced by a half million dollars each year over the next 15 years as the method of repayment.

2022 Maintenance Projects: The maintenance crews are very busy patching our bituminous roads and maintaining our gravel roadways. A number of roads have rapidly deteriorated this spring, which will affect which roadways are planned for new pavement in the coming years. We are in the second year of the Maintenance Department's five year initiative to re-gravel all of our county roads and re-shoulder our paved roads. This year we plan to use 50,000 tons of gravel, which is historically over double the amount used in a typical year. We source the gravel locally to the maximum extent possible, helping minimize our haul cost, haul times and improve efficiency. This year our gravel and shouldering project will focus on the west, south and south-east portion of the County.

Seal coats will also be completed on various county roads this year, including CSAH 7 (from Lucan to the South County Line), CSAH 1 (from MN 67 to the South County Line),

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Redwood
Soil &
Water
Conservation
District's
Outstanding
Conservationist
2021



Michael & Mary Hewitt

The Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD) has named Michael & Mary Hewitt of Walnut Grove as, not only the Redwood County, but also the MASWCD Area VI 2021 Outstanding Conservationist, one of only 8 across the state. Michael & Mary Hewitt were recognized at the Dec. 14 luncheon at MASWCD's 85th annual convention in Bloomington. The awards program recognizes farm families, individuals, conservation organizations, and other groups for their accomplishments in implementing conservation practices

and improving Minnesota's natural resources.

The Hewitt's have made strides implementing practical conservation and are leaders in farmer to farmer networking. Mike is an expert in the field of soil health making the decision to nominate him for Redwood's Outstanding Conservationist of the Year award an easy one. Mike has been using soil health practices for the last twenty plus years before it became popular in this area. As Mike puts it "I'm a sucker for something new", which has proven

to work out great for him.

Understanding the possibilities, limitations, and what is economically viable, Mike worked with the local NRCS and SWCD to create and implement his nutrient and pest management, establish buffers before the law came into effect, install erosion control structures, and to restore marginal lands back to grassland for wildlife and water quality. The Hewitt's become MN Ag Water Quality Certified in 2017 without having to change any practices they were implementing.

"We're proud of Mike & Mary for what they've done in conserving the natural resources in our area," said Scott Wold, Redwood Soil and Water Conservation District Administrator, which nominated the Hewitt's for the award. "It's great to be able to recognize the work they've done locally. They've provided a wonderful example for us by implementing soil health practices for the last twenty plus years and willingness to sharing his knowledge on the topic with his fellow farmers," Wold said.

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Notes from the Assessor's Office

by Jesse Jacobson, Property Appraiser

Have you noticed a significant increase of your valuation for the 2022 assessment? You are not alone as most residential and agricultural parcels in Redwood County have seen a significant increase to their valuation. For the most part, this same trend is happening all over the region, state, and nation. We are seeing strong sale prices due in part to a limited availability of property for sale, lower interest rates, and higher construction costs.

It is the assessor's job to set the valuations based on the previous year's sales data. Ratios for each sale are determined by dividing the assessors estimated market value by its purchase price. The assessor works closely with the State of Minnesota to ensure that when setting yearly values, median ratios in each jurisdiction must fall between 90-105% in the current sales study. A market condition (time) adjustment is also applied, per state requirements. The time adjustment is to determine what the sale price would have been if the sale occurred on the

assessment date (January 2nd).

It should be noted that increases in property value do not automatically signal an increase in property tax. All taxing districts work on a yearly budget which can fluctuate with specific needs.

With the 2022 assessment complete, we will be diving into the 2023 assessment. This entails physically viewing parcels (State law requires us to view every property at least once every 5 years) by our staff.

Most county-assessed residential properties that contain a single family home will likely receive a postcard from our office if that property is scheduled to be viewed in 2022. This postcard notifies the homeowner that an assessor is going to be viewing their property within a few weeks. The contact information on the postcard will allow the homeowner to call the Assessor's Office to schedule a specific date and time to meet if they so choose. An interior inspection typically takes

between 5 and 10 minutes to complete. We always prefer interior viewings as opposed to having to assume the interior condition and finishes.

Demolished structures: Please feel free to let us know if you had a building that collapsed or got damaged over the last year so we can make the necessary value changes. This also goes for any building that was moved off your parcel as well.

Special Ag Homestead: We will be mailing out the Special Agricultural Homestead applications again this summer (for 2022 assessment/2023 taxes payable). Please fill out and return promptly. The final deadline for applications is January 2, 2023.

Law Change: Relative agricultural occupied parcels now qualify for homestead in instances of nephew/niece occupying uncle/aunt properties and vice versa. Please let us know if you think you might qualify due to this law change.

Agricultural Relative Homesteads Guidelines



- The relative who is occupying the agricultural property is a parent, step-parent, child, stepchild, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, niece or nephew. The relationship may be by blood or marriage.
- The owner of the agricultural property must be a Minnesota resident.
- The owner of the agricultural property must not receive the homestead treatment on any other agricultural property in Minnesota.
- The owner of the agricultural property is limited to only one agricultural homestead per family under this paragraph.

If you have questions in regards to valuation or classification, please reach out to the Assessor's Office at (507) 637-4008.

Soil Health Cost Savings



The Redwood SWCD team continues to be a powerful advocate to the ag sector in providing education and best practices to ag producers of the long-term value of no-till, cover-crops, and other soil health practices. Working with producers, staff was able to collect and analyze the economics of using soil health practices and the findings were very insightful. Due to this

important and exciting work, Successful Farming Magazine published an article featuring this data in their December 2021 edition, describing the economic impact realized and relayed by Brian Pfarr (Resource Specialist) and Jennifer Hahn (Conservation Specialist) of the Redwood SWCD. Jennifer has worked with farmers around the state and local-



ly to attain and analyze their financials and relate them to the management activities of the farm. Brian not only works at the Redwood SWCD but is also a farmer that implements soil health practices and has benefited from the reduction of inputs over the years while implementing cover crops, reduced till, no-till, and reducing nitrogen inputs due to increasing soil organic matter levels.

“Pfarr, a corn-and-soybean grower, began incorporating no-till and cover crops into his own operation 10 years ago. In the early years of his transition, side-by-side field comparisons showed him that with fewer tillage passes his net income increased by \$50 to \$100 per acre without reducing yields,” - No-Till and Cover Crop Systems Cut Costs and Save Soil, Raylene Nickel, Successful Farming.

The Redwood SWCD recently secured a Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) grant to continue to collect and analyze economics of different management practices here in Redwood County as well as collecting information on how soils improve with different management techniques. Making small changes like reducing one tillage pass or no-tilling soybeans can quickly increase cost savings your acres with minimal risk. Find the Successful Farming Article on our website – Our Work - Blog.

Interested in learning more? Contact the Redwood County Soil & Water professionals at (507) 637-2472 Ext. 3.

The Pandemics Effect on the Local Criminal Justice System

by Jenna Peterson, Redwood County Attorney

The pandemic and its related shut downs have impacted every inch of the world and the criminal justice system is no different. Court operations came to a screeching halt in March of 2020. There was a span of time early in the pandemic where we hardly held a court hearing. When the pandemic shut downs became the new normal, the Minnesota Supreme Court issued orders waiving the Minnesota Rules of Criminal Procedure that required in person court hearings and instituted Court via Zoom. Since then we have been operating in a mostly virtual courtroom. This has had a profound effect on an already strained justice system.

County Attorneys' offices across the state are facing a significant back log of cases. In the fall of 2021 our office began to assess the damage and what it means going forward. Since September 2021 our office has had a weekly average of 617 open criminal (juvenile and adult) cases and 70 cases set for jury trial. The Minnesota Judicial Branch has outlined a rather aggressive plan to address the backlog of cases. This plan includes a goal to reduce the open cases every four months by 20%. Per the calculations of the Minnesota Judicial Branch, this means Redwood County has to clear 21 cases every four months. It is the goal of the Minnesota Judicial Branch to clear the entire statewide pandemic backlog of cases by the end of 2023. Sounds simple enough, right?

However, in reality it is far more complicated. In order to accomplish these goals, their action plan includes adding multiple additional hearings to the calendar for each case. As an example, an in person settlement conference hearing has been added to the courts calendar on all cases set for trial. What that means for our office is we now have, on average, an additional 70 in person hearings that pre-pandemic were not on our calendar. This plan also only focuses on the backlog cases, it does not take into account cases that continue to come into our office daily. As of March 29, 2022, our office has opened 204 new criminal cases in 2022, we currently have 58 cases that are waiting review for charges and 615 total open criminal cases pending.

Given the plan the judicial branch has laid out to address this backlog and the influx of new cases we face year after year, our office will continue to feel the pressure of our significant case load. Cases already took many months to move through the system, in the current conditions the life of a case has increased tremendously. Which certainly serves only as a detriment to victims, offenders, and the community at large. The change in the layout of the justice system certainly has presented its challenges and will continue to do so, however, our office remains committed to ensuring victims' rights are protected, offenders are held accountable and treated fairly, and our community is safe no matter the situation.

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County Line), CSAH 101 (within Redwood Falls), and CSAH 18 (from CSAH 7 to MN 68). The seal coat helps to protect our paved road surfaces from the oxidizing effects of sunlight, thereby preventing the asphalt binder and pavement from becoming brittle and increasing the life of the road surface.

Road and Bridge Five Year Plan: Last year the Highway Department updated our Five Year Road and Bridge plan, which can be found on the Highway Department's website. The plan is intended to be flexible, recognizing road and bridge priorities may shift due to rapid changes in highway and bridge conditions, public input, goals, priorities and budget constraints. Last year we received public input through three board

workshops and evening open houses in Lucan, Belview, Clements and Walnut Grove. The plan shows \$49M in planned projects to improve 92 miles of roadway and reconstruct 29 bridges. These projects maximize use of Federal, State and local funds.

Redwood County has an additional 60 miles of roadway improvements needed within the next five years which are not budgeted, with an unfunded cost of \$24.3M. There are an additional 14 County bridges and 4 township bridges that need replacing within the next five years at an unfunded cost of \$6.3M. Redwood County's total unfunded road and bridge reconstruction needs are valued at \$30.6M. The highway department will continue to look at ingenuitive ways to maintain our roads and bridges within our federal, state and local budgets. We

look forward to receiving your feedback throughout this year's planning process as we look to update the Five Year Plan again this summer.

As always, all of this is possible due to the diligent and dedicated work of our 27 person team. If you ever have any questions regarding our work at the Highway Department, please do not hesitate to call our office at 507-637-4056.

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