

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

July 5, 2022

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioner’s Room in the Government Center, Redwood Falls, Minnesota.

Present for all or portions of the meeting were Commissioners Rick Wakefield, Bob Van Hee, Jim Salfer, Dennis Groebner and Dave Forkrud; Administrator Vicki Kletscher, Highway Engineer Anthony Sellner; Economic Development Coordinator Briana Mumme; Human Resource Coordinator Peter Brown; County Assessor John Thompson; Environmental Director Scott Wold and Sheriff Randy Hanson.

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

On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the July 5th agenda.

Chair Salfer 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 Wakefield, the Board voted to approve the Consent Agenda.
 - June 21, 2022 Board Minutes
 - June 21, 2022 Board of Equalization Minutes
 - Payment of bills as follows:

General Fund	\$ 37,363.34
Building Fund	\$ 491,995.94
Insurance Fund	\$ 946.20
R & B Fund	\$ 2,215.84
Ditch Fund	\$ 18,729.98
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 68.72
Soil and Water Fund	\$ 5,555.00

- Bills exceeding \$2,000: Jesse’s Collision \$6,650.91; American Door Works \$3,439.95; Building Material Supply \$2,890.50; Chosen Valley Testing \$4,418.00; Community Electric \$57,494.95; Contegritty Group \$28,435.09; Floor to Ceiling \$11,941.50; Ford Metro \$20,309.54; G & R Controls \$14,155.00; Gag Sheet Metal \$15,094.98; Gunion Painting \$6,833.35; Heater Rental Services \$3,396.64; Kendell Doors and Hardware \$2,739.35; Marshall Machine Shop \$10,857.55; Masters Plumbing \$20,729.56; Patriot Erectors \$7,695.00; RTL Construction \$8,895.20; Southwest Sanitation \$2,467.61; Sussner Construction \$29,671.11; TMI Systems \$187,718.10; Twin City Accoustics \$34,200.00; WDSI \$5,342.33; Bolton & Menk \$3,060.00; Fricke Environmental \$4,300.00; Kerkhoff Brothers \$6,485.57; Great River Greening \$2,455.00.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

- On motion by Wakefield, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve Road and Bridge bills in the amount of \$251,717.26.
 Bills exceeding \$2,000.00: Bolton & Menk \$32,191.00; Duininck Inc. \$122,409.21; Farmward Cooperative \$33,633.66; Kris Engineering \$6,431.56; Meadowland Farmers Coop \$22,043.45; Redwood County Auditor-Treasurer \$2,105.08; SW Dust Treatment \$2,848.00; Widseth, Smith & Nolting \$10,340.25.

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the final payment for SAP 064-701-019 and SAP 065-601-013 to Duininck, Inc. in the amount of \$226,006.64.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve the State of Minnesota Master Partnership Contract, MnDOT Contract #1050092.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Forkrud, in a roll-call vote with Van Hee, Forkrud, Wakefield, Groebner and Salfer all voting aye, the Board adopted the following resolution:

Resolution
MnDOT Master Partnership Contract (MPC) Number 1050092

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation wishes to cooperate closely with local units of government to coordinate the delivery of transportation services and maximize the efficient delivery of such services at all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, MnDOT and local governments are authorized by Minnesota Statutes sections 471.59, 174.02, and 161.20, to undertake collaborative efforts for the design, construction, maintenance and operation of state and local roads; and

Whereas: the parties wish to be able to respond quickly and efficiently to such opportunities for collaboration, and have determined that having the ability to write “work orders” against a master contract would provide the greatest speed and flexibility in responding to identified needs;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Redwood County Highway Department enter into a Master Partnership Contract with the Minnesota Department of Transportation, a copy of which was before the Redwood County Board of Commissioners.

FURTHERMORE, that the proper Redwood County officers are authorized to execute such contract, and any amendments thereto; and

FURTHERMORE, that the Redwood County Highway Engineer is authorized to negotiate work order contracts pursuant to the Master Contract, which work order contracts may provide for payment to or from MnDOT, and that the Redwood County Highway Engineer may execute such work order contracts on behalf of the Redwood County Board of Commissioners without further approval by this Board.

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

Resolution
Prioritized Bridge Replacement List
July 5, 2022

The following Resolution was offered by Commissioner Forkrud and moved for adoption at a Regular Meeting held on July 5, 2022 at the Redwood County Courthouse, Redwood Falls, MN:

WHEREAS, Redwood County has reviewed the pertinent data on bridges requiring replacement, rehabilitation, or removal, supplied by local citizenry and local units of government; and

WHEREAS, Redwood County has identified those bridges that are high priority and that require replacement, rehabilitation, or removal within the next five years;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following deficient bridges are high priority and Redwood County intends to replace, rehabilitate, or remove these bridges as soon as possible when funds are available,

Bridge No.	Route	Township	Total Cost	State Aid	Town Bridge	Local	LBRP	Const. Year	LPI
89872	CR 57	Westline	\$328,415			\$82,701	\$245,714	2023/24	56.0
93245	CR 71	Springdale	\$337,344			\$52,258	\$285,086	2023/24	55.0
64513	CR 70	New Avon	\$647,900			\$75,000	\$572,900	TBD	55.0
64503	CR 51	Underwood	\$1,014,475			\$75,000	\$939,475	TBD	60.0
89888	CR 65	Sheridan	\$1,713,525			\$75,000	\$1,638,525	TBD	61.0
64542	CR 60	Sundown	\$1,057,100			\$75,000	\$982,100	TBD	62.0
89874	CR 57	Gales	\$682,000			\$75,000	\$607,000	TBD	65.0
89875	CR 57	Gales	\$792,825			\$75,000	\$717,825	TBD	79.0
90749	CSAH 16	Three Lakes	\$466,812	\$322,284			\$144,528	2023/24	29.0
89826	CSAH 8	Underwood	\$922,379	\$523,035			\$399,345	2023/24	47.0
92859	CSAH 45	North Hero	\$430,000	\$290,000			\$140,000	TBD	55.0
94129	CSAH 7	North Hero	\$430,000	\$290,000			\$140,000	TBD	56.0
89830	CSAH 10	Johnsonville	\$1,925,000	\$1,112,500			\$812,500	TBD	59.0
4329	CSAH 1	Three Lakes	\$675,000	\$412,500			\$262,500	TBD	74.0

Bridge No.	Route	Township	Total Cost	State Aid	Town Bridge	Local	LBRP	Const. Year	LPI
89844	CSAH 16	New Avon	\$465,000	\$325,000			\$140,000	TBD	79.0
64517	CSAH 10	Granite Rock	\$981,750	\$640,500			\$341,250	TBD	53.0
64501	CSAH 11	Sherman	\$1,395,625	\$847,500			\$548,125	TBD	54.0
64531	CSAH 5	Johnsonville	\$2,117,500	\$1,208,500			\$909,000	TBD	58.0
64518	CSAH 4	Johnsonville	\$1,058,750	\$679,000			\$379,750	TBD	60.0
92194	CSAH 101	City Redwood	\$825,000	\$475,000			\$350,000	TBD	56.0
5745	CSAH 6	Lamberton	\$1,801,800	\$1,050,500			\$751,300	TBD	60.0
64511	CSAH 7	Vail	\$770,000	\$535,000			\$235,000	TBD	63.0
64514	CSAH 7	Lamberton	\$1,607,375	\$953,500			\$653,875	TBD	70.0
89845	CSAH 17	Willow Lake	\$895,125	\$522,563			\$372,563	TBD	70.0
4067	CSAH 1	Sundown	\$895,125	\$597,500			\$297,625	TBD	72.0
89850	CSAH 17	Delhi	\$2,223,375	\$1,511,500			\$711,875	TBD	15.0
L6878	150th St.	Springdale	\$474,575		\$454,575	\$20,000		2023	44.0
L6880	140th St.	Springdale	\$434,700		\$414,700	\$20,000		2023	35.0
L6892	Aspen Ave.	Springdale	\$474,575		\$454,575	\$20,000		2023	43.0
L6909	Crown Ave.	Springdale	\$442,675		\$422,675	\$20,000		2023	41.0
L9522	270th St.	Three Lakes	\$405,000		\$385,000	\$20,000		2023	42.0
L6850	Acorn Ave.	Westline	\$405,000		\$385,000	\$20,000		2023	44.0
L8797	200th St.	Waterbury	\$626,100		\$606,100	\$20,000		2023	50.0
L8558	Grandview Ave.	Waterbury	\$665,975		\$645,975	\$20,000		2024	35.0
L9301	270th St.	Three Lakes	\$405,000		\$385,000	\$20,000		2024	24.0
L6900	Balsa Ave.	Underwood	\$405,000		\$385,000	\$20,000		2024	40.0
L9886	170th St.	Gales	\$630,000		\$610,000	\$20,000		2025	38.0

L9348	Porter Ave.	Sherman	\$594,200		\$574,200	\$20,000		2025	58.0
64505	Prairie Ave	Brookville	\$873,325		\$853,325	\$20,000		2026	49.0
L6933	Harvest Ave.	Kintire	\$466,600		\$446,600	\$20,000		2026	51.0
L6927	Garden Ave.	Sheridan	\$490,525		\$470,525	\$20,000		2027	58.0
L6945	Impala Ave.	Delhi	\$490,525		\$470,525	\$20,000		2027	52.0
L9451	Impala Ave.	Paxton	\$405,000		\$385,000	\$20,000		2027	56.0
L1954	Laser Ave.	Redwood Falls	\$405,000		\$385,000	\$20,000		2028	56.0

Bridge No.	Route	Township	Total Cost	State Aid	Town Bridge	Local	LBRP	Const. Year	LPI
L8563	Bunker Ave.	Westline	\$405,000		\$385,000	\$20,000		2028	58.0
L8764	Duncan Ave.	Granite Rock	\$405,000		\$385,000	\$20,000		2028	56.0
L8767	Fairview Ave.	Granite Rock	\$538,375		\$518,375	\$20,000		TBD	55.0
L9684	Knox Ave.	Charlestown	\$405,000		\$385,000	\$20,000		TBD	55.0
L8763	Eagle Ave.	Granite Rock	\$405,000		\$385,000	\$20,000		TBD	56.0
L8766	Frontier Ave	Granite Rock	\$530,400		\$510,400	\$20,000		TBD	53.0
95578	160th St	Springdale	\$630,000		\$610,000	\$20,000		TBD	55.0
L6919	Evergreen Ave	Vesta	\$405,000		\$385,000	\$20,000		TBD	56.0
L8562	230th St	Westline	\$405,000		\$385,000	\$20,000		TBD	56.0
L9687	110th St	Springdale	\$280,000		\$260,000	\$20,000		TBD	57.0
L9778	Bunker Ave	Springdale	\$840,000		\$820,000	\$20,000		TBD	55.0
64527	Kenwood Ave	Delhi	\$817,500		\$797,500	\$20,000		TBD	59.0
64538	Kenwood Ave	Willow Lake	\$610,150		\$590,150	\$20,000		TBD	64.0
L9347	300th St.	Paxton	\$610,150		\$590,150	\$20,000		TBD	65.0
L6816	110th St.	Springdale	\$466,600		\$446,600	\$20,000		TBD	65.0
L8770	230th St.	Granite Rock	\$405,000		\$385,000	\$20,000		2026	67.0
64547	Duncan Ave	North Hero	\$881,300		\$861,300	\$20,000		TBD	72.0

FURTHERMORE, Redwood County does hereby request authorization to replace, rehabilitate, or remove such bridges; and

FURTHERMORE, Redwood County does hereby request financial assistance with eligible approach grading and engineering costs on township bridges, as provided by law.

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Bolton and Menk to complete the Federal Highway Administration Bridge Investment Program Grant Application.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, in a roll-call vote with Forkrud, Groebner, Salfer, Van Hee and Wakefield all voting aye, the Board adopted the following resolution:

**Resolution Authorizing Bridge Investment Program (BIP) Planning Grant Application
For Redwood County Off System and County State Aid On-System Bridges**

The following Resolution was offered by Commissioner Forkrud and moved for adoption at a Regular Meeting held on July 5, 2022 at the Redwood County Government Center, Redwood Falls, MN:

WHEREAS, the Redwood County Highway Department will submit a Planning Grant Application for the BIP Grant Program that results in subsequent eligibility for BIP funding; and

WHEREAS, Redwood County is committed to replacing and maintaining its bridge structures in a state of good repair which will improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of people and freight over bridges; and

WHEREAS, Redwood County and will use this planning opportunity to identify innovative approaches for improving the condition of bridges and thereby improving transportation safety of many modes, community connectivity and quality of life, access to labor markets, access to agriculture, commercial, energy and intermodal facilities; and

WHEREAS, eligible planning projects will include evaluation of future bridge projects that will meet requirements and intentions for the BIP grant program, addressing climate change, resiliency of at-risk infrastructure, sustainability, environmental justice, equity, barriers to opportunity, creation of good paying jobs with the free and fair choice to join a union, incorporation of labor standards and workforce programs and safety;

WHEREAS, Redwood County has the most structurally deficient bridges in the State of Minnesota and has been working diligently to plan, design and fund millions of state and local dollars to address the most critical needs. A planning grant will not only further this work to address a regionally deficient system, but allow the county to move from a reactive to proactive approach and incorporate meaningful consideration to the above requirements and mutual goals of the DOT and Redwood County; and

WHEREAS, Redwood County is committed to seeking federal, state and local financial assistance options to complete the planning, design and construction, and asset management planning of all bridges on the county system; and

WHEREAS, Redwood County has substantial experience with receipt and expenditure of Federal-aid highway program funds under title 23, U.S.C., and will ensure that BIP planning grant funds are available for obligation by through September 30, 2025 and properly encumbered and liquidated in a timely manner after obligation is reached; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Redwood County Minnesota will pursue BIP grant funds for said purpose.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the County Board of Redwood County that the Highway Department is hereby authorized to act as agent on behalf of this project and can confirm the following:

1. Redwood County is the legal sponsor supporting the proposed planning effort and is committed to completing the study, if awarded grant funding.
2. The Redwood County Highway Department has the legal authority to apply for financial assistance, and the institutional, managerial, and financial capacity to ensure any necessary matching funds and a quality planning effort and documentation of findings and recommendations.
3. Upon award and approval from USDOT, Redwood County may enter into an agreement for the proposed planning effort and will comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in all contract agreements.
4. The County Board hereby supports the submittal of a USDOT BIP planning grant application for the planning effort described above.

- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to authorize to advertise for the Waterbury Township Bridge L6863 Replacement, SAP 064-599-121.

ASSESSOR

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Assessment Agreements with Morgan and Vesta Townships.

ENVIRONMENTAL

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

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF \$2,000.00 FROM THE WALNUT GROVE AREA LOGGERS

WHEREAS, the Walnut Grove Area Loggers, wishes to donate \$2,000.00 to Plum Creek County Park and;

WHEREAS, the Park will utilize the donation of \$2,000.00 for the purpose of baseball field improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners appreciates the generosity of the Walnut Grove Area Loggers in supporting Plum Creek County Park;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the acceptance of \$2,000.00 from the Walnut Grove Area Loggers to Plum Creek County Park, on behalf of the County.

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to set prices for Plum Creek Park clothing/gear in the County Fee Schedule.

SHERIFF

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve a county credit card for Chief Deputy, Jason Jacobson.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to remove the State of Minnesota Border-to-Border Broadband Development Grant Cities local match funding request from the cities of Belview, Clements, Morgan, Seaforth, Vesta, Wabasso, Walnut Grove and Wanda.

ADMINISTRATION

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Data Practices Policy.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge the Justice Center Change Order #10 to Community Electric in the amount of \$3,723.00.

Personnel

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to hire Dean Martin as full-time Assistant Building Maintenance Supervisor effective July 11, 2022 at Grade 10, Step 6 of the AFSCME scale at \$23.32/hour due to experience.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

- The Plum Creek Library System funding request was tabled until further information is obtained.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- The commissioners reported on meetings they attended:

Salfer: Southwest Health and Human Services, Western Mental Health, AMC District 8 Meeting, Audit Exit Meeting, Redwood County Collaborative, Dahms/Torkelson Townhall Meeting

Wakefield: Southwest Health and Human Services

Van Hee: District 8 Meeting, Southwest Regional Development Commission, Transportation Alliance, Fair Board, Prime West

Groebner: Historical Society, Friends of Gilfillan, Redwood-Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority

Forkrud: A.C.E.

ADJOURN

- There being no further business, Chair Salfer declared the meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Jim Salfer, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: _____
Vicki Kletscher
County Administrator