

## REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

MARCH 21, 2023

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, Jim Salfer, Dave Forkrud, and Bob VanHee; County Administrator Vicki Kletscher, Human Resource Coordinator Peter Brown; Auditor-Treasurer Jean Price; Economic Development Coordinator Briana Mumme and Assistant Highway Engineer Jeff Bommersbach; Sheriff Jason Jacobson; Abby Larson; Steve Walter and Commissioner Groebner attended via Zoom.

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

Abby Larson and Steve Walter were present for the Open Forum with concerns regarding the poor condition of the gravel road on Midway Avenue near their homes in Sundown Township. Assistant County Engineer, Jeff Bommersbach, will discuss solutions with Highway Maintenance Superintendent, Jamie Larson, and will contact Larson and Walter.

On motion by Wakefield, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the March 21<sup>st</sup> agenda.

Chair Salfer asked the Board members to identify any areas in which they had a Conflict of Interest. Commissioner Wakefield identified a conflict in the Abstract of Bills.

### CONSENT AGENDA

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, in a roll-call vote with Groebner, Salfer, Forkrud, Van Hee, and Wakefield all voting aye, and excluding the bills from Rick and Lori Wakefield in the amount of \$130.00 each, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Salfer, in a roll-call vote with Groebner, Salfer, Forkrud, Van Hee, and Wakefield all voting aye, and Wakefield abstaining due to a conflict of interest, the Board voted to approve the bills from Rick and Lori Wakefield in the amount of \$130.00 each.
  - March 7<sup>th</sup> minutes.
  - The per diem submitted by Van Hee was removed from the agenda.
  - Payment of bills as follows:

General Fund	\$ 70,806.94
Ditch Fund	\$ 29,344.64
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 119,449.78
Debt Service Fund	\$ 338,646.88
Soil and Water Fund	\$ 329.00
Road and Bridge Fund	\$ 320,200.00

- Bills exceeding \$2,000: Indeed Inc. \$2,500.00; Counties Providing Technology \$4,130.00; Morris Electronics \$6,480.00; Redwood County Highway Department \$3,318.52; Southwest Minnesota Emergency \$3,040.00; Tersteeg's Holiday Market \$10,030.36; C & B Operations \$14,962.50; MARC \$2,294.72; U.S. Bank Charlotte \$320,200.00, \$119,250.00, \$338,646.88; I & S Group \$12,395.00; Stantec Consulting \$13,000.75

## **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

- The Board recognized Peter Brown, Human Resource Director, for 10 years of service to Redwood County.
- The Board recognized Jean Price, Auditor/Treasurer, for 15 years of service to Redwood County.

## **ROAD AND BRIDGE**

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Wakefield, in a roll-call vote with Groebner, Salfer, Forkrud, Van Hee, and Wakefield all voting aye, the Board approved the Cooperative Construction Lighting Maintenance Agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, in a roll-call vote with Groebner, Salfer, Forkrud, Van Hee, and Wakefield all voting aye, the Board adopted the following resolution:

### **Resolution**

#### **Commissioner of Transportation and Redwood County Delegated Contract Process Agreement**

WHEREAS, the County will provide ownership, operation, and maintenance of a Lighting System at ("Lighting System") on Trunk Highway No. 67 at County State Aid Highway (C.S.A.H.) No. 24 & C.S.A.H. No. 01 and Trunk Highway No. 68 at C.S.A.H. No. 01 & C.S.A.H. No. 06; and

WHEREAS, the contract construction is to be performed under County Project 064-007-009 and 064-070-010, according to County-prepared typical drawings, standard plates, specifications, and special provisions ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, the County will be responsible for the hook up cost and application to secure an adequate power supply to the service pad or pole and will pay all monthly electrical service expenses necessary to operate the lighting facility; and

WHEREAS, the County will be responsible for minor maintenance, including, but not limited to relamping or LED luminaire replacement, repair or replacement of all damaged luminaire glassware, luminaires when damaged or when ballasts fail, photoelectric control on luminaires, and painting of poles and other equipment, if applicable, for the entire system; and

WHEREAS, The State will be responsible for major maintenance, including, but not limited to Gopher State One Call (GSOC) locates, knocked down poles including wiring within the poles, damaged poles, pull boxes, underground wire, loose connections, damaged foundations, defective starter boards or drivers, damaged fuse holders, and blown fuses for the entire system; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Stat. 161.20, subdivision 2 authorizes the Commissioner of Transportation to make arrangements with and cooperate with any governmental authority for the purposes of constructing, maintaining, and improving the trunk highway system; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the County Board Chair and the County Administrator are hereby authorized and directed for and on behalf of the local agency to execute and enter into an agreement with the Department of Transportation prescribing the terms and conditions of said cooperative construction lighting maintenance agreement as set forth and contained in Minnesota Department of Transportation Agency Agreement No. 1052750, a copy of which said agreement was before the County Board and which is made a part hereof by reference.

#### **SHERIFF**

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

#### **A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF \$3,600.00 FROM AG COUNTRY FARM CREDIT SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, AG COUNTRY FARM CREDIT SERVICES wishes to donate \$3,600.00 to Redwood County Sheriff's Office and;

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff's Office will utilize the donation of \$3,600.00 for the purpose of a K9 program and/or equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners appreciates the generosity of Ag Country Farm Credit Services in supporting the Redwood County Sheriff's Office;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the acceptance of \$3,600.00 from Ag Country Farm Credit Services to the Redwood County Sheriff's Office, on behalf of the County.

#### **AUDITOR/TREASURER**

- On motion by Wakefield, second by Forkrud, in a roll-call vote with Wakefield, Forkrud, Salfer, Van Hee and Groebner all voting aye, the Board approved the Cash Balance Report, Investment Summary, Budget Reports, and February Disbursements in the amount of \$1,147,265.08.
- Bills exceeding \$2,000.00: BCBS of MN \$10,256.03, \$41,969.13, \$2,421.00, \$15,794.24, \$39,795.91; Preferred One \$8,350.25, \$2,724.06, \$6,221.22; WEX Leap \$7,428.61, \$7,428.61, \$5,089.92, \$20,680.00; Paycom \$3,843.33, \$2,543.25; Great Plains Natural Gas \$2,996.11, \$3,544.31, \$4,658.47; Redwood Falls Public Utilities \$6,000.06, \$5,828.93; Minnesota Department of Revenue \$44,778.38; Redwood County License Center \$2,485.50; Minnesota Commission of Finance \$4,048.50; Met Life \$4,019.21; Minnesota Valley Snow Riders \$23,609.51; Farmward \$4,877.02; Meadowland Farmers Coop \$12,123.23, \$7,353.00; Farm-Rite Equipment \$28,753.50; Frontier Precision \$74,821.27; Safety Technologies \$16,297.00;

Brookville Twp. \$27,000.05; Charlestown Twp. \$23,255.81; Delhi Twp. \$29,247.72; Gales Twp. 21,655.81; Granite Rock Twp. \$27,469.60; Johnsonville Twp. \$22,505.05; Kintire Twp. \$23,681.07; Lamberton Twp. \$21,629.35; Morgan Twp. \$28,744.69; New Avon Twp. \$25,989.92; North Hero Twp. \$23,339.97; Paxton Twp. \$58,966.36; Redwood Falls Twp. \$20,963.14; Sheridan Twp. \$23,645.95; Sherman Twp. \$29,379.22; Springdale Twp. \$24,985.20; Sundown Twp. \$23,800.59; Swede's Forest Twp. \$12,732.70; Three Lakes Twp. \$25,535.91; Underwood Twp. \$24,655.92; Vail Twp. \$25,648.07; Vesta Twp. \$25,501.35; Waterbury Twp. \$23,103.53; Westline Twp. \$22,804.58; Willow Lake Twp. \$26,493.44; Olson Chevrolet \$52,169.56;

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Wakefield, in a roll-call vote with Groebner, Salfer, Forkrud, Van Hee, and Wakefield all voting aye, the Board adopted the 2023-2025 Economic Development Strategic Plan.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

- On motion by Wakefield, second by Salfer, in a roll-call vote with Groebner, Salfer, Forkrud, Van Hee, and Wakefield all voting aye, the Board approved the bid in the amount of \$10,000.00 from Duane Remer, Ag Country Farm Credit Services, for a 2012 Kohler 20Kw Generator and Kohler Automatic Transfer Switch. No other bids were received.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Forkrud, in a roll-call vote with Groebner, Salfer, Forkrud, Van Hee, and Wakefield all voting aye, the Board adopted the following resolution:

### **Resolution Authorizing County Staff to Execute All Necessary Documents to Ensure County Participation in the Multistate Settlements Relating to Opioid Supply Chain Participants, and in the Minnesota Opioids State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement.**

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota and numerous Minnesota cities and counties are engaged in nationwide civil litigation against opioid supply chain participants related to the opioid crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Attorney General has signed on to multistate settlement agreements with several opioid supply chain participants, but those settlement agreements are still subject to sign-on by local governments and final agreement by the companies and approval by the courts; and

WHEREAS, there is a deadline of April, 18 2023, for a sufficient threshold of Minnesota cities and counties to sign on to the above-referenced multistate settlement agreements, and failure to timely sign on may diminish the amount of funds received by not only that city or county but by all Minnesota cities and counties from the settlement funds; and

WHEREAS, representatives of Minnesota's local governments, the Office of the Attorney General, and the State of Minnesota have reached agreement on the intrastate allocation of these settlement funds between the State, and the counties and cities, as well as the permissible uses of these funds, which will be memorialized in the Minnesota Opioids State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement, as amended (the "State-Subdivision Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the State-Subdivision Agreement creates an opportunity for local governments and the State to work collaboratively on a unified vision to deliver a robust abatement and remediation plan to address the opioid crisis in Minnesota;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Redwood County supports and agrees to the State-Subdivision Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Redwood County supports and opts into all future multistate settlement agreements with opioid supply chain participants; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Redwood County authorizes county staff to execute all necessary documents to ensure Redwood County's participation in the multistate settlement agreements, including the Participation Agreement and accompanying Release, and in the State-Subdivision Agreement.

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, in a roll-call vote with Groebner, Salfer, Forkrud, Van Hee, and Wakefield all voting aye, the Board approved the Minnesota Opioids State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Wakefield, in a roll-call vote with Groebner, Salfer, Forkrud, Van Hee, and Wakefield all voting aye, the Board approved the 2023 Tobacco License for Dacotah Ridge Golf Course.

### ***Personnel***

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, in a roll-call vote with Groebner, Salfer, Forkrud, Van Hee, and Wakefield all voting aye, the Board adopted the revision to the Boot Policy to include that eligibility will be effective after the completion of the employee's probationary period.
- On motion by Wakefield, second by Forkrud, in a roll-call vote with Groebner, Salfer, Forkrud, Van Hee, and Wakefield all voting aye, the Board acknowledged the resignation of Michael Campbell from full-time Deputy Sheriff effective April 2, 2023.

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

- The commissioners reported on meetings they attended:

Wakefield: Annual Township Meetings, Plum Creek Library System, Southwest Health and Human Services, Chief Elected Officers Board

Forkrud: Annual Township Meetings, Redwood/Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority

Salfer: Personnel Subcommittee, Redwood/Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority, Annual Township Meetings, Southwest Health and Human Services

VanHee: Primewest, Minnesota Valley Rail Authority

**ADJOURN**

- There being no further business, Chair Salfer declared the meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

Attest:

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Vicki Kletscher  
County Administrator

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Jim Salfer, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners