

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

APRIL 4, 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 Dennis Groebner, Rick Wakefield, Bob VanHee, Jim Salfer, and Dave Forkrud, Administrative Assistant Heidi Wersal, County Engineer Anthony Sellner, Environmental Director Nick Brozek, Human Resource Coordinator Peter Brown, Technology Coordinator Paul Parsons, Auditor/Treasurer Jean Price, Ditch Inspector Brent Lang and Veteran Service Officer Roger Zollner.

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

On motion by Wakefield, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the April 4th agenda.

Chair Salfer asked the Board Members to identify any areas in which they had a conflict of interest. There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
 - March 21st board minutes.
 - Payment of bills.

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| General Fund | \$ 116,455.42 |
| Building Fund | \$ 132,045.77 |
| Ditch Fund | \$ 15,928.63 |
| Human Services Fund | \$ 4,182.75 |
| Insurance Fund | \$ 340.43 |
| Soil and Water Fund | \$ 700.00 |

- **Bills exceeding \$2,000:** Elan Credit Card \$11,025.90; Henricksen \$17,296.75, \$131,292.93; Ace of SW MN \$8,719.50; Smith & Johnson \$4,000.00; Advanced Correctional Healthcare \$31,440.08; Renville County \$17,250.32; Fleet Services \$9,998.11; Sunset Law Enforcement \$2,957.90; SWHHS \$4,182.75; Jones, Haugh & Smith \$10,875.00.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the road and bridge bills in the amount of \$116,462.24.
- **Bills exceeding \$2,000:** Bolton & Menk \$3,289.50; Huhnerkoch Farms \$53,625.00; Schmidt Construction \$2,557.50; L & S Construction \$15,349.21; Little Falls Machine

\$6,248.40; Mielke Oil Company \$2,054.76; RSS Group International \$3,267.53; WSN \$10,440.00; Ziegler \$2,484.62.

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to table the Resolution for County Road Safety Plan Implementation to the 5-2-23 board meeting.
- On motion by Wakefield, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to authorize to advertise for the intersection lighting project, SP 064-070-009 and SP 064-070-010.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to award Construction Contract #23-2 for SAP 064-599-125, SAP 064-599-130, and SAP 064-599-134, township bridge replacements, approach grading, and aggregate surfacing to low bidder John Riley Construction in the amount of \$1,083,763.07.

Other Bids Received:

| Company | Bid Amount |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| John Riley Construction | \$1,083,763.07 |
| Midwest Contracting, LLC | \$1,201,194.35 |
| R & G Construction | \$1,214,848.57 |
| A & C Excavating, LLC | \$1,284,224.57 |

- On motion by Wakefield, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Board Chair and the Administrator to sign construction contract #23-2 with John Riley Construction.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to set a board workshop on May 2, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. for the 5-Year Road and Bridge Plan Update.
- On motion by Wakefield, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to set a Public Hearing on June 6, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. for the 5-Year Road and Bridge Plan.
- Sellner provided an update on the poor road conditions of CSAH 7, 8, and 10 and county gravel roads along with efforts being made to improve road conditions.

TECHNOLOGY

- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to declare two large green bar printers and three boxes of cords, keyboards, and miscellaneous items as excess and dispose of at the Redwood County recycle day in April.
- Parsons discussed options to purchase a new version of Office for all end users. It was decided to table to the April 18, 2023 board meeting.

AUDITOR-TREASURER

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve an addition to the County Fee Schedule for an on-sale wine and strong beer application fee in the amount of \$250.00.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the County Auditor, per MN Statute 281.23, Subd. 8, to recover the costs incurred for posting, publishing, mailing, and serving the notice from the owner of the potential tax-forfeited property that is subject to the Notice of Expiration of Redemption.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge the Confession of Judgments for Parcel #86-232-0080 and 82-200-0080 for Shawanna L. Gibson.

REDWOOD COUNTY DITCH AUTHORITY

- At 9:58 a.m., the Board entered into Redwood County Ditch Authority. Present were Redwood County Commissioners Wakefield, Forkrud, Salfer, Groebner, and Van Hee, Administrative Assistant Wersal, Ditch Inspector Lang, and Environmental Director Brozek.
- Brozek presented the affidavit of publication, affidavit of posting, and affidavit of mailing.
- Brozek presented the bids for JD 36, Phase 2 FEMA Project.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Salfer, in a 4-1 vote with Van Hee voting nay, the Board awarded the riprap supply for JD #36 to Beach Transport in the amount of \$1,839,637.98.

Other Bids Received:

| Company | Bid Amount |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| Beach Transportation | \$1,839,637.98 |
| Mathiowetz Construction | \$1,844,751.56 |
| Schmidt Construction | \$1,920,609.70 |

- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to award L & S Construction for JD #36 ditch repair in the amount of \$640,115.95.

Other Bids Received:

| Company | Bid Amount |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| L & S Construction | \$640,115.95 |
| MNL | \$728,000.00 |
| Environmental Troubleshooters | \$755,500.00 |
| Cooreman Contracting | \$766,162.65 |

- Chair Wakefield declared the Redwood County Ditch Authority adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

RECONVENE

- The Board reconvened into Regular Session at 10:09 a.m.

Personnel

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge the resignation of Heidi Wersal, Administrative Assistant, effective April 12, 2023.

COMMISSIONERS

- The commissioners reported on meetings they attended.

Salfer: Nurse Family Partnership; Lamberton EDA Meeting; Redwood-Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority

VanHee: Primewest; Extension

Groebner: Solid Waste Board; Rural Minnesota Energy

Wakefield: Explore Southwest Minnesota

ADJOURN

- There being no further business, Chair Salfer declared the meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Jim Salfer, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: _____
Vicki Kletscher
County Administrator