

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

August 1, 2023

The Commissioners participated in a JD15 Hearing with Lyon County at 8:15 a.m.

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:37 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, and Dave Forkrud, County Administrator Vicki Kletscher, County Attorney Jenna Peterson, Auditor-Treasurer Jean Price, Development Coordinator Briana Mumme, Environmental Director Nick Brozek, Zoning Supervisor Jeanette Pidde, Assistant County Engineer Jeff Bommersbach, Southwest Initiative Foundation Tiffany Barnard, MCIT Tom Suppes, Sweetman Sanitation Ray Sweetman.

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

On motion by Wakefield, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the revised August 1st 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 Wakefield, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
 - July 18th board minutes.
 - Payment of bills.
 - Removed KnowInk, LLC amount \$15,487.50 from bills per request from Auditor Treasurer Jean Price.

General Fund	\$ 62,994.29
Building Fund	\$ 1,990.00
Ditch Fund	\$ 45,377.90
Soil & Water	\$ 4,298.50
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 1,258.93
Road & Bridge Fund	\$ 767.26
Insurance	\$ 500.32

- Bills exceeding \$2,000:

Warrants Approved On 8/01/2023 For Payment 8/04/2023.

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AREA II MN RIVER BASIN PROJECT	2,698.00
BOLTON & MENK INC	2,450.00
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-DEPT OF ADM	7,663.63
KERKHOFF BROS INC	24,535.00
REDWOOD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOC	20,000.00

SCHMIDT CONSTRUCTION INC	16,197.03
SCOTTS LAWN SERVICE and SNOW REM	2,260.00
SMITH & JOHNSON	4,000.00
51 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	23,928.14
Final Total:	103,731.80

Warrants Approved for Payment 8/04/2023.

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ELAN CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS	13,455.40
Final Total:	13,455.40

Warrants Approved for Payment 7/06/2023.

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	55,067.59
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	2,152.00
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	19,680.07
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	23,655.14
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT of REVENUE	48,185.22
REDWOOD COUNTY LICENSE CENTER	3,039.10
REDWOOD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	2,794.67
REDWOOD FALLS PUBLIC UTILITIES	3,843.78
REDWOOD FALLS PUBLIC UTILITIES	8,121.87
WELLS FARGO ADVISORS	245,000.00
WEX LEAP	7,500.69
WEX LEAP	7,500.69
50 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	15,438.69
Final Total:	441,979.51

ENVIRONMENTAL

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Lake Laura Dam Inspection report.
- On motion by Wakefield, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Plum Creek County Park 3-year contract with Arvig to provide fiber Internet services and managed Wi-Fi in the amount of \$83 per month.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve contract with Pictometry International Corp. in the amount of \$24,240.00 for upgraded aerial imagery- to be paid out of buffer funds.

PLANNING & ZONING

- On motion by Groebner, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Mattison Animal confinement Feedlot Conditional Use Permit Application #6-23, contingent upon the state's approval, setting a minimum of a ¼ mile set back of temporary manure stockpiles from any residence, and providing for the option of enforcement by the County in a runoff event.

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Duininck Inc. Extraction Interim Use Permit Application #8-23 to operate a portable asphalt plant in Section 24 of Sherman Township, with conditions proposed by staff.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve Subsidiary Agreement with Redwood County Telephone Company dba Arvig to construct a fiber network in 8 cities within Redwood County through the State Border to Border Broadband Development grant award.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, and Groebner voting Nay, the Board voted to approve waiving the Administrative Fees on the Westlake Properties, LLC loan issued in June 2021.
- On motion by Wakefield, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to authorize Mumme to develop an RFP for a county-wide Housing study for Board to review on August 15th Board Meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN BONDS

- At 9:27 a.m., the Board entered into a Public Hearing to review the General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Bonds, Series 2023A.
- Kletscher presented the Affidavit of Publication.
- Green, Baker & Tilly Financial Advisor presented the Capital Improvement Plan.
- Chair Salfer called for public comments. There were none.
- On motion by Wakefield, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Resolution for Capital Improvement Plan & Providing Preliminary Approval to the Issuance of Bonds Thereunder.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND PROVIDING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL TO THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS THEREUNDER

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475, as amended, and Section 373.40, as amended (collectively, the “Act”), counties are authorized to adopt a capital improvement plan and carry out programs for the financing of capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, Redwood County, Minnesota (the “County”) has caused to be prepared its 2023 -2027 Redwood County Five Year Capital Improvement Plan (the “Capital Improvement Plan”); and

WHEREAS, on the date hereof, the Board of Commissioners of the County (the “Board”) conducted a duly noticed public hearing regarding adoption of the Capital Improvement Plan pursuant to the requirements of the Act and the issuance of general obligation bonds thereunder in a maximum principal amount of \$10,200,000, to provide for the undertaking of certain capital improvements including the road and bridge projects described in the Capital Improvement Plan; and

WHEREAS, in considering the Capital Improvement Plan, the Board has considered for each project and for the overall Capital Improvement Plan:

1. the condition of the County’s existing infrastructure, including the projected need for repair and replacement;
2. the likely demand for the improvement;

3. the estimated cost of the improvement;
4. the available public resources;
5. the level of overlapping debt in the County;
6. the relative benefits and costs of alternative uses of the funds;
7. operating costs of the proposed improvements; and
8. alternatives for providing services more efficiently through shared facilities with other counties or local government units.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA:

1. The Capital Improvement Plan is hereby approved.
2. County staff are hereby authorized to do all other things and take all other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the Capital Improvement Plan in accordance with any applicable laws and regulations.
3. The County gives preliminary approval to the issuance of general obligation bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$10,200,000 (the "Bonds") in one or more series; provided, however, that if a petition requesting a vote on issuance of the bonds signed by voters equal to 5% of the votes cast in the County in the last County general election is filed with County Administrator by August 30, 2023, the County may issue the Bonds only after obtaining approval of a majority of voters voting on the question of issuing the Bonds at an election.
4. Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC, the municipal advisor to the County (the "Municipal Advisor"), is authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to effectuate the sale of the Bonds.
5. The law firm of Kennedy & Graven, Chartered, as bond counsel for the County, is authorized to act as bond counsel and to assist in the preparation and review of necessary documents, certificates and instruments relating to the Bonds. The officers, employees and agents of the County are hereby authorized to assist Kennedy & Graven, chartered in the preparation of such documents, certificates, and instruments.
6. In the resolution awarding the sale of the Bonds, the Board will set forth the covenants and undertakings required by the Act.
7. In connection with the sale of the Bonds, the officers or employees of the County are authorized and directed to cooperate with the Municipal Advisor and participate in the preparation of an official statement for the Bonds and to execute and deliver it on behalf of the County upon its completion.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve the road and bridge July bills less Turbes Ag in the amount of \$90.00, and the total in the amount of \$363,104.58.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, with Groebner abstaining due to conflict of interest, the Board voted to approve Turbes Ag bill in the amount of \$90.00.

Warrants Approved On 8/01/2023 For Payment 8/04/2023.

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AFFORDABLE DIRT WORKS	23,900.00
BOLTON & MENK INC	47,668.50
DUININCK INC	138,616.64
FLINT HILLS RESOURCES LP	31,936.10
KECK TREE SERVICE	6,825.00
L & S CONSTRUCTION CORP	20,508.75
M-R SIGN CO INC	3,049.47
MN DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	28,112.05
NORTH CENTRAL INTERNATIONAL INC	6,435.36
RED ROCK QUARRY INC	8,475.09
SALFER WELDING MFG & REPAIR LLC	3,544.16
SCOTTS LAWN SERVICE and SNOW REM	5,080.00
TOTAL GLASS OF REDWOOD FALLS INC	2,176.00
UNITED FARMERS COOPERATIVE	3,440.00
WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING & ASSOCIATE	19,464.89
31 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	13,872.57
Final Total:	363,104.58

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to award the 2023-2024 winter LP prepay contract to Farmward Coop at the contracted price of \$1.25 per gallon for 10,000 gallons.

Other Bids Received:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Meadowland Farmers Coop	\$1.44/gallon

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to award the 2023-2024 Road salt bid to Blackstrap, Inc in the amount of \$92.21 per ton.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Central Salt	\$93.78 per ton
Nebraska Salt & Grain Co.	\$107.25 per ton
Compass Minerals	\$96.95 per ton

AUDITOR-TREASURER

- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2022 Audit.

ADMINISTRATION

- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to Rescind contract with MJ Mechanical for the LEC plumbing project due to insurance requirements.
- On motion Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to Approve LEC plumbing project contracts with A: Javens Mechanical in the amount of \$6,393.00 to replace underground sewer line and B: Salonek, Inc in the amount of \$5,620.00 for concrete work.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Grant application letter of support to be sent to the Recycling Partnership for funding consideration on the purchase of 8,800 95 gallons residential recycling carts.

SOUTHWEST INITIATIVE FOUNDATION

- Barnard of Southwest Initiative Foundation requested 2023 funding. The Board took no action.

MCIT

- Suppes presented the 2022 MCIT coverage review. The Board took no action.

COMMISSIONERS

- Commissioners reported on meetings they attended.

Salfer: Southwest Health & Human Services, Economic Development Authority, Nurse Family Partnership, Western Mental Health, Planning & Zoning

Van Hee: Economic Development Authority, Southwest Regional Development Commission, Transportation, Alliance

Forkrud: Planning & Zoning

Wakefield: Southwest Health & Human Services, Counties Providing Technology, Emergency Communications Board, Opioid Settlement Committee

Groebner: Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority, Rural Minnesota Energy Board

ADJOURN

- There being no further business, Chair Salfer declared the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Jim Salfer, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: _____

Vicki Kletscher
County Administrator