

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

March 19, 2024

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

Present for all or portions of the meeting were Commissioners Dave Forkrud, Jim Salfer, Rick Wakefield, Dennis Groebner and Bob Van Hee. Also, present were Administrator Vicki Kletscher; Administrative Assistant Sierra Fluck; County Attorney Jenna Peterson; Auditor-Treasurer Jean Price, Human Resources Coordinator Peter Brown; Sheriff Jason Jacobson, Assistant County Engineer Jeff Bommersbach, MN Department of Correction District Supervisor Sarah Eischens, Lisa Dallenbach.

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

Lisa Dallenbach was present for the Open Forum and requested to discuss the North Start Act.

On motion by Wakefield, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, with Wakefield abstaining due to a conflict of interest, the Board voted to approve the bills from Lori Wakefield in the amount of \$390.00 and Rick Wakefield in the amount of \$520.00.
- On motion Forkrud, second by Wakefield, excluding the bills from Lori Wakefield in the amount of \$390.00 and Rick Wakefield in the amount of \$520.00, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
  - March 5<sup>th</sup> minutes
  - March 8<sup>th</sup> minutes
  - Payment of bills:

General Fund	\$ 106,427.78
Building Fund	\$ 2,900.00
Ditch Fund	\$ 27,310.11
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 136,879.89
Soil and Water Fund	\$ 11,431.00
Debt Service Fund	\$ 364,396.88
R & B Fund	\$ 420,361.00
Insurance	\$ 649.14

**Bills exceeding \$2,000:**

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCAR	10,649.91
BREY TILING & EXCAVATION LLC	2,106.02
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	4,740.00
COUNTY OF RENVILLE	32,889.82
L & S CONSTRUCTION CORP	2,296.92
LITZAU FARM DRAINAGE INC	5,450.00
MARTIN LAW FIRM PLLC	2,600.16
MN COUNTIES INTERGOVERNMENTAL T	3,470.00
MN DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	4,032.43
MORRIS ELECTRONICS INC	9,360.00
POTTEROSA FARMS	9,625.00
REDWOOD COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT	4,794.09
SOUTHWEST GLASS CENTER, INC	2,900.00
STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES INC	8,000.00
THE MARKET AT REDWOOD LLC	8,582.42
U.S. BANK CHARLOTTE	921,221.88
WOHNOUTKA/SHAWN	6,524.71
74 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	29,962.91
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>1,069,206.27</b>

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

- The Board recognized Mitch Zimmermann, Deputy Sheriff for 10 years of Service to Redwood County.
- The Board recognized Denise Siegfried, Deputy Recorder for 20 years of Service to Redwood County.

**NORTH START ACT HF2860-SF2724**

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

WHEREAS, a “Sanctuary State” is a jurisdiction that restricts state and local officials from cooperating with federal immigration enforcement efforts; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of Congress to establish all laws and rules regarding naturalization, and

WHEREAS, the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution was ratified on July 9, 1869, and granted citizenship to “all persons born or naturalized in the United States” are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside, and

WHEREAS, law enforcement in Redwood County is dedicated to protecting the communities they serve and promoting public safety requires the assistance and cooperation of the community, so law enforcement has the ability to gather the information necessary to investigate and deter crime, and

WHEREAS, the Redwood County Board of Commissioners supports all law enforcement officers, federal, state, county and municipal, upholding the Constitution of the United States and the State of Minnesota, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature is reviewing approval of Senate File (SF) 2724 and House File (HF) 2860 effectively making Minnesota a “Sanctuary State” by prohibiting law enforcement, county employees, and schools from collecting information on immigration or citizenship status, prohibiting the sharing of any other information about individuals for the purposes of immigration enforcement, and prohibiting the use of county resources for immigration enforcement, and

WHEREAS, SF2724 and HF2860 interferes with the County and its employees’ ability to perform current functions, imposes implementation hurdles and burdens upon the County, creates ambiguity and possible conflicts with federal law, may subject the County and its employees to statutory violations, employment consequences, and possible civil and criminal liability; and

WHEREAS, Redwood County supports legal immigration and the positive impact it provides for our communities and the local and state economy; and

WHEREAS, Redwood County citizens should not be negatively impacted from results caused by illegal immigration and the North STAR Act on the budgeting of taxpayer dollars and public resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Redwood County Board of Commissioners hereby urges our legislative delegation and the Governor to reject the North STAR Act proposals in Senate File 2724 and House File 2860 and give ample acknowledgment to public and local government input and the true impact of a “Sanctuary State” designation.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, the Redwood County Board of Commissioners hereby urges our legislative delegation and the Governor to require support and adherence to applicable federal immigration law.

**AUDITOR-TREASURER**

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following consent agenda: Cash Balance Report; Investment Summary; Budget Reports, and February 2024 Disbursements in the amount of \$1,861,974.58.

Bills exceeding \$2,000:

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	33,816.57
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	96,944.93
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	70,784.54
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	38,322.61
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	64,173.13
GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO	3,988.08
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT of REVENUE	33,688.92

PAYCOM CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS	2,728.76
REDWOOD COUNTY LICENSE CENTER	6,577.45
REDWOOD COUNTY LICENSE CENTER	2,527.60
REDWOOD FALLS PUBLIC UTILITIES	6,159.63
WEX LEAP	3,862.25
WEX LEAP	8,135.27
WEX LEAP	8,175.27
WEX LEAP	8,100.27
37 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	20,874.91
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>408,860.19</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
MN COMMISSION OF FINANCE	4,332.50
12 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	2,391.26
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>6,723.76</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
TOWNSHIP OF BROOKVILLE	29,570.87
TOWNSHIP OF CHARLESTOWN	25,647.38
TOWNSHIP OF DELHI	32,758.69
TOWNSHIP OF GALES	24,531.86
TOWNSHIP OF GRANITE ROCK	30,775.38
TOWNSHIP OF JOHNSONVILLE	25,217.17
TOWNSHIP OF KINTIRE	26,528.54
TOWNSHIP OF LAMBERTON	24,228.00
TOWNSHIP OF MORGAN	32,201.08
TOWNSHIP OF NEW AVON	28,982.55
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HERO	26,556.68
TOWNSHIP OF PAXTON	66,844.98
TOWNSHIP OF REDWOOD FALLS	22,805.77
TOWNSHIP OF SHERIDAN	26,693.73
TOWNSHIP OF SHERMAN	33,104.14
TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGDALE	28,126.51
TOWNSHIP OF SUNDOWN	26,461.85
TOWNSHIP OF SWEDES FOREST	14,263.44
TOWNSHIP OF THREE LAKES	28,607.25
TOWNSHIP OF UNDERWOOD	27,625.00
TOWNSHIP OF VAIL	28,866.68
TOWNSHIP OF VESTA	28,570.34
TOWNSHIP OF WATERBURY	25,883.63
TOWNSHIP OF WESTLINE	25,685.73
TOWNSHIP OF WILLOW LAKE	30,018.75
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>720,556.00</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
11 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	1,580.32
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>1,580.32</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
13 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	3,201.19
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>3,201.19</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
FARMWARD COOPERATIVE	2,711.76
WEELBORG FORD INC	69,974.95
1 Payments less than 2000	590.49
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>73,277.20</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
METLIFE	4,387.36
8 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	1,914.70
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>6,302.06</b>
	<u>Amount</u>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
FARMWARD COOPERATIVE	2,016.48
3 Payments less than 2000	2,044.04
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>4,060.52</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
11 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	4,117.48
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>4,117.48</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ENERGY SOLUTION PARTNERS, LLC	21,333.26
REDWOOD FALLS PUBLIC UTILITIES	2,682.02
TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES	304,389.06
5 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	1,934.08
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>330,338.42</b>

**SHERIFF**

- The Board reviewed the February 2024 Jail Population

**ROAD AND BRIDGE**

- On motion by Wakefield, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve Construction Contract 24-3; 2024 Bituminous Seal Coat with Morris Sealcoat & Trucking, Inc in the amount of \$1,441,110.33.

Other Bids Received:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Asphalt Surface Technologies Corp.	\$1,486,041.43
Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC-Eau Claire	\$1,649,006.97
Allied Blacktop Company	\$1,919,074.75

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Board Chair and Administrator to sign Construction Contract 24-3 with Morris Sealcoat & Trucking, Inc.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, in a roll call vote with Salfer, Forkrud, Van Hee, Groebner, and Wakefield all voting aye the Board adopted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the position of Redwood County Surveyor has not been abolished by law;

WHEREAS, Redwood County currently does not have an appointed or elected County Surveyor;

WHEREAS, the position of Redwood County Surveyor is currently vacant and no land surveyor has been designated to perform the professional duties of the office;

WHEREAS, there are presently duties which prior to January 1, 1961, had been the responsibility of the county surveyor; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. 389.011, subd.2(3) authorizes any county to retain a land surveyor to perform the duties of County Surveyor at the compensation set by the County Board; and  
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Redwood County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to Minn. Stat. 389.011, subd.2(3), retains Jesse Zeig of Bolton and Menk, Inc. to serve as the contracted County Surveyor for the fulfillment of the Public Land Survey System Monument Grant Program.

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Public Land Survey System Grant Assurances to acquire up to a \$300,000 Public Land Survey System Monument Grant to establish and certify section corners throughout Redwood County.
- On motion by Wakefield, Second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Public Land Survey System Grant Certification.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, in a roll call vote with Salfer, Forkrud, Van Hee, Groebner, and Wakefield all voting aye the Board adopted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, In 2023 the Minnesota Legislature, through MN Statute Â§381.125, directed the Minnesota Geospatial Information Office (Mn Geo) to develop a grant program for the perpetuation of Public Land Survey System (PLSS) monuments; and

WHEREAS, Redwood County is responsible for maintaining the PLSS; and

WHEREAS, Redwood County has identified PLSS work needs in every township in Redwood County; and

WHEREAS, Redwood County has the will request funding for PLSS work up to the grant amount of \$300,000; and

WHEREAS, Redwood County has reviewed the funding request and is fully aware of the work that will occur if funded and its associated timeline and budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Redwood County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to submit a proposal to MnGeo for the Minnesota PLSS Monument Grant Program and if awarded, authorize the appropriate county officials to accept the grant and enter into the necessary agreements.

FURTHERMORE, The Redwood County Board authorizes the Redwood County Highway Department to act as fiscal agent if funding is awarded for the project.

#### **MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

- Minnesota Department of Correction District Supervisor Sarah Eischens gave the Board an update on the Justice Reinvestment Initiative.

*Personnel*

- On motion by Wakefield, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to amend section 6.08 Sick Leave Policy to include MN Employee Sick and Safe Time effective January 1, 2024.

**COMMISSIONERS**

- The commissioners reported on meetings they attended:

VanHee: Extension, Prime West, United Community Action Partnership, Transportation (District 7 & 8), Southwest Regional Development Commission.

Forkrud: Redwood Renville Solid Waste Authority, Annual Township Meetings, Extension

Wakefield: Opioid Settlement Committee, Explore Southwest MN, Chief Elected Officials Board

Salfer: Canvas Elections, Southwest Adult Mental Health Consortium, Audit Fraud, Audit Entrance, LINC Welcome, Annual Township Meetings, Redwood Renville Solid Waste Authority.

**ADJOURN**

- Chair Salfer adjourned the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

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Jim Salfer, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vicki Kletscher  
County Administrator