

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

October 15, 2024

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, Bob Van Hee, Jim Salfer, Dave Forkrud, Rick Wakefield, County Administrator Vicki Kletscher, Assistant County Attorney Marissa Pacheco, Redwood County Auditor Treasurer Jean Price, Human Resource Director Michelle Koenig, Redwood County Sheriff Jason Jacobson, Environmental Director Nick Brozek, Economic Development Coordinator Grady Holtberg.

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 October 15 agenda.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- On motion Wakefield, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
  - October 1<sup>st</sup> Minutes
  - Payment of bills

General Fund	\$ 198,540.45
Ditch Fund	\$ 23,424.08
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 302.92
Soil & Water	\$ 20,222.97
EDA	\$ 194.89
State Revenue	\$ 280.00
Insurance	\$ 325.00

○ **Bills**

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCAR	10,351.21
CENTRALSQUARE TECHNOLOGIES LLC	96,280.64
COUNTY OF RENVILLE	12,715.85
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC	8,198.61
FREEBURG/DAVID	15,722.97
GEOCOMM	5,501.00
ISG	12,043.79
KO FARM DRAINAGE	4,792.61
L & S CONSTRUCTION CORP	4,400.00
MORRIS ELECTRONICS INC	8,500.50
NORTHERN SAFETY TECHNOLOGY INC	10,205.76
REDWOOD COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT	4,697.07
SEACHANGE PRINT INNOVATIONS	13,049.99

TKDA	3,898.88
ZWACH/TIM	4,500.00
82 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	26,813.53
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>241,672.41</b>

**DITCH AUTHORITY**

- Entered into Ditch Authority at 8:30 a.m.
- On motion by Braun, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda for Ditch Authority.
- On motion by Braun, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to adopt findings and order for petition for impound, reroute, diverting and partial abandonment of JD 17.
- On motion by Wakefield, second by Groebner, the board voted unanimously to approve July 9 and August 20, 2024, meeting minutes.
- Ditch Authority adjourned at 8:33 a.m. and the regular session continued.

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

- The Board recognized Brad Zimmer, Property Appraiser, for 10 years of service with Redwood County.
- The Board recognized Angela Sandgren, Redwood County Dispatcher for 5 years of service with Redwood County.
- The Board recognized Curt Scharfencamp, Highway Maintenance, for 5 years of service with Redwood County

**AUDITOR-TREASURER**

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following consent agenda: Cash Balance Report; Investment Summary; Budget Reports, and September 2024 Disbursements in the amount of \$2,342,940.98.
- Bills exceeding \$2,000:

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	34,595.29
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	90,357.93
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	63,070.27
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	16,791.67
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	13,594.30
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT of REVENUE	23,047.10
PAYCOM CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS	2,272.10
REDWOOD COUNTY LICENSE CENTER	2,038.21
REDWOOD COUNTY LICENSE CENTER	2,983.94
REDWOOD COUNTY LICENSE CENTER	2,112.00
REDWOOD COUNTY LICENSE CENTER	4,000.25
REDWOOD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	2,850.85
WEX LEAP	7,603.19
WEX LEAP	2,601.09
WEX LEAP	7,603.19
33 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	21,267.55
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>296,788.93</b>
<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
7 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	1,802.41
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>1,802.41</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CENTRAL SPECIALTIES INC	57,000.00
FARMWARD COOPERATIVE	2,504.40
3     Payments less than 2000	190.61
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>59,695.01</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
JD PLUMBING & HEATING & ERIC A DOLA	19,455.00
MEDICAREBLUE RX	2,898.00
9     Payments less than 2 0 0 0	2,731.75
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>25,084.75</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
FARMWARD COOPERATIVE	2,839.55
JOHN RILEY CONSTRUCTION INC	1,627,463.06
5     Payments less than 2 0 0 0	2,822.28
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>1,633,124.89</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
METLIFE	3,916.23
11    Payments less than 2 0 0 0	3,035.70
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>6,951.93</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
METLIFE	3,953.48
SOUTHWEST HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICE	4,259.60
8     Payments less than 2 0 0 0	1,777.77
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>9,990.85</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
FARMWARD COOPERATIVE	21,173.50
MEADOWLAND FARMERS COOP	2,995.00
TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES	152,290.28
WEELBORG FORD INC	113,268.88
ZIEGLER INC	5,275.00
9     Payments less than 2 0 0 0	864.41
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>295,867.07</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
MN COMMISSION OF FINANCE	4,353.50
SOUTHWEST HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICE	6,627.57
8     Payments less than 2 0 0 0	1,870.84
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>12,851.91</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
4     Payments less than 2 0 0 0	783.23
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>783.23</b>

- Price updated the Board on the temporary Ditch Fund Transfers from the general fund to the Ditch Fund.
- Price updated the Board on the 2024 Forfeited Tax Sale Parcels status.

**SHERIFF**

- On motion by Wakefield, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the annual maintenance agreement for radio and paging equipment with Alpha Wireless Communication in the amount of \$47,903.40.
- On motion Van Hee, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve the contract for on call law enforcement services with the City of Morgan.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of Axon Body Worn Cameras on State Contract #247327 and required software for use in the Redwood County Jail in the amount of \$20,070.36 to be paid with ARPA funds.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, in a roll call vote with Salfer, Forkrud, Van Hee, Wakefield, and Groebner all voting aye the Board adopted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Redwood County (“County”) received Federal Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds under the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARP”), to provide relief to the county impacted by the coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”);

WHEREAS, County Sheriff, Jason Jacobson has identified a necessary purchase of portable recording system for law enforcement;

WHEREAS, the authority under the ARP Act allows this expenditure, per the Department of the U.S. Treasury Frequently Asked Questions (“FAQ”) dated June 24, 2021; under Section 4.8, bullet 2, sub-bullet 4:

***How can I use CSFRF/CLFRF funds to prevent and respond to crime, and support public safety in my community? [6/23] (Bullet 2) In communities where an increase in violence or increased difficulty in accessing or providing services to respond to or mitigate the effects of violence, is a result of the pandemic they may use funds to address that harm. (Sub-bullet 4) This spending may include: Investing in technology and equipment to allow law enforcement to more efficiently and effectively respond to the rise in gun violence resulting from the pandemic.***

WHEREAS, the purchase of the portable recording system will allow law enforcement to more efficiently and effectively respond to violence within the County, where it is increasingly more difficult to provide services due to law enforcement personnel limitations;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the County Board of Commissioners is authorizing the purchase of a portable recording system, through Axon Enterprise, Inc. under state contract #010720-AXN, not to exceed \$20,175, within compliance of Minnesota Statute 626.8473 (appendix A) and certifies that the funds appropriated from the ARP Act fund will be used only in a manner consistent with the Department of the U.S. Treasury guidance and incurred during the covered period.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption on October 15, 2024

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve to submit application for the First Children's Finance, Rural Child Care Initiative Program.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to match funds for Child Care Economic Development Grant to support the City of Lamberton childcare facility in the amount of \$15,000, contingent upon the City of Lamberton's successful grant award.

**PUBLIC HEARING- DITCH LEVY**

- Entered into Ditch Authority at 10:03 a.m.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the October 15, 2024, Drainage Authority Agenda.
- Brozek presented the Affidavit of Publication.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2025 Ditch Levies as presented.
- Ditch Authority adjourned at 10:07.

***Personnel***

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve hiring Patrick Wendinger as Highway Maintenance Specialist, on the AFSCME Non-Union salary schedule Grade 10/Step 1 at \$23.57, effective November 12, 2024.

**COMMISSIONERS**

- 1) The Board discussed the district 8 AMC Fall Meeting and the employee appreciation picnic.

Wakefield: RCRC/CA/Area II, LINC, Economic Development Authority

Salfer: Southwest Health & Human Services, SW MN Adult Mental Health Consortium

Groebner: Redwood Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority, Soil & Water Conservation District

Forkrud: Redwood Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority

Van Hee: Hungry & Homeless, SW Regional Development Commission, Economic Development Authority

**ADJOURN**

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

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Jim Salfer, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners

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