

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

APRIL 4, 2017

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

Present for all or portions of the meeting were Commissioners Lon Walling, Bob VanHee, Dennis Groebner, Jim Salfer and Dave Forkrud, Administrator Vicki Knobloch, Highway Engineer Willy Rabenberg, Human Resource Coordinator Peter Brown; County Attorney Steve Collins, Veterans Service Officer Marty Caraway, A.C.E. Program Coordinator Karen Christensen and numerous volunteers, Historical Society Board Members Scott Larson and Kerry Netzke, LINC Redwood County Representatives: Priscilla Klabunde, Sharon Hollatz, Catherine Rasmussen, Gary Prescott, Sarah Kinglin, Meg Louwagie, Dan Rohman, Tom Quackenbush, Cindy LeBrie, Amanda Monroe, Samantha Loomis, Wade McKittrick, Claire Meyers, Jacob Jenniges, Brianna Mumme, Heather Koffler, RADC Coordinator Julie Rath and participants of Boys' and Girls' County Day.

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

On motion by Groebner, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- On motion by Salfer, second Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
  - March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 Board minutes.
  - March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 Joint Drainage Authority Minutes
  - Payment of bills.

Revenue Fund	\$ 98,663.43
Ditch Maintenance Fund	\$ 16,117.37
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 21.20
Road and Bridge Fund	\$ 316.68
Insurance Fund	\$ 388.33

**COUNTY DAY PROCLAMATION**

- The Board recognized Karen Christensen, A.C.E. Program Coordinator, and numerous volunteers that were in attendance on National Service Recognition Day, April 4, 2017 and thanked them for their years of service.
- On motion by VanHee, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following Proclamation:

County Day Proclamation  
Redwood County

We are proud to join in a nationwide salute that will highlight the importance of citizen engagement and recognize the dedication of National Service AmeriCorps and Foster Grandparent Program members, and Senior Corps – RSVP volunteers, and inspire more residents to get involved in their communities.

The nation's counties are increasingly turning to National Service and volunteer programs as a cost-effective strategy to meet county needs.

National Service programs expand economic opportunity by creating more sustainable communities and providing education, career skills, and leadership abilities for those who serve.

National Service provides a unique public-private partnership that invests in community solutions to strengthen community impact and increase the return on taxpayer dollars.

National Service AmeriCorps and Foster Grandparent Program members, and Senior Corps – RSVP volunteers demonstrate commitment, dedication, and patriotism by making an intensive commitment to service.

Nearly 13,000 Minnesota Senior Corps Volunteers provided more than 1.8 million hours of service in 2016. Redwood County was served by 4 AmeriCorps members, 3 Foster Grandparent Program members, and 419 Senior Corps – RSVP volunteers in 2016. The **Senior Corps – RSVP volunteers** perform their volunteer service work under the guidance of **A.C.E. of SW Minnesota – Redwood County office**. These volunteers provide vital support to county residents and improve the quality of life in Redwood County.

As a County Commission, we work hard every day to make life better for our constituents, and strengthening the spirit and commitment of the volunteers who serve our county is just one of our many goals. We are grateful for the dedication and sacrifice of these citizens who are helping make our great county stronger, safer, and healthier.

Today we thank National Service AmeriCorps and Foster Grandparent Program members, and Senior Corps – RSVP volunteers for their commitment. Let us pledge to do our part to strengthen our county through services and volunteering.

**Therefore, be it resolved**, that I, Lon Walling, County Board Chair of Redwood County, do hereby proclaim April 4, 2017, as National Service Recognition Day, and encourage residents to recognize the positive impact of National Service programs in our county, to thank those who serve; and to find ways to give back to our communities.

#### **REDWOOD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

- On motion by Salfer, second by VanHee, in a 4-1 vote with Walling voting nay, the Board approved an EDA Loan Agreement in the amount of \$125,000 pending County Attorney approval on terms with Farmfest and the Redwood County Historical Society.

#### **BOYS AND GIRLS COUNTY DAY**

- Redwood County students entered the Board meeting at various times representing Wabasso, Red Rock Central, Cedar Mountain, Redwood and Westbrook-Walnut Grove.

**LINC REDWOOD COUNTY**

- On motion by Salfer, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to commit \$14,300 in 2017 and \$11,300 annually for years 2018, 2019 and 2020 for a nine-month leadership development program organized by a group of volunteers from Redwood County in partnership with the University of Minnesota Extension Center for Community vitality.

**ROAD AND BRIDGE**

- On motion by VanHee, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve payment of Road & Bridge bills in the amount of \$92,079.83.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to award the bid for Bituminous Road Repair to Flint Hills in the amount of \$195,852.31.

## Bids Received:

<b>Company</b>	<b>Bid Amount</b>
Flint Hills Resources	\$195,852.31
Jebro, Inc.	\$205,690.00

- On motion by VanHee, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to authorize a letting date of May 10, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. for County-wide ReflectORIZED Pavement Markings.

**VETERANS CEMETERY**

- Caraway updated the Board on current legislation in regards to the Veterans Cemetery.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to send a letter to all legislatures stating Redwood County's commitment to the Veterans Cemetery.

**ADMINISTRATOR**

- On motion by Groebner, second by VanHee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the publication of the Spring 2017 County Newsletter with minor revisions.
- On motion by Groebner, second by VanHee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the amendment to the Sentence to Serve Joint Powers Agreement with a proposed 6% increase for fiscal years 2018 and 2019.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Salfer, the Board approved a 60 month Copier Lease Agreement with Marco in the amount of \$129.20 for the Attorney's Office.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve a full page ad in the Progress Edition in the amount of \$585.00 to include an article on the License Center Renovation project and the Veterans Cemetery.

***Personnel Action Items:***

- On motion by VanHee, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to hire Adam Kletscher as the Seasonal Park Supervisor for Plum Creek Park effective April 5, 2017 on the 2017 Non-union scale, Grade 8, Step 8 at \$18.82/hour, due to experience.

**COMMISSIONERS ITEMS**

- Chair Walling appointed Mike Kaufenberg to the Planning Commission as a representative to District 4.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, in a roll-call vote with Walling, Salfer, Forkrud, Groebner and VanHee all voting aye, the Board adopted the following resolution:

**The Community Health Board of Redwood County supports increasing the minimum MA reimbursement for all public health nurse family home visits, as proposed in HF1385/SF1143, which would help maintain and strengthen home visiting programs throughout Minnesota.**

WHEREAS, The Community Health Board of Redwood County recognizes that Minnesota's local public health departments are a primary provider of family home visiting for at-risk women and families throughout Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Family Home Visiting is a voluntary, strength based service provided in the family's home environment beginning prenatally and continuing through the early years of a child's life; and

WHEREAS, Family Home Visits provide parenting support and social, emotional, and health-related education to families and connects families to appropriate community resources; and

WHEREAS, 85% of brain growth occurs before age 3, and brain growth is impacted greatly by a child's early experiences. And nearly 200,000 Minnesotan children under the age of 6 are at risk of poor physical and mental health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) Legislative Policy Positions supports stable, flexible state funding and public policy to support healthy families and supports additional state funding for county-delivered maternal and child health services, such as evidence-based home visiting programs; and

WHEREAS, The Local Public Health Association of Minnesota (LPHA)'s *2017 LPHA Legislative Priorities*

recognizes that "family home visits are an effective way to prevent child maltreatment, promote healthy childhood development and foster self-sufficiency among Minnesota's most at-risk families- all of which help reduce health care and public program costs" and that "the current minimum MA reimbursement rate falls far short of covering the cost of services," leaving counties to rely heavily on local tax levies to fill the gaps; and

WHEREAS, LPHA's *2017 Legislative Priorities* support "increasing the minimum MA reimbursement for family home visits in order to provide needed resources to maintain and strengthen family home visiting programs that lessen the negative impacts of poverty and improve outcomes for children of our most at-risk families";

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Redwood County Community Health Board is submitting a Letter of Support for increasing the minimum MA reimbursement rate for all public health nurse family home visits, as proposed in HF1385/SF1143; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Redwood County Community Health Board authorizes its chair to sign on its behalf a Letter of Support for increasing the minimum MA reimbursement rate for all public health nurse family home visits, as proposed in HF1385/SF1143.

**COMMISSIONERS**

- The commissioners reported on meetings they attended.

Walling

- Courthouse Building Committee
- Judicial Ditch 36
- Southwest Health and Human Services Farewell – Chris Sorenson

Groebner

- Courthouse Building Committee
- Historical Society
- Farmfest Conference Call

Salfer

- State Community Health Service Advisory Committee
- DNR – Cottonwood River Dam
- Western Mental Health
- Southwest Health and Human Services Farewell – Chris Sorenson
- Economic Development Committee

VanHee

- Southwest Regional Development Commission
- Economic Development Committee
- Redwood Falls City Council Meeting
- Southern Prairie Community Care

Forkrud

- Advocate – Connect – Educate (A.C.E.)
- Regional Radio Advisory Board

**ADJOURN**

- There being no further business, Chair Walling declared the meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m. and entered into Worksession.

---

Lon Walling, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vicki Knobloch  
County Administrator