

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

January 3, 2017

Administrator Knobloch bestowed the Oath of Office at 8:30 a.m. to Commissioner Elect Van Hee and Forkrud, Commissioner Walling and Assessor Hillmer.

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 Jim Salfer, Lon Walling, Bob Van Hee, Dennis Groebner and Dave Forkrud. Also present were Administrator Vicki Knobloch; Auditor-Treasurer Jean Price; County Attorney Steve Collins; Highway Engineer Willy Rabenberg; Veteran Service Officer Marty Caraway; Child Advocacy Coordinator Katie Salden; Sheriff Randy Hanson; Environmental Director Scott Wold, Recorder Joyce Anderson; Assessor Kathy Hillmer; Char Burgemeister; Joey Van Hee

Auditor-Treasurer Price called the Organizational Meeting to order asking for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Price then called for nominations for the Office of Chair of the Board for 2017. Salfer nominated Walling. After calling for additional nominations three times, Groebner seconded and an unanimous vote was cast for Walling as the Board Chair for 2017.

Chair Walling then called for nominations for the 2017 Vice-Chair of the County Board. Groebner nominated Salfer. After calling for additional nominations three times, Van Hee seconded and an unanimous vote was cast for as the Board Vice-Chair for 2017.

On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the January 3rd meeting agenda.

Chair Walling asked the Board members to identify any areas for which they had a Conflict of Interest. None were identified.

CONSENT AGENDA

- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
 - December 27th minutes
 - Payment of bills as follows:

Revenue Fund	\$ 44,566.86
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 14.04
Ditch Fund	\$ 70,545.33

BOARD CHAIR

- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Board Chair to act on behalf of Redwood County in case of emergencies.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Roberts Rules of Order as the County Board meeting procedural guide.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

- On motion by Groebner, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$16,239.78.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the County Engineer to sign and pay permit fees as they apply to Redwood County Projects.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 24 month extended warranty for the 2010 Caterpillar Motorgrader in the amount of \$3,024.50.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 60 month extended warranty for the 2011 Caterpillar Loader in the amount of \$2,369.00.

VETERAN SERVICE

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve out of state travel for Caraway to attend the NACVSO Conference in San Diego from June 8-18, 2017.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve Caraway’s participation on the Executive Board of the NACVSO for 2017.

ADMINISTRATOR

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

MN Statute 118A.02 subd. 1 (a) The governing body of each government entity shall designate, as a depository of its funds, one or more financial institutions.

DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES

(for Deposit Accounts)

DEPOSITOR: County of Redwood
 403 South Mill Street
 Redwood Falls, MN 56283

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS: Bremer Bank, NA
 Hometown Bank
 Integrity Bank Plus
 Minnwest Bank M.V.
 U.S. Bank
 Wanda State Bank
 MAGIC Fund
 Wells Fargo Advisors
 Multi-Bank Securities
 World’s Foremost Bank
 State Bank of Taunton
 First Independent Bank
 First Security Bank

I, the undersigned Administrator of the County named above, hereby certify that the County of Redwood is organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the state of Minnesota as a corporation for profit, with its principal address at 403 South Mill Street, Redwood Falls, MN 56283.

Account Holder: County of Redwood is the complete and correct name of the Account Holder.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that at a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Redwood, duly and regularly called and held on January 5, 2016, at which a quorum was present and voting, the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Financial Institutions named above at any one or more of its offices or branches, be and it hereby is designated as a depository for the funds of the County, which may be withdrawn on checks, drafts, advices of debit, notes or other orders for the payment of monies bearing the following appropriate number of signatures: Any one (1) of the following named officers or employees of the County (“Agents”), whose actual signatures are shown below:

Jean Price
Authorized Signer Printed Name

Vicki Knobloch
Authorized Signer Printed Name

And that the Financial Institution shall be and is authorized to honor and pay the same whether or not they are payable to bearer or to the individual order of any Agent or Agent’s signing the same.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Financial Institution is hereby directed to accept and pay without further inquiry any item drawn against any of the County’s accounts with the Financial Institution bearing the signature or signatures of Agents, as authorized above or otherwise even though drawn or endorsed to the order of any Agent signing or tendered by such Agent for cashing or in payment of the individual obligation of such Agent or for deposit to the Agent’s personal account, and the Financial Institution shall not be required or be under any obligation to inquire as to the circumstances of the issue or use of any item signed in accordance with the resolutions contained herein, or the application or disposition of such item or the proceeds of the item.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any one of such Agents is authorized to endorse all checks, drafts, notes and other items payable to or owned by Redwood County for deposit with the Financial Institution, or for collection or discount by the Financial Institution; and to accept drafts and other items payable at the Financial Institution.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above named agents are authorized and empowered to execute such other agreements, including, but not limited to, special depository agreements and arrangements regarding the manner, conditions, or purposes for which funds, checks, or items of the County may be deposited, collected, or withdrawn and to perform such other acts as they deem reasonably necessary to carry out the provisions of these resolutions. The other agreements and other acts may not be contrary to the provisions contained in this Resolution.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the authority hereby conferred upon the above named Agents shall be and remain in full force and effect until written notice of any amendment or revocation thereof shall have been delivered to and received by the Financial Institution at each location where an account is maintained. Financial Institution shall be indemnified and held harmless from any loss suffered or any liability incurred by it in continuing to act in accordance with this resolution. Any such notice shall not affect any items in process at the time notice is given.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that the persons named above occupy the positions set forth opposite their respective names and signatures; that the foregoing Resolutions now stand of record on the books of Redwood County; that they are in full force and effect and have not been modified in any manner whatsoever.

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

RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS LEASE AND OPERATION OF THE PRAIRIE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY IN APPLETON

WHEREAS, according to the Minnesota Department of Corrections, the State of Minnesota's prison population exceeds capacity; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Corrections is housing over 500 inmates in county jails where they cannot receive critical rehabilitation services available in State correctional facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Corrections projects the State of Minnesota's prison population will grow by at least an additional 500 inmates by the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota will continue to face financial challenges such as interest, debt service, maintenance, and annual operating costs associated with any new facility construction and/or maintenance of existing, aging facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Appleton is home to a vacant and well-maintained prison facility with adequate space to meet the Department of Corrections' current and future needs; and

WHEREAS, up to 350 people from 24 surrounding counties worked at the Appleton prison when it was in use, generating an estimated \$15.2 million for the regional economy; and

WHEREAS, many ancillary businesses in the region and their workers benefitted when the Appleton prison was in use; and

WHEREAS, the region offers robust infrastructure to provide rehabilitation services for State of Minnesota inmates and a great quality of life for working families; and

WHEREAS, the cost to the State of Minnesota to lease the Appleton prison is estimated to be \$6-8 million per year, plus annual operating costs – substantially lower than constructing and maintaining new, permanent correctional facilities; and

WHEREAS, it is practical that the State of Minnesota do its due diligence to fairly consider the costs associated with leasing and operating the Appleton prison before constructing new, permanent correctional facilities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that on the 3rd Day of January 2017, the Redwood County Board of Commissioners declared its support for a proposal for the State of Minnesota to

lease and operate the Appleton prison with State of Minnesota public employees to provide much-needed jobs and economic development for the people of West Central Minnesota and to provide effective rehabilitation services for inmates needed to reduce recidivism.

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Amendment to the Child Advocacy Grant Agreement.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to table the Land purchase agreement to the 1-17-17 board meeting as paperwork was unavailable from County Attorney.

CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

- On motion by Groebner, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to apply for a Otto Bremer Trust Grant in the amount of \$100,000 (\$50,000/year) to fund a part-time forensic interviewer position in the CAC and a \$4,800 SMAC Grant to fund an artwork mural at the CAC through local artist Dona Larkin.

BOARD CHAIR

- The Board reviewed and Chair Walling made necessary appointments and changes to the Committee Appointments for 2017.
- Department Heads were present to introduce themselves to the new commissioners and gave a brief overview of their departments.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- The Commissioners reported on meetings they attended:

Walling:

- Building Committee

Groebner:

- Building Committee

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Walling declared the meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

Lon Walling, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: _____

Vicki Knobloch
County Administrator