

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

July 5, 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 Van Hee, Jim Salfer, Dennis Groebner and Dave Forkrud; Administrator Vicki Knobloch; Land Use & Zoning Supervisor Nick Brozek; Auditor-Treasurer Jean Price and Human Resource Coordinator Peter Brown;

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. Van Hee identified a conflict in the Closed Session.

CONSENT AGENDA

- On motion by Salfer, second by Forkrud, the Board voted to approve the Consent Agenda.
 - June 20, 2017 Board minutes
 - June 20, 2017 Board of Equalization minutes
 - Payment of bills as follows:

General Fund	\$ 66,618.30
Building Fund	\$ 4,500.00
Ditch Maintenance Fund	\$ 7,844.83
Insurance Fund	\$ 490.57

ENVIRONMENTAL

Planning and Zoning

- An application for a Conditional Use Permit #12-17 for construction of an additional wastewater lagoon filed by the City of Lucan on the following described real property, situated in the County of Redwood, State of Minnesota, to wit: NW ¼ of Section 22, 111N, Range 38W, Granite Rock Twp. On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve CUP #12-17 with (17) conditions as set forth by the Planning Commission.
- An application for a Conditional Use Permit #13-17 for a gravel pit and hot mix asphalt plant filed by Duininck, Inc. OBO Jennifer Vance on the following described real property, situated in the County of Redwood, State of Minnesota, to wit: NE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 14, 112, Range 39, Underwood Twp. On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve CUP #13-17 with (17) conditions and a signed Road Maintenance Agreement as set forth by the Planning Commission.
- An application for a Conditional Use Permit #14-17 for a meat cutting and retail business filed by Mike Beranek on the following described real property, situated in the County of Redwood, State of Minnesota, to wit: 3.58 acre tract in SW ¼ and SE ¼ of Section 17, 110N, Range 36W, Willow Lake Twp. On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, with Salfer abstaining due to possible conflict of interest, the Board voted unanimously to approve CUP #14-17 with (16) conditions as set forth by the Planning Commission.

AUDITOR-TREASURER

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

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners of the County of Redwood, State of Minnesota desires to offer for sale certain parcels of land that have forfeited to the State of Minnesota for non-payment of taxes, and

WHEREAS, said parcels of land have been viewed by the County Board of Commissioners and have been classified as non-conservation lands as provided for in Minnesota Statutes 282.01.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Redwood County Board of Commissioners hereby certifies that all parcels of land have been viewed and comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 85.012, 92.461, 282.01 subd. 8, 282.018 and the 1991 Laws of Minnesota Ch. 354, Art. 10, Sec. 9, amending M.S. Sec. 282.018, subd. 2 (1990). The County Board of Commissioners hereby certifies that either the County Land Commissioner or the Soil and Water Conservation Board of the district in where the land is located has reviewed the attached land sale list and identified any and all non-forested marginal and wetland.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Redwood County Board of Commissioners hereby request approval from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the sale of said lands.

- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge the Confession of Judgments for Parcel #74-032-3020, Neil Coyle and Parcel #90-297-0040, Brett Anderson.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to authorize County Commissioner signatures on all Certificates of County Board of Classification of Forfeited Lands.
- Price presented a list of all tax forfeited parcels by districts and requested the board members to view those in their district and set a minimum bid price for public auction.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve Road and Bridge bills in the amount of \$119,525.01.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to award 21,000 tons of gravel bid to GWL Farms in the amount of \$98,700. No other bids were received.

ADMINISTRATOR

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the 2017 Data Practices Policy.
- The Board reviewed the Clean Indoor Air Ordinance and will forward concerns to County Attorney Collins for review and table the Ordinance discussion until the July 18, 2017 board meeting.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to discontinue membership with the Redwood Area Development Corporation for the remainder of 2017.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the United Way Grant Agreement in the amount of \$20,000.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, in a roll-call vote with Salfer, Groebner, Forkrud and Van Hee all voting aye and Walling voting nay, the Board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING IMPOSITION OF WHEELAGE TAX

WHEREAS, Redwood County's transportation infrastructure forms the backbone of the County's economy and has a direct impact on future economic development; and

WHEREAS, local governments throughout the state are struggling to maintain local transportation systems while state funding has not kept up with the needs on the State Aid System;

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. 163.051, Section 4, provides, in part, that the Board of Commissioners of each County is authorized to levy a wheelage tax on each motor vehicle which is kept in such County when not in operation which is subject to annual registration and taxation under Chapter 168 at a rate of \$10 per vehicle through 2017 and up to \$20 per vehicle in 2018 and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. 163.051 further provides that the Board may provide by resolution for collection of the wheelage tax by County officials it may request that the tax be collect by the State Registrar of Motor Vehicles, and the State Registrar of Motor Vehicles shall collect such tax on behalf of the County if requested; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. 163.051, Section 4, Subd. 2, provides, in part, that the wheelage tax levied by any County, if made collectible by the State Registrar of Motor Vehicles, shall be certified by the County Auditor to the Registrar not later than August 1 in the year before the calendar year or years for which the tax is levied, and the registrar shall collect such tax with the motor vehicle taxes on the affected vehicles for such year or years; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. 163.051, Section 4, Subd. 4, provides, that the Treasurer of each County receiving proceeds from the wheelage tax is to deposit such proceeds in the County Road and Bridge Fund, which moneys shall be used for purposes authorized by law which are Highway purposes within the meaning of the Minnesota Constitution, Article 14; and

WHEREAS, the Redwood County Board of Commissioners desires to implement such a wheelage tax and have the State Registrar of Motor Vehicles collect the same; and

WHEREAS, the proceeds of such a wheelage tax would be used to help the quality of the County Road System;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE Redwood County Board of Commissioners authorize and impose a wheelage tax as provided for in Minn. Stat. 163.051 of \$10.00 for the year 2018 and ach subsequent year thereafter, subject to levy limits and other factors, on each motor vehicle which is kept in Redwood County when not in operation and which is subject to taxation and registration under Chapter 168.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County requires that the State Registrar of Motor Vehicles to collect the wheelage tax on behalf of the County.

Personnel Items

- On motion by Salfer, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to set the 2018-2019 non-union salary schedule.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to change the grade from a Grade 11 to Grade 10 for the posting of the Forensic Interviewer position.

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to hire Lisa Reynolds as full-time employee to share position as the Senior Technical Clerk for the Jail at a Grade 7, Step 1 of the AFSCME Salary Schedule at \$14.36/hr. and Receptionist/Technical Clerk in the Probation Office at a Grade 6, Step 1 at \$13.33/hr.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

- Chair Walling appointed Jacob Jenniges to the EDA Committee for District 1.
- The Board reviewed the Historical Society insurance report.

CLOSED SESSION

- On motion by Groebner, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to enter into closed session at 9:58 a.m. for the purpose of a real estate consideration pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05, Subd. 3. Present were Commissioners Walling, Salfer, Groebner and Forkrud and County Administrator Knobloch. Commissioner Van Hee recused himself at 9:56 a.m. No action was taken.
- Closed session ended at 10:10 a.m.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- The commissioners reported on meetings they attended:

Salfer:

Lyon County VSO, Western Mental Health, Southwest Health and Human Services, Geronimo Energy

Walling:

Planning and Zoning, Geronimo Energy, Ditch Issue

Van Hee:

United Community Action, Southern Prairie

Groebner

Redwood Soil and Water Conservation, Regional Rail Authority, Friends of Gilfillan

ADJOURN

- There being no further business, Chair Walling declared the meeting adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

Lon Walling, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: _____
Vicki Knobloch
County Administrator