

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

JUNE 20, 2017

Present for all or portions of the meeting were Commissioners Van Hee, Jim Salfer, Lon Walling, Dave Forkrud, Dennis Groebner, and County Administrator Vicki Knobloch. Also present were Auditor/Treasurer Jean Price; Planning and Zoning Supervisor Nick Brozek; Sheriff Randy Hanson; Environmental Director Scott Wold; Child Advocacy Coordinator Katie Salden; Assessor Kathy Hillmer; MCIT Representative Bob Goede; Minnesota DNR Lucas Youngsma; Rural Minnesota Energy Annette Fiedler; Lamberton City Clerk Steve Flaig; Tom Morley; Brady Hagert; Kevin Barnhardt; Bryan Hagert and Bo Hagert.

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 3:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room in the Government Center, Redwood Falls, Minnesota.

Chair Walling called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. asking for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

During open forum, Tom Morley was present in reference to the conditional use permit for Brady Hagert for an animal confinement feedlot. He requested that it be noted on the record that there be no threats to his family, no damage to his property and everyone be friendly to each other.

On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the June 20th 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 by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
  - June 6<sup>th</sup> minutes.
  - Payment of bills as follows:

General Fund	\$ 82,639.92
Ditch Maintenance Fund	\$ 3,992.48
Building Fund	\$ 22,275.32
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 902.63
Insurance Fund	\$ 10.74

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

- The Board recognized Matthew Guetter, Highway Department, for 15 years of service to Redwood County.

**MINNESOTA COUNTIES INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRUST**

- Goede presented the annual member insurance coverage report.

**MINNESOTA DNR**

- Youngsma presented update on the project status of the three dams along the Cottonwood River with request for Redwood County to act as fiscal host for an \$870,000 grant to fund the project.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the grant contract with the State of Minnesota through its Commissioner of Natural Resources.

**ENVIRONMENTAL**

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

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ELECTION OF JURISDICTION FOR  
THE MINNESOTA BUFFER LAW  
Redwood County**

**WHEREAS**, provisions in Minnesota Statute 103F.48 (Buffer Law) allow a county or watershed district to affirm jurisdiction to carry out the compliance provisions regarding riparian vegetated buffers and alternative water quality practices for those waterbodies identified on the Department of Natural Resources’ Buffer Protection Map; and

**WHEREAS**, a county with jurisdiction over a noncompliant site shall enforce corrective actions through a coordinated approach under the authority granted in Minnesota Statute 103B.101, subd. 12a, the Buffer Law or other authority granted by statute; and

**WHEREAS**, Redwood County agrees to carry out corrective actions on a parcel basis to ensure compliance with the buffer requirements, which may include an Administrative Penalty Order (APO) plan under the authority provided in Minnesota Statutes 103B.101, subd. 12a and 103F.48; and

**WHEREAS**, Redwood County is electing jurisdiction on all public drainage ditches for which it is the drainage authority and public waters, located within its boundaries, identified on the Department of Natural Resources’ Buffer Protection Map; and

**WHEREAS**, the Buffer Law requires that each Local Government Unit provide notice affirming jurisdiction and identify the rule, ordinance, or other official controls that will be used to carry out the compliance provisions of the buffer requirements to the Board of Water and Soil Resources, including a copy of the adopting resolution.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Redwood County hereby accepts the authority and administrative responsibility to implement the Buffer Law as the Local Government Unit within the legal boundaries of Redwood County for the water features identified above as of June 6, 2017 in accordance with Minnesota Statute 103F.48.

**RURAL MINNESOTA ENERGY BOARD**

- Fiedler presented an update on the Rural MN Energy Board.

**PLANNING AND ZONING**

- An application for a Feedlot Conditional Use Permit #7-17 filed by Brady Hagert for an animal confinement feedlot housing 3,300 finishing swine on the following described real property, situated in the County of Redwood, State of Minnesota, to wit: S ½ of NW ¼, of Section 8, Twp. 112N, Range 36W, Redwood Township. On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve CUP #7-17 with (20) conditions as set forth by the Planning Commission.

**ROAD & BRIDGE**

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Jurisdictional transfer of Duncan Avenue with North Hero Township Agreement.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Forkrud, in a roll-call vote with Salfer, Forkrud, Van Hee, Walling and Groebner all voting aye, the Board adopted the following resolution:

**COUNTY CONCURRENCE OF REVOKING  
NORTH HERO TOWNSHIP’S DESIGNATION OF DUNCAN AVENUE (TWNS 171)**

WHEREAS, The Township Board of the Township of North Hero did adopt a resolution on June 20, 2017, revoking the designation of North Hero Township Duncan Avenue within the Township of North Hero, as follows:

Beginning at a point on the South end of County Road 80, where County Road 80 and Duncan Avenue meet in the Township of North Hero, said point being on the center line of County Road 80 and the center line of Duncan Avenue; thence continuing South along Duncan Avenue to a point on County State Aid Highway No. 45, said point being located at the junction of County State Highway No. 45 and Duncan Avenue and there terminating. (See: Attached Map)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the County of Redwood does hereby approve said revision.

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

**COUNTY ESTABLISHING DUNCAN AVENUE (TWNS 171) AS A COUNTY ROAD**

WHEREAS, it appears to the County Board of the County of Redwood that the road, hereinafter described should be designated County Road under the provisions of Minnesota Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County of Redwood that the road described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point on the South end of County Road 80, where County Road 80 and Duncan Avenue meet in the Township of North Hero, said point being on the center line of County Road 80 and the center line of Duncan Avenue; thence continuing South along Duncan Avenue to a point on County State Aid Highway No. 45, said point being located at the junction of County State Highway No. 45 and Duncan Avenue and there terminating. (See: Attached Map)

be, and hereby is established, located and designated a County Road of said County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said road be constructed, improved, and maintained as a County road of the County of Redwood.

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the jurisdictional transfer of County Road 52 Agreement with North Hero Township.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Salfer, in a roll-call vote with Groebner, Salfer, Van Hee, Walling and Forkrud all voting aye, the Board adopted the following resolution:

#### COUNTY REVOKING COUNTY ROAD 52 AS A COUNTY ROAD

WHEREAS, it appears to the County Board of the County of Redwood that the road, hereinafter described as a County Road under the provisions of Minnesota Law:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Redwood that the road described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point on County State Aid Highway No. 5 at its junction with County Road 52, the Township of North Hero, said point being on the centerline of County Road 52; thence continuing East along County Road 52 for 3.0 miles; said point being located at the junction of County Road 52 and County State Aid Highway 10 and there terminating. (See: Attached Map)

Be, and hereby is revoked as a County Road of said County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to North Hero Township of Redwood County, MN.

- On motion by Groebner, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the letting date of July 27, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. for Sherman Township Bridge replacement Project L9383, SAP #064-599-107.

#### **SHERIFF**

- Hanson presented the May Jail population.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Option Notice Lease Agreement #NR40021 with the State of Minnesota-DNR for storage of DNR equipment at the sheriff's storage building from July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018.

#### **CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER**

- Salden presented a Proclamation to authorize that Redwood County is a Start by Believing Community and proclaim a day each year Start by Believing Day. No action was taken at this time as the Board requested the Child Advocacy Advisory Board review information prior to approval.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Otto Bremer Trust Grant Agreement in the amount of \$40,000.

- On motion by Salfer, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the job description for a Forensic Interviewer.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to post for a part-time Forensic Interviewer at Grade 11 of the ASCME Scale.

#### **AUDITOR/TREASURER**

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Forkrud, the Board voted to approve the following:
  - Cash Balance Report
  - Investment Summary
  - Budget Reports, General Fund, Ditch Maintenance and Building Fund, Human Services Fund, Ditch Bond Interest and Solid Waste.
  - May Disbursements in the amount of \$2,855,156.25.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Copier Lease Agreement with Marco in the amount of \$275.78/month.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve a new credit card holder, Park Supervisor Adam Kletscher.
- Price updated the Board and held discussion on the election equipment grant status.
- On motion by Walling, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge the Confession of Judgment for Tami Meld, Parcel #94-720-0180 in the amount of \$6,393.72.

#### **ADMINISTRATOR**

- Preliminary budget parameters were discussed.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve letter be send by Attorney's Office in reference to Parcel #60-020-4060, New Avon Township.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Salfer, in a four to one vote with Walling voting nay, the Board voted to approve a wheelage tax in the amount of \$10.00/license.
- Chair Walling acknowledged the resignations from the EDA Board from Bruce Johnson and Laura Rigge and thanked them for the service.

#### **ASSESSOR**

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Copier Lease Agreement with Marco in the amount of \$148.26/month.

#### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

- The Board was informed of the closing of Johnson Park Place effective August 15, 2017 and the need to relocate the A.C.E. program. The program will be housed in the former License Center in the Courthouse.
- The commissioners reported on meetings they attended:

*Salfer:*

*Economic Development Committee, Geronimo Energy*

*Walling:*

*Geronimo Energy, Redwood County Collaborative, AMC District VIII Meeting, Employee Picnic, Chief Elected Officers Board, Building Committee*

Van Hee:  
*Redwood County Fair*

Groebner:  
*Redwood Soil and Water, Employee Picnic*

Forkrud  
*AMC District VIII Meeting, Restorative Justice, Technology Committee*

**ADJOURN**

- There being no further business, Chair Walling declared the meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

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

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Lon Walling, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners