

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

MAY 16, 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 Bob Van Hee, Dave Forkrud, Dennis Groebner, Lon Walling and Jim Salfer. Also present were Administrator Vicki Knobloch, Sheriff Randy Hanson; Highway Engineer Willy Rabenberg; County Attorney Steve Collins; Auditor/Treasurer Jean Price; Environmental Director Scott Wold; SWHHS Public Health Director Carol Biren; Ditch Inspector Brent Lang, Maintenance Supervisor Loren Gewerth and HR 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 Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the May 16th 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 to approve the Consent Agenda.
- May 2nd minutes.
- Payment of bills as follows:

General Fund	\$ 110,091.75
Building Fund	\$ 6,145.97
Ditch Maintenance Fund	\$ 21,429.97
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 58.32
Forfeited Tax Sale	\$ 2,841.60
Insurance	\$ 3.98

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

- The Board recognized Brent Lang, Ditch Inspector, for 20 years of service to Redwood County.

AUDITOR/TREASURER

- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
 - Cash Balance Report
 - Investment Summary
 - Budget Reports, Revenue Fund, Human Services, Building Fund, Ditch Maintenance, Ditch Bond Interest and Solid Waste.
 - April Disbursements in the amount of \$166,370.40.

- Chair Walling acknowledged the Confession of Judgments for Parcel #68-025-4020, C.N. Reed Ockwig and Parcel #84-200-1000, Heidi Chouinard.
- Price reviewed the potential tax forfeited properties and requested the Commissioners in the districts involved review the parcels and determine the appraised value they should set at for the upcoming auction.

SHERIFF

- Hanson updated the Board on the Redwood County Jail Population for April, 2017.
- Hanson reviewed the Sentence to Serve quarterly report.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the amended Arvig Tower Lease Agreement.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

- On motion by Groebner, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the annual equipment rental rates.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to award the reflectorized pavement markings bid to AAA Striping Services in the amount of \$53,459.00.

Bids received were as follows:

Company	Bid Amount
AAA Striping Services	\$53,459.00
Traffic Marking Service	\$57,231.65

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

IT IS RESOLVED that Redwood County enter into MnDOT Agreement No. 1027823 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation for the following purposes:

To provide for payment by the State to the County for the use of County State Aid Highway No. 13 and County State Aid Highway No. 16 as a detour route during the contract construction to be performed upon, along and adjacent to Trunk Highway No. 14 from 0.25 Miles East of C.R. 5 to 0.23 Miles West of the West Jct of C.R. 27 under State Project No. 0803-43 (T.H. 14=007).

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Minnesota and the County of Redwood are authorized to execute the Agreement and any amendments to the Agreement.

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Trunk Hwy. 14 Detour Agreement with State of Minnesota-Dept. of Transportation.

SOUTHWEST HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- Biren presented information regarding the adoption of a revised ordinance which would prohibit the use of e-cigarettes at places that the Minnesota Clean Indoor Air Act prohibits smoking. The Ordinance will be forwarded to commissioners for further review.

ENVIRONMENTAL

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

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF COUNTY FUNDED
LOW INTEREST SEPTIC LOAN PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, failing and noncompliant septic systems are a threat to human health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, Redwood County has an interest in ensuring all septic systems are operating properly and protect human health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, replacing a septic system is expensive and the need can occur suddenly without giving individuals the ability to plan for the expense; and

WHEREAS, Redwood County is committed to invest in the health of its citizens and the environment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Redwood County supports the establishment of a county funded low interest septic loan program in accordance with MINN. STAT. 115.57, and with an initial funding of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000).

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Redwood County Low Interest Septic Loan Application and designated \$200,000 to initially fund the program.

ADMINISTRATOR

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

**RESOLUTION FOR MN VALLEY SNOW RIDERS-REDWOOD GRANT
REDWOOD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

BE IT RESOLVED that Redwood County act as the legal sponsor for an application for funding to the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for Maintenance of snowmobile trails managed by MN Valley Snow Riders-Redwood.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval of its application by the state, Redwood County may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above referenced project and that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in the agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair of the Redwood County Commissioners is authorized to sign such an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Auditor-Treasurer is authorized to serve as the fiscal agent for the above mentioned project.

- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Minnesota Snowmobile Trails Assistance Program Maintenance and Grooming Application.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted to approve a Liquor license renewal for Grandview Winery.

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

**RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT
JERRY LONNEMAN, RODNEY SPRONK, AND JOE WEBER
BE APPOINTED TO THE
LINCOLN PIPESTONE RURAL WATER SYSTEM
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, Jerry Lonneman's 4-year term as a Commissioner on the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System (LPRW) Board of Commissioners is scheduled to expire at midnight on December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Rodney Spronk's 4-year term as a Commissioner on the LPRW Board of Commissioners is scheduled to expire at midnight on December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Joe Weber's 4-year term as a Commissioner on the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System (LPRW) Board of Commissioners is scheduled to expire at midnight on December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2017 the LPRW Board of Commissioner unanimously passed a Motion which recommends that Jerry Lonneman, Rodney Spronk, and Joe Weber be re-appointed to another 4 year term on the LPRW Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Redwood County Board of Commissioners believes that Jerry Lonneman, Rodney Spronk, and Joe Weber are qualified to act as Commissioners on the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water Board of Commissioners and are worthy of appointment.

RESOLUTION

BE IT NOW RESOLVED, that the Redwood County Board of Commissioners hereby recommends that Jerry Lonneman, Rodney Spronk, and Joe Weber be appointed to the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System Board of Commissioners pursuant to and provided for by Minnesota Statutes §116A et seq. for a 4 year term which shall commence at 12:00 a.m. on January 1, 2018 and shall expire at midnight on December 31, 2021.

CLOSED SESSION

- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to enter into closed session at 9:56 a.m. for the purpose of labor negotiations pursuant to Minnesota Statute 179A.01 to 179A.25. Present were Commissioners Walling, Van Hee, Forkrud, Salfer and Groebner, County Administrator Knobloch and Human Resource Coordinator Peter Brown.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the AFSME Union Contract from 1-1-17 through 12-31-19.
- Closed session ended at 10:11 a.m.

Personnel

- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge the resignation of Jackie Bemmels-Kissner from the part-time License Center Technician in the License Center effective 5-15-17.

- The Board discussed the interview process for the Redwood County Development Coordinator position and will participate in second interviews with the top candidates.

RECESS

- The Board recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

RECONVENED

- The Board reconvened into worksession at 1:00 p.m. for department updates in Probation and the Maintenance Department.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- The commissioners reported on meetings they attended:

Walling:

- Redwood/Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority
- Area II Minnesota River Basin
- Advocate, Connect, Educate (A.C.E.)

Forkrud:

- Restorative Justice
- Tatanka Bluffs
- Advocate, Connect, Educate (A.C.E.)

Van Hee:

- Technology

Salfer:

- Plum Creek Wind Farm
- Advocate, Connect, Educate (A.C.E.)
- AMC Leadership Training
- Employee Picnic
- Redwood Area Development Corporation

Groebner

- Redwood-Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority
- Advocate, Connect, Educate (A.C.E.)
- Historical Society/Gilfillan

ADJOURN

- There being no further business, Chair Walling declared the meeting adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

Attest: _____
 Vicki Knobloch
 County Administrator

 Lon Walling, Chair
 Board of County Commissioners