

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

September 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 Jim Salfer, Lon Walling, Dennis Groebner and Dave Forkrud. Commissioner Van Hee was absent. Also present were Administrator Vicki Knobloch; Attorney Steve Collins; Highway Engineer Keith Berndt; HR Coordinator Peter Brown; Planning and Zoning Supervisor Nick Brozek; Auditor/Treasurer Jean Price; Ditch Inspector Brent Lang; Environmental Director Scott Wold; EDA Coordinator Briana Mumme; Bolten and Menk Engineer Bill Helget; Renville County Highway Engineer Jeff Marlowe; Redwood Falls Administrator Keith Muetzel and Redwood Falls Engineer Jim Doering.

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 revised agenda.

Chair Walling asked the Board members to identify any areas for which they had a Conflict of Interest. Groebner identified a conflict in the Road and Bridge Abstract of bills.

CONSENT AGENDA

- On motion by Salfer, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda.
 - August 15th and 22nd minutes.
 - Payment of bills as follows:

General Fund	\$ 253,564.34
Ditch Maintenance Fund	\$ 18,923.96
Insurance Fund	\$ 5.58

RECESS

- The Board recessed at 8:35 a.m., and entered into Ditch Authority.

PUBLIC HEARING DITCH LEVIES

- At 8:35 a.m., the Board entered into a Public Hearing for the 2018 Ditch Maintenance Levies.
- Price presented the Affidavit of Publication.
- Price and Lang presented the 2018 Ditch Maintenance Levies. On motion by Groebner, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to set the 2018 ditch levies as presented.

DITCH AUTHORITY

- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Rental Agreement with Ruth Franta for a central storage area in the amount of \$600 yearly.
- Chair Walling adjourned from Ditch Authority at 8:42 a.m.

RECONVENED

- The Board reconvened into regular session at 8:42 a.m.

AUDITOR/TREASURER

- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2016 Audit Review.

ENVIRONMENTAL

- Wold presented update on revisions that will be made to the Buffer Ordinance per BSWR recommendations. A public hearing will be set in accordance to Minnesota Statute in the future.
- Wold discussed the Parks and Trails Master Plan that will be presented to the Parks and Trails Committee.
- Updated the Board on the Ordinance Revision Project.
- Updated the Board on the three Cottonwood River Dam Projects that will be completed this Fall.

PLANNING AND ZONING

- An application for an Extractational Conditional Use Permit #15-17 filed by Nancy Baune on the following described real property, situated in the County of Redwood, State of Minnesota, to wit: NW ¼ of Section 5, Twp. 112, Range 36, Redwood Falls Township. On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve CUP #15-17 with (14) conditions as set forth by the Planning Commission. The Board also added an additional condition to include the permit holder provide reclamation and proof of insurance to the Redwood County Environmental Office.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

- Collins updated the Board regarding the County obligation when entering into any Snowmobile Trail Grant Agreements. Collins to draft an agreement with the local snowmobile clubs to be brought to the Board for approval.

ADMINISTRATION

- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to transfer the 2014 Ford Explorer from the Veterans Office to the County Fleet.
- Board concensus to approve the publication of the 2017 Fall edition of the Redwood County Connection.
- On motion by Walling, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Lake Laura Dam Report.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, in a roll call vote with Groebner, Forkrud, Walling and Salfer all voting aye, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF \$100 FOR
THE REDWOOD COUNTY RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Loren and Maureen Johnson, wish to donate \$100 to the Redwood County Restorative Justice Program and;

WHEREAS, Redwood County will utilize the \$100 for ongoing programming needs of the Restorative Justice Program and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners appreciates the generosity of Loren and Maureen Johnson in supporting the Redwood County Restorative Justice Program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the acceptance of \$100 from Loren and Maureen Johnson to the Redwood County Restorative Justice Program, on behalf of the County.

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Salfer, in a roll call vote with Groebner, Forkrud, Walling and Salfer all voting aye, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

APPOINTING KEITH BERNDT AS REDWOOD COUNTY ENGINEER FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM EFFECTIVE AUGUST 16, 2017 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2018

WHEREAS, William Rabenberg, Redwood County Engineer resigned from his position effective June 2, 2017 thereby creating a vacancy of the office of the County Highway Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator has recommended to the County Board of Commissioners that Keith Berndt be appointed as replacement; therefore,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Redwood, Minnesota, that, in accordance with Minn. Stat. 163.07 that Keith Berndt be and hereby is appointed to a one-year term beginning August 16, 2017 and continuing through April 30, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be included with the personnel file held by the County Administrator's Office.

- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to declare two storage buildings as excess property as follows: Landfill Storage building, Parcel ID 63-007-4040 and County Storage Building A, Parcel ID 88-036-3085 and authorized to sell by sealed bid.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to award the bid for the Courthouse roof repair to Gag Sheet Metal in the amount of \$114,790.

- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Sentence to Serve Amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Engineering Services Contract with Renville County.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Recorder's Annual Compliance Report.

Personnel

- On motion by Salfer, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to hire Stacy Gareis as part-time Forensic Interviewer for the Child Advocacy Center effective September 6, 2017 at Grade 10, Step 1 of the AFSCME salary schedule at \$18.13/hour.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to hire Jordan Cady for Full-time Custody Officer in the Sheriff's Department effective September 6, 2017 at the LELS Scale, Grade Custody Officer, Step 1 at \$18.08/hour.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to hire Jennifer Kasse for full-time Dispatcher in the Sheriff's Department effective September 6, 2017 at the 2017 LELS Scale, Grade Dispatcher, Step 1 at \$17.30/hour.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Salfer, and excluding the bill from Turbes Ag Sales in the amount of \$4,448.64, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Road and Bridge bills.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Forkrud, with Groebner abstaining due to a conflict of interest, the Board voted to approve the bill from Turbes Ag Sales in the amount of \$4,448.64.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the final payment to Midwest Contracting for SAP #64-599-104 and SAP #64-599-106 in the amount of \$12,300.32.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the final payment to Duininck, Inc. for SAP #64-606-034 and SAP #64-615-017 in the amount of \$198,207.10.
- Berndt discussed the closing of Bridge #89823 due to structural damage. Estimated cost to repair the bridge was over \$30,000. Bridge is scheduled to be rebuilt in 2018. Board consensus is to keep bridge closed until new bridge is built.

CSAH 101-DEKALB STREET ROUNDABOUT

- A public meeting was set for Monday, September 18th at 7pm at the Redwood County Government Center, MN West Training room to present the project to the public and hear resident concerns.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- The commissioners reported on meetings they attended:

Groebner: Historical Society, Regional Rail Authority, Farmer's Union Open House

Forkrud: Planning and Zoning, Budget Committee, Snowmobile Meeting

Walling: Budget Committee, Township Annual Meeting, MN Public Sector Collaborative, Snowmobile Meeting

Salfer: MN Public Sector Collaborative, A.C.E., Child Advocacy, Western Mental Health, Granite Falls Courthouse Open House, Farmer's Union Open House, Community Development Strategy, Highwater Meeting

ADJOURN

- There being no further business, Chair Walling declared the meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Lon Walling, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: _____
Vicki Knobloch
County Administrator