

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

SEPTEMBER 19, 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 VanHee, Dave Forkrud, Jim Salfer, Lon Walling, Denny Groebner and County Administrator Vicki Knobloch. Also present were County Attorney Steve Collins; Auditor/Treasurer Jean Price; Human Resources Coordinator Peter Brown; County Engineer Keith Berndt; Technology Coordinator Paul Parsons; Dispatcher Jennifer Kasse; Chief Deputy Mark Farasyn; Emergency Management Director Jim Sandgren; Economic Development Coordinator Briana Mumme; Redwood Falls City Administrator Keith Muetzel; Bolten and Menk Engineer Bill Helget and Southern MN Tourism Director Anne Johnson.

Chair Walling called the meeting to order asking for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On motion by Salfer, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the September 19th 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 consent agenda.
 - September 5th minutes
 - Per Diems struck from agenda as attendance at social events is not allowed
 - Payment of bills as follows:

General Fund	\$ 82,633.46
Ditch Maintenance Fund	\$ 19,302.29
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 13.78
Insurance Fund	\$ 100.00

EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTION

- Chief Deputy Farasyn introduced Jennifer Kasse, newly hired Dispatcher, to the Board of Commissioners.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

- A motion was made by Walling to move forward with the Roundabout Project on CSAH 101/Dekalb Street. Motion died for a lack of a second. Engineers were directed to research other viable options and present to Board no later than October 17, 2017.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to concur with the City of Morgan's recommendation to award the bid to Ryan Contracting Company in the amount of \$16,568,207.75.

Bids Received:

Company	Bid Amount
Ryan Contracting Company	\$16,568,207.75
Duininck, Inc.	\$18,155,541.05
Mathiowetz Construction Company	\$20,444,304.29
S.M. Hentges & Sons, Inc.	\$24,861,225.15

AUDITOR/TREASURER

- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
 - Cash Balance Report
 - Investment Summary
 - Budget Reports, General Fund, Building Fund, Ditch Maintenance and Solid Waste.
 - August 2017 Disbursements in the amount of \$1,527,347.83.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve Order of County Board for Sale of Non-Conservation Lands Forfeited to the State for Taxes.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, in a roll-call vote with Walling, Groebner, Salfer, Forkrud and VanHee all voting aye, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION BY COUNTY BOARD AUTHORIZING AND FIXING TERMS OF SALE

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the parcels of land forfeited to the State for non-payment of taxes, appearing on the list filed with the County Auditor-Treasurer, which have been classified and appraised as provided by Laws 1935, Chapter 386, as amended, shall be offered for sale by the County Auditor-Treasurer; said sale to commence at 9:00 o'clock a.m. on October 24th, 2017, at the County Board Room of the Government Center and the County Auditor-Treasurer is hereby directed to publish a notice of sale as provided by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sale price for each property sold shall be the appraised price or the bid price, whichever is higher; plus a \$25.00 charge for the State Deed, plus 3.0% of the sale price for the State Tax forfeited land assurance account, plus \$46.00 for recording the State Deed, plus State Deed Tax, plus \$50.00 fee if well certificate is needed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the terms of sale shall be for cash or credit card (2.49% consumer fee); to be paid the day of the sale. If not paid by 4:30 p.m. on October 24th, 2017, the sale will be null and void.

TECHNOLOGY

- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the CPS Technology Annual contract renewal in the amount of \$1,536. Funds to be paid by the Compliance Fund.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

- On motion by Groebner, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to authorize Chair Walling to sign a letter to Governor Dayton requesting disaster relief funding.

ADMINISTRATOR

- Knobloch presented the 2018 Preliminary Tax Levy for approval.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to set the Redwood County 2018 Preliminary Certified Tax Levy at \$12,789,623 (\$12,687,630 without Regional Library), with the adjusted tax levy for the 2018 budget set at \$12,135,636 (\$12,033,643 without Regional Library), after deducting County Program Aid and Public Employees Retirement Association representing a 3% increase from the 2017 Levy. The County Program Aid increased \$323,144 over 2016 amount.
- August 2017 Jail Population was presented to the Board.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to award the 3.91 acre land located in a tract in the SE ¼ South of Hwy. 68, Section 20, Township 11, Range 36 in New Avon Township to Andrew Schiller in the amount of \$18,001.

Bids received:

Bidder	Amount
Andrew Schiller	\$ 18,001.00
Mark Luepke	\$ 202.00

Personnel Action Items:

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve to post for two part-time Custody Officer Positions.
- The Board acknowledged the resignation of Jenna Peterson from the Assistant County Attorney position effective 9-29-17.

SOUTHERN MINNESOTA TOURISM

- Johnson presented yearly report of tourism in Southern Minnesota and also presented the 2017 Southern Minnesota Travel Guide.
- The commissioners reported on meetings they attended:

Groebner: Redwood/Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority, Annual Township Meeting; Soil and Water Tour, AMC Fall Policy Conference

VanHee: Southern Prairie Community Care

Walling: Redwood/Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority, Soil and Water Tour, MN Public Sector, Annual Township Meeting, Building Committee

Salfer: Southwest Health and Human Services, Soil and Water Tour, Lamberton City Council Meeting, Roundabout Meeting, AMC Fall Policy Conference

Forkrud: Tatanka Bluffs, Annual Township Meetings, Soil and Water Tour

ADJOURN

- There being no further business, Chair Walling declared the meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

Lon Walling, Chair
Board of Commissioners

Attest: _____
Vicki Knobloch
County Administrator