

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

MARCH 20, 2018

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, Jim Salfer and Dave Forkrud; Dennis Groebner and Bob VanHee; County Administrator Vicki Knobloch, Auditor-Treasurer Jean Price; County Attorney Jenna Peterson; Highway Engineer Keith Berndt; Human Resource Coordinator Peter Brown; Environmental Director Scott Wold; Sheriff Randy Hanson; Crime Victim Services Coordinator Denise Kerkhoff, Economic Development Coordinator Briana Mumme; RRRSWA Director Jon Mitchell and Allen Nelson.

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

Allen Nelson was present for open forum with concerns regarding the action taken on 2-1-18 with Veterans Service Officer Caraway.

On motion by Groebner, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the March 20th agenda.

Chair Salfer asked the Board members to identify any areas for which they had a Conflict of Interest. None was identified.

CONSENT AGENDA

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda.
 - March 6th minutes.
 - Payment of bills as follows:

Revenue Fund	\$ 122,648.44
Building Fund	\$ 18,345.75
Ditch Fund	\$ 11,958.77
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 83.08
Insurance Fund	\$ 3,238.12

EMPLOYEE REGOGNITION

- The Board recognized Jean Price, Auditor/Treasurer for 10 years of service and Peter Brown, Human Resource Coordinator, for 5 years of service to Redwood County.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of a Pavement Router with a dust control system from Brock White in the amount of \$23,250.

- On motion by Walling, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the State of Minnesota Agency Agreement for Federal Participation in Advance Construction, State Project #064-620-004.
- On motion by Walling, second by Van Hee , in a roll-call vote with Walling, Salfer and Forkrud, Groebner and VanHee all voting aye, the Board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION FOR AGENCY AGREEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Minnesota Stat. Sec. 161.36, the Commissioner of Transportation be appointed as Agent of the Redwood County to accept as its agent, federal aid funds which may be made available for eligible transportation related projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board Chair and the County Administrator are hereby authorized and directed for and on behalf of the Redwood County to execute and enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of Transportation prescribing the terms and conditions of said federal aid participation as set forth and contained in “Minnesota Department of Transportation MnDOT Contract Number 1030700,” a copy of which said agreement was before the County Board and which is made a part hereof by reference.

- On motion by Walling, second by Forkrud, in a 3-2 vote with Salfer and Groebner voting nay, the Board approved the purchase of two Tandem Trucks with Snow Equipment from State Contract #120912 Harrison Truck Center in the amount of \$436,814 which includes possible trade in of two 2002 International Trucks with equipment valued at \$36,000.

AUDITOR/TREASURER

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following: Cash Balance Report, Investment Summary, Budget Report, Revenue Fund, Ditch Maintenance, Ditch Bond Interest Fund, Building Fund, Solid Waste Fund and February Disbursements in the amount of \$1,075,829.84.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2017 Reserves and Designations.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge the Default on the Confession of Judgment for Parcel #90-296-0020 for Kevin and Michelle Bogue in the amount of \$4,025.25. The Board directed Price to proceed with a tax forfeiture sale of the property in 2018 once all legal requirements are met.

SHERIFF

- On motion by Walling, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2018 State of Minnesota Annual County Boat and Water Safety Grant Agreement in the amount of \$900.
- The Board reviewed the February 2018 Jail Population.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of Cellebrite Software in the amount of \$9,085.
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ENVIRONMENTAL

- No action was taken on the Fagen Drainage Agreement.

COUNTY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following Proclamation:

National Crime Victims’ Rights Week, April 8 – 14, 2018

Whereas, Americans are the victims of 20 million crimes each year, affecting individuals and communities;

Whereas, years of investment in crime victims’ rights and services have developed a system of victim response that can help victims recover from crime;

Whereas, reaching and serving all victims of crime is essential to supporting thriving communities, because those who receive holistic services and support are more likely to remain invested in their communities;

Whereas, dedicated victim services providers are working every day to meet the needs of crime victims, yet there are still too many victims without meaningful access to rights and services;

Whereas many victims face barriers – such as isolation, distrust of authorities, language limitations, lack of transportation, or cultural barriers—that keep them from accessing the services and criminal justice systems that can help them recover from crime;

Whereas, we must make a dedicated effort to expand the circle of those prepared to respond to victims and link them to the resources that can help them recover;

Whereas, engaging a broader array of healthcare providers, community leaders, faith organizations, educators, and businesses can provide new links between victims and services that improve their safety, healing, and access to justice;

Whereas, National Crime Victims’ Rights Week provides an opportunity to recommit to ensuring that all victims of crime—especially those who are challenging to reach or serve—are afforded their rights and receive a trauma-informed response; and

Whereas, The Redwood County Attorney’s Office Crime Victim Services Program is hereby dedicated to strengthening victims and survivors In the aftermath of crime, building resilience in our communities and our victim responders, and working for justice for all victims and survivors.

Now, therefore, we, as Redwood County Commissioners,
do hereby proclaim the week of April 8-14, 2018 as

Crime Victims’ Rights Week

And reaffirm this county’s commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during Crime Victims’ Rights Week and throughout the year; and to express our sincere gratitude and appreciate for those community members, victim service providers, and criminal justice professionals who are committed to improving our response to all victims of crime so that they may find relevant assistance, justice, and peace.

ADMINISTRATION

- On motion by Walling, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the annual liquor license renewal for the Tracy County Club.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Gambling License for Southwest Minnesota Ducks Unlimited.
- Knobloch presented an overview of the Child Advocacy Center.

Personnel:

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to hire Jonathon Mertens for Part-time Dispatcher in the Sheriff's Office effective March 21, 2018 on the 2018 Dispatcher LELS non-licensed Officer Salary Schedule at Step 1, \$17.56 per hour.

RECESS

- The Board recessed at 9:45 a.m.

RECONVENE

- The Board reconvened into regular session at 10:00 a.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- On motion by Walling, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to sign a letter of support to use in conjunction with the Opportunity Zone designation application.

REDWOOD COUNTY DITCH AUTHORITY

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to enter into Redwood County Ditch Authority.

PUBLIC HEARING

- At 11:00 a.m., Chair Walling entered into a preliminary Public Hearing for a petition filed by Mark and Jan Kelly for the construction of a Lateral to connect to Lateral X of JD #36. Present were Commissioners Forkrud, Salfer, Walling, Groebner and Van Hee, Administrator Knobloch, Auditor/Treasurer Price, County Attorney Peterson, Environment Director Wold, Ditch Inspector Lang, Landowners Douglas Dahms, Mark Kelly and Chad Dallenbach, Attorney Jeff Braegelmann and Bolten and Menk Engineer Bill Helget.
- Jean Price indicated in accordance with Statute requirements that the notices of the public hearing was published for three consecutive weeks in the Redwood Gazette (official paper), Wabasso Standard, the Standard-Gazette & Messenger and Lamberton News, posted on the county website, on the bulletin board and the front doors of the Government Center. All landowners were mailed a property owner's report and notification of the public hearing as well.
- Jenna Peterson stated all legal requirements were met regarding the petition and the type of proposed drainage project being requested.
- Petitioner's Attorney, Jeff Braegelmann presented information regarding the petition per MN Statute 103E.225. Item #6 was withdrawn from the Petition.
- Knobloch read the DNR Commissioner's Preliminary Advisory Report out loud.
- Engineer Bill Helget presented the preliminary Engineer's Report. The Outlet was determined to be feasible and adequate.

- The Ditch Authority then accepted public testimony. Mark Kelly stated that he is trying to improve the land and leave it better than when he received the land. Attorney Jeff Braegelmann requested that the Board adopt the Order and to appoint the ditch viewers. Stated that Jim Wiedemann is familiar with JD #36. Chair Walling called for further comments three times. Chair Walling closed the hearing to public comment.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Petition filed by Jan and Mark Kelly and for the Engineer to proceed with the preparation of the final design survey.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to appoint viewers Jim Weidemann, Steve Johnson and Duane Bendixen for JD #36.
- The Public Hearing for JD #36 was closed at 11:42 a.m.

COUNTY DITCH #28

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to accept the petition of Lori Agar to outlet into County Ditch #28.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Jim Weidemann as the Ditch Viewer.

COUNTY DITCH #12, COUNTY DITCH 12, LAT A, BRANCH A, BRANCH 5, COUNTY DITCH 12A, COUNTY DITCH 1202, COUNTY DITCH 1203, COUNTY DITCH 12, LAT B, COUNTY DITCH 12, LAT C, COUNTY DITCH 12, LAT D, COUNTY DITCH 12, LAT E

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to set a hearing date of April 17, 2018 at 1:15 p.m. for the Redetermination hearings for the following ditches: County Ditch 12, County Ditch 12, LAT A, Branch A, Branch 5, County Ditch 12A, County Ditch 1202, County Ditch 1203, County Ditch 12, LAT B, County Ditch 12, LAT C, County Ditch 12, LAT D, County Ditch 12, LAT E.
- There being no further business, Chair Walling declared the Ditch Authority meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

RECONVENED

- The Board reconvened into regular session at 11:59 a.m.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- The commissioners reported on meetings they attended:

Walling: Ditch Meeting with Brown County, Building Committee, Workforce Council, Township Meetings

Forkrud: Township Meetings

Salfer: Economic Development, WRAPS Meeting, Township Meetings

VanHee: Economic Development, WRAPS Meeting, Redwood Falls City Council Meeting, Restorative Justice

Groebner: Redwood Soil and Water, Ditch Meeting with Brown County, WRAPS Meeting

ADJOURN

- There being no further business, Chair Salfer declared the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Attest: _____
Vicki Knobloch
County Administrator

Jim Salfer, Chair
Board of County Commissioners