

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

December 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 Dennis Groebner, Lon Walling, Jim Salfer, Bob Van Hee and Dave Forkrud. Also present were Administrator Vicki Knobloch; HR Coordinator Peter Brown; County Engineer Keith Berndt; Sheriff Randy Hanson; County Attorney Jenna Peterson; Economic Development Coordinator Briana Mumme; Environmental Director Scott Wold; License Center Supervisor Lisa Guggisberg; Auditor/Treasurer Jean Price; Sheriff Randy Hanson; RRRSWA Director Jon Mitchell; Restorative Justice Coordinator Eric Johnson; Redwood Area Chamber Director Anne Johnson, Keith Muetzel MN DNR Area Wildlife Manager Jeff Zajac and Bob Wetmore.

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

Bob Wetmore was present at Open Forum with concerns on the implementation of a local option sales tax

On motion by Groebner, second by VanHee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- On motion by Walling, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
 - December 11th Board minutes
 - Per Diems – Van Hee – Truancy Meeting 12-10-18 & Town Hall Meeting 12-12-18

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

- The Board recognized Lisa Guggisberg, License Center, for 5 years of service to Redwood County.

REDWOOD-RENVILLE REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

- Mitchell presented information on the implementation of a solid waste assessment for 2019 due to a projected \$167,000 deficit in 2018.
- The Board tabled their decision for the solid waste assessment to the January 8, 2019 board meeting.

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

- On motion by Walling, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the State of Minnesota acquisition #160536, Philip Sonstegard, of 314.09 acre tract of land in Vesta Township.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, and excluding the bill from Turbes in the amount of \$157.00, the Board voted unanimously to approve Road and Bridge bills in the amount of \$169,093.90.
- On motion by Walling, second by Van Hee, with Groebner abstaining due to a Conflict of Interest, the Board voted to approve the bill from Turbes in the amount of \$157.00.
- Bills exceeding \$2,000: American Engineering Testing \$5,950.00; Bolten and Menk \$7,937.50; Central Pointe \$3,470.00; Farmward Cooperative \$17,316.93; Forterra Pipe & Precast \$33,263.52; H & L Mesabi \$5,075.70; Hoyts Oil and Convenience \$6,486.51; Keck Tree Service \$2,500.00; MN Dept. of Transportation \$5,512.49; North Central International \$3,713.67; Carl Orr \$2,000.00; Prinsco \$2,227.82; Redwood Tire Service \$2,129.00; RSS Group International \$4,051.89; Steve and Sons \$7,044.00; Widseth, Smith and Nolting \$23,030.00; WISP Services \$10,817.62; Ziegler \$2,816.65.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the design contract with Bolton and Menk for the Vesta LRIP Grant funding project.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the final payment to R & G Construction for SAP 64-599-109 and SAP 64-599-110 in the amount of \$14,421.72.
- On motion by Walling, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the final payment to AAA Striping Service Company for CMP 18-PM in the amount of \$3,708.92.

LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX

- Anne Johnson was present and shared comments from the Chamber Board and area business owners.
- Keith Muetzel was present and shared discussion he had with Senator Dahms and Representative Torkelson regarding transportation funding from the State level. Stated there was no significant advantage to wait and see what State and Federal funding will be.
- The Board requested Berndt to provide a list of the top highway projects that the sales tax revenue would fund.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, in a 4-1 vote, with Forkrud, Groebner, Salfer and Van Hee all voting aye, Walling voting nay, the Board adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A
TRANSPORTATION SALES AND USE TAX**

WHEREAS, Redwood County's transportation infrastructure is vital to the County's economy and has a direct impact on future economic development; and

WHEREAS, poorly constructed and maintained transportation infrastructure creates a safety hazard for motorists and pedestrians which diminishes our citizens' quality of life; and

WHEREAS, funding for highway and transit systems in Minnesota has remained stagnant and is failing to keep pace with the rising costs of properly maintaining and constructing our transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Redwood County Board of Commissioners wishes to diversify and expand its revenues to pay for the rising costs of constructing and maintaining its transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 297A.993 authorizes the board of a county outside the metropolitan transportation area, as defined under section 297A.992, subdivision 1, by resolution following a public hearing, to impose a transportation sales tax at a rate of up to one-half of one percent (.5%) on retail sales and uses; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 297A.993 further requires that the proceeds of said taxes must be dedicated exclusively to: (1) payment of the capital cost of a specific transportation project or improvement; (2) payment of the costs, which may include both capital and operating costs, of a specific transit project or improvement; (3) payment of the capital costs of a safe routes to school program; or (4) payment of transit operating costs; and

WHEREAS, the Redwood County Board of Commissioners desires to implement said sales and use tax and have the State Department of Revenue collect the same; and

WHEREAS, the proceeds of said tax must be spent on projects identified in the attached list of improvement projects.

WHEREAS, the attached County Improvement Projects List – may be amended by future actions of the Redwood County Board of Commissioners after a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 297A.993, the Redwood County Board advertised and held a public hearing on December 11, 2018 to take oral and written comments on the possible authorization of a transportation sales and use tax in Redwood County to fund the attached Road Improvement Projects List.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Redwood County Board of Commissioners authorizes and imposes a one-half of one percent (.5%) sales and use tax countywide as provided for in Minnesota State Statute 297A.993 beginning April 1, 2019 and each subsequent year thereafter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Redwood County Board adopts as a part of this resolution the attached County Road Improvement Projects List, and as amended, which said sales and use taxes shall be spent on.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the provision of Minnesota State Statute Section 297A.99, subdivisions 4, and 6 through 13, shall govern the imposition, administration, collection and enforcement of said taxes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Redwood County Board of Commissioners hereby directs the County Administrator to certify said sales and use tax to the State Department of Revenue before December 31, 2018.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for student training field experience with Minnesota State University and the Field Practicum Acceptance Agreement for an intern in the Restorative Justice Department.

AUDITOR/TREASURER

- On motion by Walling, second by Forkrud, the Board voted to approve the following:
 - Cash Balance Report
 - Investment Summary
 - Budget Reports, General Fund, Health Fund, Ditch Maintenance and Solid Waste Fund.
 - November, 2018 Disbursements in the amount of \$2,348,998.14.
- Bills exceeding \$2,000: Further \$5,940.77; MN Commission of Finance \$208,227.83, \$5,208.00; MN Dept. of Revenue \$31,004.09; Preferred One \$8,057.26, \$3,499.26, 31,123.98, 17,184.06, 2,140.19, 8,058.39, 132,280.28, \$15,501.15; School District #2754 \$40,549.58, School District #2884 \$63,620.55; School District #2897 \$357,246.21; School District #2898 \$29,897.32; School District #2904 \$7,426.51; School District #635 \$23,545.35; School District #640 \$81,139.05; School District #85 \$10,092.67; G & R Controls \$7,400.00; SWHHS \$39,529.83; Gary Kerkhoff \$10,269.47; Healthpartners \$2,855.61; Deer Creek Farms \$2,014.00; Central Salt \$9,135.50; Central Specialties \$29,662.26; RSS Group International \$33,840.25; Duininck Inc. \$12,592.77; Auto Value of Redwood Falls \$4,458.00; City of Morgan \$100,987.94; Krueger International \$65,625.56; Zimmermann Maint. \$2,025.00; M & K Bridge \$204,967.25; Midwest Lift Works \$41,726.00; Meadowland Farmers Coop \$48,000.00; Serpro of Mankato/Owatonna \$13,000.00; Knife River Corporation \$584,181.16; Schmidt Construction \$12,200.00.
- Abstract of Bills.

General Fund	\$ 32,741.33
Ditch Fund	\$ 4,080.02
Insurance Fund	\$ 82.50
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 11.99

- Bills exceeding \$2,000: Estebo, Frank and Munshower \$5,922.49; Jones Law Office \$2,866.58; Kramer Attorney at Law \$4,652.50; Counties Providing Technology \$4,174.00; Matrix Communications \$39,013.60; One Office Solution \$6,061.00; Jesse's Collision & Restoration \$5,771.41; Law Enforcement Technology \$20,320.56, \$11,648.58; Prairie Lakes Youth Programs \$2,290.00; Regents of the University of Minnesota \$18,048.00; Bolten and Menk \$2,212.50; L & S Construction \$18,822.50; Schmidt Construction \$77,514.35.

SHERIFF

- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Law Enforcement Contract with the City of Wabasso effective from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 for 15 hours per week at a rate of \$43.00/hour.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

- On motion by Walling, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the contract for Prosecution Services between the City of Revere and Redwood County and the City of Belview and Redwood County.
- On motion by Walling, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the contract for Prosecution Services between the City of Wanda and Redwood County pending approval and receipt from the City of Wanda.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Redwood County Legal Services Contract with Estebo, Frank and Munshower Ltd.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Redwood County Legal Services Contract with Kramer Law Firm.

ADMINISTRATOR

- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Marco Sales and Service Agreement for the Restorative Justice Department.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2019 Board Meeting dates with revisions.

Personnel Action Items:

- On motion by Walling, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge the resignation/retirement of Steve Gorres from full-time Shop Supervisor in the Highway Department effective January 4, 2019.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge the resignation of Rudolph Dambeck from Assistant County Attorney effective January 18, 2019.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- The Commissioners reported on meetings they attended:

Forkrud: A.C.E., Southwest Health and Human Services, Explore SW Minnesota, Planning and Zoning, County Roadway Safety Plan

Walling: Redwood-Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority, Town hall Meeting, Chief Elected Officers Board, Area II, DNR/Water Retention Project

Van Hee: Economic Development, Town hall Meeting, Truancy Diversion Program, County Roadway Safety Plan, Southwest Regional Development Commission

Salfer: Economic Development, Western Mental Health, Personnel Committee, Town Hall Meeting

Groebner: Town Hall Meeting, Redwood Soil and Water

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Salfer declared the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Jim Salfer, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: _____
Vicki Knobloch, County Administrator