

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

APRIL 2, 2019

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, Bob VanHee, Dennis Groebner, Jim Salfer and Dave Forkrud, Administrator Vicki Knobloch, Economic Development Coordinator Briana Mumme; County Attorney Jenna Peterson; Environmental Director Scott Wold; Planning and Zoning Supervisor Nick Brozek; Crime Victim Services Coordinator Denise Kerkhoff; A.C.E. Volunteer Services Coordinator Ann LeBrun; United Community Action Case Manager Lori O'Leary; Dave Fuhr; Moore Engineering Rich Shagel; Area Volunteers Marian Bernardy; Joyce First ; Patsy Evers; LaMae Dahms and Norma Hagert.

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

Dave Fuhr was present for Open Forum with concerns of a hog barn located near his residence which is causing noise concerns and air quality issues claiming owners are not complying with the conditional use permit conditions. He also voiced concerns that the County purchased a drone without going through a bid process for drone usage reporting. Fuhr was directed to the Environmental Director with concerns.

On motion by Walling, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the revised agenda.

Chair Salfer 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 bills.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
  - March 19<sup>th</sup> Board minutes.
  - Payment of bills.

Revenue Fund	\$ 29,332.60
Ditch Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,396.16
Building Fund	\$ 1,967.00
Road and Bridge Fund	\$ 1,712.44
Insurance Fund	\$ 386.60

- Bills exceeding \$2,000.00: Kramer Attorney at Law \$3,920.50; Minnesota State Auditor \$2,482.00; Nyhart Company \$2,400.00; Counties Providing Technology \$7,340.00; Redstone Technologies \$3,007.06; Brown County \$2,676.82; Renville County \$23,685.33; Fleet Services \$4,166.86; Northern Safety Technology

\$4,173.77; Redwood Area Hospital \$3,175.98; MN Dept. of Corrections \$109,805.14; Prairie Lakes Youth Programs \$2,151.00; John Schueller \$2,489.00.

### **COUNTY DAY PROCLAMATION**

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

#### **County Day Proclamation Redwood County**

WHEREAS, service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and central to how we meet our challenges; and

WHEREAS, the nation's Counties are increasingly turning to national service and volunteerism as a cost-effective strategy to meet their needs; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps participants address the most pressing challenges facing our communities, from educating students for the jobs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, to fighting the opioid epidemic, to responding to natural disasters, to supporting veterans and military families; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps participants serve in more than 50,000 locations across the country, bolstering the civic, neighborhood, and faith-based organizations that are so vital to our economic and social well-being; and

WHEREAS, more than 14,000 Minnesota Senior Corps Volunteers provided more than 1.8 million hours of service in 2018. Redwood County was served by 431 Senior Corps RSVP volunteers in 2018. The Senior Corps RSVP volunteers perform their volunteer service work under the guidance of A.C.E. of SW Minnesota – Redwood County office. These volunteers provide vital support to county residents and improve the quality of life in Redwood County, and

WHEREAS, as a County Commission, we work hard every day to make life better for our constituents, and strengthening the spirit and commitment of the volunteers who serve our county is just one of our many goals. We are grateful for the dedication and sacrifice of these citizens who are helping make our great county stronger, safer, and healthier, and

WHEREAS, national service represents a unique public-private partnership that invests in community solutions and leverages non-federal resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation for National and Community Service shares a priority with local leaders nationwide to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities; and is joining with the National League of Cities, the National Association of Counties, Cities of Service, and local leaders across the country for National Service Recognition Day on April 2, 2019.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Redwood County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 2, 2019, as National Service Recognition Day, and encourage residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in our community, to thank those who serve; and to find ways to give back to their communities.

**CRIME VICTIM SERVICES**

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

**National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 7 – 13, 2019**

Whereas, in 1982, the President's Task Force on Victims of Crime envisioned a national commitment that launched the victims' rights movement, inspired its progress, and continues to advance the cause of justice for crime victims;

Whereas, crime can leave a lasting impact on any person, regardless of age, national origin, race, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, immigration, or economic status;

Whereas, honoring the rights of victims, including the rights to be heard and to be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect, and working to meet their needs rebuilds their trust in the criminal justice and social service systems;

Whereas with the unwavering support of their communities and victim service providers behind them, survivors will be empowered to face their grief, loss, fear, anger, and hope without fear of judgment, and will feel understood, heard, and respected;

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, 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, 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 offered culturally and linguistically accessible and appropriate services in the aftermath of crime; 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 7 – 13, 2019 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.

#### **BOYS' AND GIRLS' COUNTY DAY**

- Redwood County students entered the Board meeting at various times representing Wabasso, Red Rock Central, Cedar Mountain, Redwood Falls and Westbrook-Walnut Grove for Boys and Girls County Day.

#### **UNITED COMMUNITY ACTION**

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

##### **Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program Resolution**

**WHEREAS**, the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency has made available Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program grant monies to encourage and support innovation at the local level to help prevent homelessness, reduce the length of homeless episodes, and reduce repeated episodes of homelessness, and

**WHEREAS**, Area service providers who administer programs that address families crisis needs have identified gaps within the service delivery system, and

**WHEREAS**, Area service providers who administer programs that address families crisis needs have identified strategies to address the identified service gaps,

**WHEREAS**, Area service providers wish to continue to work together to coordinate their services and improve the service delivery system,

**WHEREAS**, United Community Action Partnership desires to make an application on behalf of the area service providers for funds to address these identified problems,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the County of Redwood agrees to support United Community Action Partnership in its application and implementation of the proposed Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021.

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- Board consensus to not proceed with an advertisement in the Redwood Profile as recommended by the Marketing Committee.

**ENVIRONMENTAL**

- On motion by Walling, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Amendment to the Cooperative Agreement between Redwood County and Redwood County Soil and Water Conservation District.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the IPaddlePort Agreement pending County Attorney revisions added to agreement.

**ADMINISTRATOR**

- On motion by Walling, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Amended Agreement with Bolton and Menk.
- The Board acknowledged the Confession of Judgment for Parcel #88-567-0620 for Connie Denton.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Spring Edition of the Redwood County Connection.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the letter of support for Southwest Health and Human Services to send to legislatures to hire an independent auditor vs. utilizing the State Auditors due to a substantial cost savings.
- On motion by Walling, second by Van Hee, and excluding the bill from Turbes Ag in the amount of \$56.50, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Road and Bridge bills in the amount of \$163,759.35.
- On motion by Walling, second by Forkrud, with Groebner abstaining due to a Conflict of Interest, the Board voted to approve the bill from Turbes Ag in the amount of \$56.50.
- Bills exceeding \$2,000: Evergreen Land Services \$5,052.05; Farmward Cooperative \$48,555.15; H & L Mesabi \$9,761.20; R. LeSage \$7,750.00; Bradley Limoges \$3,500.00 Meadowlands \$2,332.73; North Central International \$3,289.32; Barry Paskewitz \$3,200.00; R & R Partnership \$6,900.00; Redwood Tire Service \$4,116.60; RSS Group International \$6,618.11; Wendorf Welding \$3,132.50; Widseth, Smith and Nolting \$24,138.68; Z. Doormen \$7,080.00; Ziegler \$6,642.95.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, in a roll-call vote with Groebner, Salfer, Walling, Van Hee and Forkrud, the Board adopted the following resolution:

**COUNTY OF REDWOOD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS****Resolution to Encourage the State of Minnesota  
to Adequately Fund Transportation System**

WHEREAS Minnesota Counties maintain 30,742 miles of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) roads and 14,141 miles of county roads, totaling over 30% of the state's roadways; and

WHEREAS the total annual need is \$1.084 billion over the next 25 years just to maintain the current CSAH and county road system, not including expansion; and

WHEREAS the annual funding gap for counties has resulted in deferring basic maintenance, delaying expansion projects with resulting safety concerns, mounting congestion, and missed economic growth for businesses and commuters; and

WHEREAS a comprehensive and sustainable transportation solution should include robust funding for roads, bridges, and transit, and address the varying needs in different parts of the state; and

WHEREAS increased funding for Minnesota's Highway User Tax Distribution Fund would provide additional, stable funds for MnDOT, all 87 counties, all cities with a population of 5,000 or more, and townships across the state;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Redwood County Board of Commissioners encourages the Minnesota Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign a bill that brings adequate funding to Minnesota's statewide transportation system.

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the letting date of May 1, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. for SAP 064-701-022 and SAP 064-601-012.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to enter into Closed Session at 10:41 a.m. for the purpose of a real estate consideration Parcel #88-200-1010 pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05, Subd. 3. Present were Commissioners Forkrud, Groebner, Salfer, Walling and Van Hee, County Administrator Knobloch, County Attorney Jenna Peterson and Economic Development and Coordinator Briana Mumme. Closed session ended at 10:54 a.m.

#### **RECONVENE**

- The Board reconvened into regular session at 10:54 a.m.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to purchase Parcel #88-200-1010 in the amount of \$375,000.

#### **COMMISSIONERS**

- The commissioners reported on meetings they attended.

Walling: Counties Providing Technology

Groebner: Redwood County Historical Society; MN Valley Regional Rail Authority;  
Rural MN Energy Board; Regional Solid Waste; Friends of Gilfillan

Salfer: Southwest Health and Human Services; Safety Committee; Western Mental  
Health

VanHee: Redwood Falls City Council; Southern Prairie Community Care; Fair Board;  
Southwest Regional Development Corporation

Forkrud: Southwest Health and Human Services; Safety Committee; A.C.E. of SW  
Minnesota; Communications Board

**COMMISSIONERS ITEMS**

- The Board acknowledged receipt of a petition in reference to area highway shops closing. No action was taken.

**ADJOURN**

- There being no further business, Chair Salfer declared the meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

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Jim Salfer, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vicki Knobloch  
County Administrator