

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

November 5, 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 Dennis Groebner, Bob Van Hee, Jim Salfer and Dave Forkrud. Lon Walling was absent. Also present were Administrator Vicki Knobloch; County Attorney Jenna Peterson; County Engineer Anthony Sellner; Interim County Engineer Al Forsberg; Planning and Zoning Supervisor Nick Brozek; Maintenance Supervisor Loren Gewerth; Crime Victim Services Coordinator Denise Kerkhoff; Plum Creek Representatives Jordan Burmeister and Jenny Monson-Miller; Jefferson Representative Camille Nicholson; Redwood County Energy Dialogue members: Chrissy Schultz; Clements Mayor Tom Groebner and Bill Schmidt; WOLD Architect John McNamara; Redwood Falls City Administrator Keith Muetzel and Attorney Amy Busse.

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

On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, 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 in the Road and Bridge bills.

CONSENT AGENDA

- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.
 - October 15, 2019 Board minutes
 - Payment of bills as follows:

General Fund	\$ 24,768.92
Ditch Maintenance Fund	\$ 473.05
Public Health Fund	\$ 39.50

- Bills totaling over \$2,000: One Office Solution \$2,787.89; G & R Controls \$8,051.06; Renville Cty. \$40,343.11; Fleet Services \$5,608.99; Redwood Cty. Hwy. Dept. \$2,863.11; Maas Construction \$4,958.00; A & T Septic \$3,600.00; Gordy Serbus & Sons \$2,731.94; Maas Construction \$2,801.81; Schmidt Construction \$5,183.00; Truenorth Steel \$6,785.52; Elan Credit Card \$8,040.73.

ROAD & BRIDGE

- Sellner introduced interim County Engineer, Al Forsberg, who will replace Sellner during his deployment.

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, and excluding the bill from Turbes Ag Sales and Service in the amount of \$1,812.00, the Board voted unanimously to approve payment of Road & Bridge bills in the amount of \$241,400.64.
- On motion by Van Hee, 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 \$1,812.00.
- Bills totaling over \$2,000: American Engineering \$4,929.20; Bolten & Menk \$37,155.50; Duinick Inc. \$40,371.92; Farmward Coop \$16,678.71; Forterra Pipe & Precast \$8,950.00; Hancock Concrete \$2,789.82; Klabunde Electric \$6,428.14; M & K Bridge Construction \$3,800.00; Meadowland \$10,034.10; MN Paving \$11,324.62; North Central Int. \$3,818.26; Redwood Tire \$3,181.30; Snow Wheel Systems \$2,058.00; WSN \$72,529.29; Ziegler \$3,882.38.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the final payment to River Ridge Construction for SAP #064-599-108 in the amount of \$20,500.00
- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the final payment to M & K Bridge Construction for SAP #064-599-111 and SAP #064-599-112 in the amount of \$46,992.39.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the final payment to Knife River Corporation for SAP 064-620-004 in the amount of \$80,420.83
- Sellner updated the Board on road and bridge projects.

PLUM CREEK WIND FARM

- Burmeister provided information on the Plum Creek Wind Farm that is under development in Cottonwood, Murray and Redwood Counties.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, in a three to one vote with Van Hee voting nay, the Board voted to approve sending a letter of support to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission for the development of the wind farm in Redwood County.

CRIME VICTIM SERVICES

- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Crime Victim Services Memorandum of Understanding.

JEFFERSON CENTER

- Nicholson and members from the Redwood County Energy Dialogue presented information about renewable energy and how to improve how the energy system that serves Redwood County.

CITY OF CLEMENTS

- Mayor, Thomas Groebner, submitted request for a grant reimbursement for a recently purchased tax forfeited property by the City of Clements.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to award the City of Clements up to a \$5,000.00 blight fund grant pending all guidelines are met.

MAINTENANCE

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of a new sweeper brush attachment for a skid steer in the amount of \$4,545.93 from Quick Attach and to declare the old sweeper as excess equipment and authorized to sell.

ADMINISTRATOR

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to renew a Lease Agreement with Dahl Farms with amendments to the agreement to include a three year lease at \$1,000/year.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Medical Examiner Agreement with River Valley Forensic Services and Dr. Kelly Mills will be appointed as the County's coroner effective January 1, 2020 in the amount of \$3,000 annually plus any autopsies that are performed.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Southwest Health and Human Services Lease Agreement pending County Attorney approval.
- On motion by, second by, the Board voted unanimously to award the real estate contract to Kerkhoff Auction and Real Estate to sell the former Highway Shop property. The Board directed County Attorney to draft a contract

Personnel

- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge the resignation of Scott Larsen, GIS Specialist, effective 11-15-19.

WOLD ARCHITECTS

- McNamara discussed options for the Courthouse Security Project.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- The Commissioners reported on meetings they attended:

Groebner: Friends of Gilfillan, Judicial Ditch 15, Redwood County Historical Society, AMC District VIII Meeting, MN Valley Regional Rail Authority; RRRSWA

Salfer: District 8 Meeting, Nurse Family Partnership, Western Mental Health, Personnel Committee, Tax Forfeiture Sale; SWHHS

Van Hee: District 8 Meeting, Dekalb Construction Meeting, Tax Forfeiture Sale, EDA – Preservation/Restoration

Forkrud: Southwest Health and Human Services, Personnel Committee, Safety Committee

ADJOURN

- There being no further business, Chair Salfer declared the meeting adjourned at. 12:17 p.m.

Jim Salfer, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: _____
Vicki Knobloch
County Administrator