

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

FEBRUARY 18, 2020

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 Dave Forkrud, Lon Walling, Bob Van Hee, Jim Salfer and Dennis Groebner; County Administrator Vicki Knobloch, County Attorney Jenna Peterson, Auditor-Treasurer Jean Price, Sheriff Randy Hanson, Environmental Director Scott Wold; County Engineer Al Forsberg; Recorder Joyce Anderson; WOLD Architect John McNamara; CGI Construction Group Pete & Larry Phillipi; MRAAA Executive Director Jason Swanson; Fox Brothers Salesman Lance Larson; Norma Hagert; Assistant County Attorney Amanda Heinrichs-Milburn; Judge Patrick Rohland, Court Administrator Patty Amberg; Economic Development Coordinator Briana Mumme; Larissa & Derek Guetter; Mary Bratsch; Jamie Rigge; Linus Madsen; Bruce Rigge; Dominic Groebner; Rick Kramer; Deb Hess; Rhonda Tubbs; Gene Swede; Bryant Kaden; Bre Felska; Denny Miller; Tiffany Knott; Roger Baumann; Raymond Rivera; Janet Marti; Gerald Patten; Josef Kriegl; Dennis Kahnke; Tom Steinback; Gary Robinson; Arden Reek; Tammy Houle; Patrick Schoffman; Adrienne Danielson and Roger Reek.

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

Open Forum was held regarding the Refugee Resettlement vote from the 1-7-20 board meeting. Open Forum ended at 9:08 a.m.

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

Chair Walling asked the Board members to identify any areas for which they had a conflict of interest. There was none.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda.
  - February 4, 2020 Board minutes.
  - Payment of bills as follows:

General Fund	\$13,456.58
Ditch Maintenance Fund	\$ 2,574.38
Soil and Water Fund	\$ 892.00
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 562.21

- **Bills exceeding \$2,000:** MEND Correctional Care \$7,881.25; Tersteeg's Holiday Market \$8,317.36; Trent Baker Construction \$13,023.08; Houston Engineering \$28,279.21; City of Redwood Falls \$141,229.50; Brown County \$54,466.26; Maas Construction \$4,357.89; Schmidt Construction \$4,852.50; Wenck Associates \$4,990.00

#### **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

- The Board recognized Donna Calandar, Sheriff's Department, for 15 years of service to Redwood County.

#### **SHERIFF**

- Hanson updated the Board on the Redwood County Jail Population for January, 2020.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2019 Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$20,097.00.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the National Incident Based Reporting System Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Forkrud, in a roll-call vote with Salfer, Walling, Van Hee, Groebner and Forkrud all voting aye, the following resolution was adopted:

#### **A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF \$100 FROM SCHWARTZ FARMS, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, SCHWARTZ FARMS, INC., wishes to donate \$100 to Redwood County Sheriff's Department and;

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff's Department will utilize the donation of \$100 for the purpose of equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners appreciates the generosity of Schwartz Farms, Inc. in supporting the Redwood County Sheriff's Department;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the acceptance of \$100 from Schwartz Farms to Redwood County Sheriff's Department, on behalf of the County.

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the quote from GeoComm E-911 for computer software in the amount of \$21,360.00.

**AUDITOR-TREASURER**

- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following consent agenda: Cash Balance Report; Investment Summary; Budget Report: General Fund, Building, Human Services, Ditch Maintenance, Ditch Bond Interest; Health Fund; Debt Service Fund; Insurance Fund; Soil and Water Conservation District Fund and Solid Waste Funds; and January Disbursements in the amount of \$1,911,570.29.
- Bills exceeding \$2,000.00: Preferred One \$8,519.96, \$53,625.99, \$34,891.31, \$6,010.14; \$23,133.66, \$2,478.76, \$2,846.05; Redwood Falls Public Utilities \$6,595.56; Further \$7,128.32, \$7,128.32; BCBS \$2,395.00; MN Commission of Finance \$16,368.77, \$4,673.50, \$3,257.79; Paycom \$2,490.93; Wells Fargo Advisors \$245,000.00; 490,000.00; MN Dept. of Revenue \$27,627.41; Arvig Communications \$3,447.40; Delta Dental \$3,076.33; MN Valley Snow-Riders \$42,863.43; RRRSWA \$25,074.91; City of Belview \$2,982.79; City of Delhi \$4,502.25; City of Lamberton \$20,900.31; City of Lucan \$7,335.24; City of Milroy \$7,513.14; City of Morgan \$13,842.71; City of Redwood Falls \$43,258.21; City of Sanborn \$4,054.67; City of Vesta \$39,307.81; City of Wabasso \$10,814.50; City of Walnut Grove \$13,745.12; SD #2754 \$11,667.72; SD #2884 \$13,989.17; SD #2897 \$42,814.56; SD #2898 \$10,244.89; SD #2904 \$2,976.63; SD #635 \$9,492.57; SD #640 \$29,699.47; SD #85 \$4,362.50; SWHHS \$34,340.72, \$55,202.75; North Hero Twp. \$3,608.73; Springdale Twp. \$2,217.36; Sun Life Financial \$2,193.33; Landwehr Construction \$299,494.44; City of Morgan \$8,717.21; MN Dept. of Transportation \$8,538.48; MN Counties Intergovernmental Trust \$110,113.00; Bolton & Menk \$2,912.50; R & G Construction \$12,371.38; Redwood Falls Public Utilities \$2,144.26
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Forkrud and Salfer as the 2020 canvassing members for the March 5<sup>th</sup> Presidential Nomination Primary Election and Groebner and Salfer for the August 13<sup>th</sup> Primary Election and November 6<sup>th</sup> General Election.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Van Hee, in a 4-1 vote with Walling voting nay, the Board voted to approve the budget adjustment to move \$21,000.00 from the EDA Office Supply Fund to the 2020 EDA Development Grant Fund.
- The Board acknowledged the tax abatement for the American Legion Post #38 in the amount of \$1,716.00.

**ENVIRONMENTAL**

- On motion by Groebner, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the E911 Consultant, WENCK Engineering, to do Next Generation 911 GIS Service, not to exceed \$24,326.00, to be funded through a grant.

**REDWOOD COUNTY DITCH AUTHORITY**

- At 9:38 a.m., the Board entered into Redwood County Ditch Authority. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Walling, Groebner, Van Hee, Forkrud and Salfer, Environmental Director Scott Wold, County Administrator Knobloch and County Attorney Peterson.

- On motion by Salfer, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of a Polaris Ranger and trailer from in the amount of \$23,662.00 from Brokaw Supply. 75% of the cost of the Ranger will be funded through the Ditch Fund and 25% will be funded through Riparian Protection Aid. The sprayer will be covered 100% by the Ditch Fund.

Company	Bid Amount
Brokaw Supply	\$23,662.00
Action Sports	\$24,555.00

- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to declare a 2013 Honda 4-wheeler as excess property by either trade in or auction.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to hire WENCK Engineering in the amount of \$16,580.00 to provide repair costs for disaster sites in order to secure FEMA funding for the 2018 disaster.
- Chair Walling adjourned Ditch Authority at 9:54 a.m.

#### RECONVENE

- The Board reconvened into regular session at 9:54 a.m.

#### ROAD AND BRIDGE

- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, in a 3-2 vote with Forkrud and Walling voting nay, the Board approved the purchase of two 2021 International snow plow trucks from Fox Brothers International in the amount of \$236,937.00 pending State Contract number.

Bids received:

Company	Amount
Fox Brothers International	\$236,937.00
Harrison Truck Center-Western Star	\$244,706.00

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Cooperative Agreement with the City of Vesta and Redwood County for the Reconstruction of South Street TH 19 to CSAH 10.

#### MINNESOTA RIVER AREA AGENCY ON AGING

- Swanson presented an overview of their activities in 2019 along with services that are provided.

#### COURTHOUSE SECURITY PROJECT

- WOLD and Contegrity Group presented Justice Center and Government Services Building designs, estimated cost and a timeframe for construction.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to direct Contegrity to obtain bids for the renovations of the Government Services Building.

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the modified fee schedule for the Courthouse Security Project with WOLD in the amount of \$360,000.00

**ADMINISTRATOR**

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Amended Purchase Agreement with Robert LeSage.
- The Board discussed the procedures in MN Statute 6.481, Subd. 7 in the event the County would like to change auditing firms for 2021. The Board directed A/T Price to research costs of audits.

*Personnel*

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to hire Jesse Deutz as full-time Highway Specialist at Grade 10, Step 1 of the non-union salary schedule at \$19.15/hour effective 2-24-20.

**COMMISSIONERS**

- The Commissioners reported on meetings they attended.

Walling: Area II, Redwood-Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority; City of Vesta, Public Auctions

Van Hee: Restorative Justice, Primewest; UCAP – Transportation; Technology Meeting

Salfer: Public Auctions

Groebner: Redwood-Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority

Forkrud: Primewest; Public Auctions

**ADJOURN**

- There being no further business, Chair Walling declared the meeting adjourned at 12:49 p.m.

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Lon Walling, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners

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