

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

APRIL 7, 2020

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. in the MN West Meeting Room in the Government Center, Redwood Falls, Minnesota.

Present for all or portions of the meeting were Commissioners Lon Walling, Bob VanHee, Jim Salfer and Dave Forkrud, Administrator Vicki Knobloch, County Engineer Al Forsberg, Economic Development Coordinator Briana Mumme and Planning and Zoning Supervisor Nick Brozek. Commissioner Dennis Groebner and Representatives from US Solar Michelle Simms and David Watts were present via conference call. Commissioner Groebner joined the meeting in person at 9:50 a.m.

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

On motion by Van Hee, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the April 7th agenda.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- On motion by Salfer, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
 - March 17th board minutes.
 - March 26th board minutes
 - April 2nd board minutes
 - Payment of bills.

General Fund	\$ 19,635.99
Ditch Maintenance Fund	\$ 8,020.67
Building Fund	\$ 510.00
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 35.65
Insurance Fund	\$ 386.55
Soil and Water Fund	\$ 750.00

- Bills exceeding \$2,000.00: Elan Corporation \$14,454.66; Nyhart Company \$2,000.00; Counties Providing Technology \$3,779.00; Dell Marketing \$5,351.83; Identisys \$2,038.66; Morris Electronics \$13,560.00; G & R Controls \$2,086.25; County of Nobles \$2,470.63; Fleet Services Division \$5,445.86; Redi Transport \$3,200.00; Onsolve LLC \$6,950.00; Reliance Telephone \$2,000.00; MN Dept. of Corrections \$92,690.28; Trent Baker Construction \$30,587.91; Regents of the University of MN \$19,113.99; C & K Construction \$7,025.40; Country Enterprises \$5,279.75; Keck Tree Service \$19,800.00; Schmidt Construction \$15,001.45

COUNTY DAY PROCLAMATION

- On motion by Salfer, second by Van Hee, 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 21st 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, approximately 14,000 Minnesota Senior Corps Volunteers provided more than 1.79 million hours of service in 2019. Redwood County was served by 502 Senior Corps RSVP volunteers in 2019. 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 7, 2020.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Redwood County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 7, 2020, 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.

PLANNING AND ZONING

- An application for a Community Solar Garden, Conditional Use Permit #2-20 filed by USS Dot Com Solar LLC on approximately 10 acres of Wayne Weber's property on the following described real property, situated in the County of Redwood, State of Minnesota, to wit: West ½ of the NW ¼ of Section 15, Twp. 111N, Range 34 of Morgan Township. On motion by Forkrud, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve CUP #2-20 with (11) conditions as set forth by the Planning Commission.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the extension of the 2019 business development grant recipient's deadline from August 31, 2020 to December 31, 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Board consensus to direct Mumme to explore the development of a Redwood County COVID-19 Business Emergency Loan Fund Program with terms and conditions brought to the Board for final approval.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

- On motion by Salfer, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Minnesota State Law Library/County Law Library Program Agreement.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve Road and Bridge bills in the amount of \$54,624.90.
Bills exceeding \$2,000.00: Bolton & Menk \$7,812.50; Geske Home Improvement \$2,721.10; Meadowland Farmers Cooperative \$4,652.18; MN Transportation Alliance \$2,647.00; North Central International \$2,165.85; Redwood Tire Service \$2,516.72; Southwest Sales and Service \$2,522.39; Widseth, Smith, Nolting \$3,945.00, Z Doormen \$3,057.00.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the final payment for SAP 064-593-001 to R & G Construction in the amount of \$53,441.68.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the CSAH 6 pavement project from a 3" bituminous mill and 5" overlay to a 4" cold in place recycle and 5" overlay as the road is in very poor condition.
- The Board directed Forsberg to draft a County Highway Right of Way Turf Maintenance Policy and brought to the Board for final approval.

Commissioner Groebner joined the meeting in person at 9:50 a.m.

ADMINISTRATOR

- On motion by Salfer, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Agreement with Sabre Industries for the Tower and Equipment Construction.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Pictometry change order for the 2020 aerial flight from early Spring to mid-Summer to ensure better imagery at no additional cost.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Child Advocacy Interagency Agreement.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following Proclamation:

Child Abuse Prevention Month, Redwood County, April 2020

WHEREAS, Redwood County Southwest Health and Human Services screened in 188 child protection cases in 2019; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and

WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of the Redwood County; and

WHEREAS, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse; and

WHEREAS, every child deserves to be safe, nurtured and supported in caring relationships; and every family deserves to be safe, nurtured and supported in their community; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of community partnerships created among families, social service agencies, schools, businesses, law enforcement agencies, faith-based organizations and other child serving agencies; and

WHEREAS, the children in our community who have fallen victim to maltreatment deserve high quality, evidence-based services delivered by committed and well supported professionals;

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, it is easier to build healthy and strong children than repair broken adults.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, The Redwood County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 2020 as NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH in Redwood County and urge all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.

- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Summit Companies Inspection Services Agreements for the Redwood County Government Center, Law Enforcement Center, Highway Shop and the Courthouse.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Salfer, in a roll-call vote with Groebner, Salfer, Van Hee, Groebner and Forkrud all voting aye, the Board voted to adopt the following Resolution:

Resolution Proclaiming April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month

WHEREAS, in the United States, April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM); and

WHEREAS, this year, SAAM is celebrating its 19th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the goal of SAAM is to raise public awareness about sexual violence and educate communities on how to prevent it; and

WHEREAS, SAAM calls attention to the fact that sexual harassment, assault, and abuse are widespread and impact every person in this community; and

WHEREAS, rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment harm our community, and statistics show one in five women and one in 67 men will be raped at some point in their lives (Smith et al., 2017); and

WHEREAS, child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that one in six boys and one in four girls will experience sexual assault before age 18 (Dube et al., 2005); and

WHEREAS, on campus, one in five women and one in 16 men are sexually assaulted during their time in college (Krebs et al., 2007); and

WHEREAS, the theme for this year's campaign, "I Ask" helps empower all of us to put consent into practice and shares the message that asking for consent is a normal and necessary part of sex.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Redwood County Board of Commissioners joins advocates and communities across the country in taking action to prevent sexual violence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Redwood County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim that April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Redwood County.

Personnel

- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to hire Amy Busse as full-time Assistant County Attorney effective 5-11-20 on the non-union salary schedule at Grade 18, Step 12 due to experience.

COMMISSIONERS

- The commissioners reported on meetings they attended.

Salfer: Southwest Health and Human Services Update

VanHee: CDC Updates, Restorative Justice, Minnesota Regional Rail Authority

ADJOURN

- There being no further business, Chair Walling declared the meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Lon Walling, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: _____
Vicki Knobloch
County Administrator