

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

SEPTEMBER 15, 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 Bob VanHee, Dave Forkrud, Jim Salfer, Lon Walling, Denny Groebner and County Administrator Vicki Knobloch. Also present were Auditor/Treasurer Jean Price; Human Resources Coordinator Peter Brown; Economic Development Coordinator Briana Mumme; County Attorney Jenna Peterson; Environmental Director Scott Wold; Planning and Zoning Supervisor Nick Brozek; Ditch Inspector Brent Lang; Technology Coordinator Paul Parsons; Department of Corrections District Supervisor Jake McLellan; Probation Officer Duane Frank and property owner Jeff Potter.

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

Jeff Potter was present for Open Forum in opposition to Conditional Use Permit #5-20 filed by Jason Behrendt to operate a Livestock Carcass Transfer Station. Potter provided a petition in opposition to the project as well as appraisals from property owners.

On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the September 15th 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 Groebner, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda.
 - September 1st minutes
 - Payment of bills as follows:

General Fund	\$ 130,678.43
Building Fund	\$ 4,953.02
Ditch Fund	\$ 22,139.24
Insurance Fund	\$ 275.00
Soil and Water Fund	\$ 2,046.00
Public Health Fund	\$ 1,325.47

- Bills exceeding \$2,000: Dell Marketing \$8,228.90; Morris Electronics \$2,271.00; Fleet Services Division \$6,518.70; Galls \$2,373.15; Mend Correctional \$3,963.55; Tersteeg's Holiday Market \$6,936.24; Watchguard Video \$5,070.00; Lamberton Public Library \$7,115.18; Morgan Public Library \$6,894.96; Redwood Falls Public Library \$20,333.25; Wabasso Public Library \$18,693.11; Wenck Associates

\$17,463.90; WOLD Architects \$4,953.02; Mark Behrends \$3,237.48; Bolton & Menk \$3,085.50; Farmers Coop Oil of Echo \$4,911.90; Sando Weed & Brush Control \$2,225.00; Wenck Associates \$5,505.50

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

- The Board recognized Scott Wold, Environmental Department, for 5 years of service to Redwood County.

RECESS

- The Board recessed and entered into Redwood County Ditch Authority at 8:38 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – REDWOOD COUNTY DITCH AUTHORITY

- At 8:38 a.m., the Board entered into County Ditch Authority for the Public Hearing for proposed ditch levies in 2021.
- Wold presented the Affidavit of Publication. Present were Redwood County Commissioners Walling, Forkrud, Salfer, Van Hee and Groebner, Administrator Knobloch; Environmental Director Wold and Ditch Inspector Brent Lang.
- Wold presented the proposed ditch levies for 2021.
- Chair Walling asked for any public comments. No one was present for comments.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2021 Ditch Levies as presented.
- Wold provided an update on 2018 FEMA claims and provided a letter that will be sent appealing the compensation amount from FEMA.
- Wold updated the Board on the 2019 FEMA estimate of costs and stated it is moving forward smoothly at this time.
- Chair Walling declared Ditch Authority adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

RECONVENED

- The Board reconvened into regular session at 8:45 a.m.

PLANNING AND ZONING

- An application to operate a farm livestock carcass transfer station, Conditional Use Permit #5-20, filed by Jason Behrendt on the following described real property, situated in the County of Redwood, State of Minnesota, to wit: N 400' of E 598' NE ¼, NE ¼ of Section 24, Twp. T-112N, Range 37-W, Sheridan Township. On motion by Van Hee, second by Groebner, the board voted 4-1 with Walling, Groebner, Salfer and Forkrud all voting nay, to table CUP #5-20 and send back to Planning and Zoning to readdress concerns presented by adjacent property owner, Jeff Potter.
- On motion by Walling, second by Salfer, the Board voted 4-1, with Groebner voting nay, to approve CUP #5-20, filed by Jason Behrendt to operate a farm livestock carcass transfer station on the following described real property, situated in the County of Redwood, State of Minnesota, to wit: N 400' of E 598' NE ¼, NE ¼ of Section 24, Twp. T-112N, Range 37-W, Sheridan Township, with (14) conditions as set forth by the Planning Commission and (2) additional conditions for Behrendt to provide a cleaning schedule to be approved by the Planning and Zoning Supervisor and to complete the enclosed shed on property for parking trucks.

- An application to construct a series of (5) religious monuments on an agriculture property, Conditional Use Permit #7-20, filed by Michael Dolan on the following described real property, situated in the County of Redwood, State of Minnesota, to wit: S ½, NW ¼ & SW ¼ lying N & W of Hwy. 19 of Section 31, Twp. T-112N, Range 38-W, Vesta Township. On motion by Walling, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve CUP #7-20 with (12) conditions as set forth by the Planning Commission.

AUDITOR/TREASURER

- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
 - Cash Balance Report
 - Investment Summary
 - Budget Reports, General Fund, Human Services, Building Fund, Ditch Maintenance, Ditch Bond Interest, Debt Service Fund; Health Fund; Insurance Fund and Solid Waste.
 - August 2020 Disbursements in the amount of \$3,873,187.08.
 - Bills exceeding \$2,000: Preferred One \$2,982.23, \$9,840.87, \$17,614.20, \$8,960.48, \$25,204.37, 2,155.50, \$16,504.14, \$13,487.82, \$30,208.22; Redwood Electric Coop \$2,720.44; Redwood Falls Public Utilities \$8,362.80; Further \$7,130.44, \$7,130.44; MN Dept. of Revenue \$25,396.87; MN Dept. of Finance \$5,628.50; Delta Dental \$3,557.84; Estebo Trust Account \$95,381.97; L & S Construction \$7,500.00; Sun Life Financial \$2,123.88; Southwest Health & Human Services \$4,752.63; Meadowland Farmers Coop \$8,640.00; City of Morgan \$155,489.54; Duinick Inc. \$323,920.74, \$2,775,643.70; Jebro Inc. \$273,504.22.

TECHNOLOGY

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the CPST Contract renewal in the amount of \$1,356.00.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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

RESOLUTION 2020-05

A RESOLUTION TO EXPEND CARES ACT CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDING AVAILABLE BY PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTAL AID FOR MUNICIPALITIES WITH A POPULATION LESS THAN 200 IN REDWOOD COUNTY

WHEREAS, Redwood County, in response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 pandemic (COVID-19) has collected expense reimbursement and certification requests from municipalities within Redwood County with populations less than 200. These municipalities were unable to collect direct CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds from the State of Minnesota, therefore completed the Redwood County Coronavirus Relief Fund: Small City and Township Expense Reimbursement and Certification.

WHEREAS, the CARES Act Fund Committee has identified the purpose for providing supplemental aid for municipalities with less than 200 population within Redwood County for expenses incurred due to the COVID-19 health pandemic. Municipalities are required to provide documentation outlining allowable costs as provided under federal and state CARES Act guidance.

WHEREAS, the Redwood County EDA is the designated organization administering supplemental aid to municipalities impacted by COVID-19 utilizing the CRF fund and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the County Board of Commissioners is authorizing up to \$27,862.27 and certifies that the funds appropriated from the CARES Act fund will be used only for the allowable uses as indicated in the Coronavirus Relief Fund Guidance for necessary expenditures, unbudgeted, unaccounted for expenses and incurred during the covered period.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve to hire a Probation Officer due to resignation of Roberto Gonzalez Bedolla. Chair Walling expressed his concern with the State's non-compliance of its own Statute 244.19, Subd. 6, Reimbursement of Counties provides a reimbursement of 50% of the total cost of agents. For many years, Redwood County has been reimbursed at less than 29% annually.

ADMINISTRATOR

- Knobloch presented the August 2020 Jail Population.

Personnel

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Amendment to the Employment Agreement with Al Forsberg to extend the Interim Department Head/County Engineer position to January 31, 2021.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to hire Kathryn Ibberson as Part-time Custody Officer on the 2020 LELS Scale, Custody Officer Grade/Step 1 at \$19.19 per hour effective September 16, 2020 pending approval of background check.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to hire Aaron Pohlen as Part-time Custodian for the Maintenance Department on the AFSCME Salary Schedule, Grade 6/Step 1 at \$14.08 per hour effective September 16, 2020.
- Board held discussion on the Redwood County Historical Society and Friends of Gilfillan request for the County to assist in reservation taking for the Pavilion and campground sites. Recommendation for Redwood County Commissioners on the Redwood County Historical Society Committee to meet with the Redwood County Historical Society and Friends of Gilfillan to discuss.
- The commissioners reported on meetings they attended:

Groebner: Redwood/Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority; Soil and Water Conservation District; MN Valley Regional Rail Authority

VanHee: Restorative Justice; Southwest Regional Development Commission

Walling: Budget Discussion

Salfer: Southwest Health and Human Services

Forkrud: Redwood/Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority

ADJOURN

- There being no further business, Chair Walling declared the meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Attest: _____
Vicki Knobloch
County Administrator

Lon Walling, Board Chair
Board of Commissioners