

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

The Board of County Commissioners met in special session at 9:00 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 Economic Development Coordinator Briana Mumme; Human Resource Coordinator Peter Brown; County Attorney Jenna Peterson; Maintenance Supervisor Loren Gewerth; Contegritty Group Larry Filippi and WOLD Architect John McNamara.

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

On motion by Van Hee, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the September 24<sup>th</sup> agenda.

Chair Walling asked the Board members to identify any areas for which they had a Conflict of Interest. There were none.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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

**RESOLUTION 2020-07**

**A RESOLUTION TO EXPEND CARES ACT CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDING AVAILABLE TO RECIPIENTS OF THE REDWOOD COUNTY COVID SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Redwood County, in response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 pandemic (COVID-19) had established the Redwood County COVID Small Business Relief Grant program, as listed in Resolution 2020-03 to provide business relief;

WHEREAS, the CARES Act Fund Committee had identified the purpose of the Redwood County COVID Small Business Relief Grant program is to provide a grant opportunity for businesses experiencing financial hardships due to the COVID-19 health pandemic, adhering to the federal rules and regulations associated with the CARES Act Funding. The primary goal of the program is to facilitate business survival and enhance to the greatest extent possible retention of jobs throughout Redwood County, and;

WHEREAS, the Redwood County EDA in support of the Redwood County CARES Act Fund Committee has identified eligible recipients of the program per the Redwood County COVID Small Business Relief Grant program guidelines, as outlined in the attached,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Redwood County Board of Commissioners is authorizing disbursement of funds up to \$1,236,974 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. Distribution of the funds to outlined recipients is subject to additional verification of eligibility and completion of a grant agreement.

### **CONTEGRITY/WOLD**

- Filippi presented an update on the construction progress of the Government Services Building Project.
- Knobloch presented the Affidavit of Publication for the request for proposals for the Redwood County Justice Center Project.
- Larry Filippi and John McNamara presented the list of bids for the Justice Center Project.
- Chair Walling instructed the Board to readdress the award of the project at the October 6, 2020 board meeting

### **MAINTENANCE**

- Gewerth presented plans for installing a drive up window for the License Center.
- Board consensus to move forward with the project and present bids at a future meeting.

### **ADMINISTRATOR**

- Knobloch presented the 2021 Preliminary Tax Levy for approval.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to set the Redwood County 2021 Preliminary Certified Tax at \$14,366,825.00 with the adjusted tax levy for the 2021 budget set at \$13,676,622.00 representing a 5.5% increase from the 2020 levy. The Truth in Taxation hearing is set for Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

### ***Personnel***

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the termination of employees Sarah Reynolds, Ida Gatfield and Desiree Otto of the Child Advocacy Center effective September 30, 2020 due to the CAC assuming a non-profit status.
- The Commissioners reported on meetings they attended:

Salfer: Southwest Health and Human Services

Walling: Insurance Committee; Budget Committee

**ADJOURN**

- There being no further business, Chair Walling declared the meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

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Lon Walling, Chair  
Board of Commissioners

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