

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

January 20, 2026

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

Present for all or portions of the meeting were Commissioners Bob Van Hee, Jim Salfer, Corey Theis, Rick Wakefield. County Administrator Vicki Kletscher, Auditor/Treasurer Jean Price, County Sheriff Jason Jacobson, County Engineer Nick Klisch, Assistant County Attorney Marissa Pacheco, Land Use and Zoning Supervisor Jeanette Pidde, Environmental Director Nick Brozek, Economic Development Coordinator Grady Holtberg, Human Resource Director Shelly Koenig, Bolton & Menk Project Engineer Bill Helget. Commissioner Groebner is absent.

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

On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the January 20<sup>th</sup> agenda.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- On motion by Salfer, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
  - January 6<sup>th</sup> Board Minutes.
  - Payment of bills.

General Fund	\$ 628,737.61
Ditch Fund	\$ 151,061.66
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 1,863.90
Debt Services Fund	\$ 994,250.00
EDA	\$ 6,046.25
R & B Fund	\$ 144,409.00
State Revenue	\$ 425.00
Ditch Bond Debt	\$ 28,375.00

- **Bills exceeding \$2,000:**

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ACE OF SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA	10,532.00
ALPHA WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS CO	47,903.40
AREA II MN RIVER BASIN PROJECT	12,123.20
ASSN OF MN COUNTIES	26,677.00
AT-SCENE LLC	4,431.00
AXON ENTERPRISE INC	25,671.53
BEHREND/MARK	3,710.00
BLR DRUG TASK FORCE	78,976.00
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	4,993.00

COUNTY OF LYON	28,375.00
COUNTY OF RENVILLE	15,061.39
G & R CONTROLS INC	10,963.68
HANSEN/ROBERT M	2,117.40
ISG	8,650.00
KNOWBE4, INC	3,738.47
LAMBERTON PUBLIC LIBRARY	4,167.07
LEHRER/ART	6,400.00
MARTIN LAW FIRM PLLC	9,082.40
MINNESOTA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION	6,904.12
MN COUNTIES COMPUTER COOPERATIV	10,080.00
MN COUNTIES INTERGOVERNMENTAL T	368,220.00
MN COUNTY ATTORNEYS ASSN	4,709.00
MNL, INC	87,760.87
MORGAN PUBLIC LIBRARY	7,621.00
NESS/BRUCE	2,220.00
NORTHERN SAFETY TECHNOLOGY INC	7,061.79
REDWOOD COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT	5,698.61
REDWOOD FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY	24,095.38
REDWOOD-COTTONWOOD RIVERS CON	29,790.00
SW MN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BO	3,440.00
THE MARKET AT REDWOOD LLC	9,275.87
TNT CONSTRUCTION-KERKHOFF INC	34,299.60
U.S. BANK ST. PAUL	994,250.00
WABASSO PUBLIC LIBRARY	18,778.05
WESTERN MENTAL HEALTH CENTER	6,129.00
63 Payments less than 2000	29,585.48
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>1,953,491.31</b>

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

- Recognized Doug Bunting, Highway Maintenance Specialist, for 5 years of service to Redwood County.

**AUDITOR/TREASURER**

- On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following consent agenda: Cash Balance Report; Investment Summary; Budget Reports, and January 2026 Disbursements in the amount of \$9,628,692.29.

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	14,167.56
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	62,920.02
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	26,069.25
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	35,368.51
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	2,010.00
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	23,891.91
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	95,253.06
GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO	2,246.03
GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO	3,829.18
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT of REVENUE	68,144.13
MN COMMISSION OF FINANCE	4,330.13
REDWOOD FALLS PUBLIC UTILITIES	6,626.05
REDWOOD FALLS PUBLIC UTILITIES	3,813.23
REDWOOD FALLS PUBLIC UTILITIES	4,482.04
REDWOOD FALLS PUBLIC UTILITIES	5,143.50
STATE OF MINNESOTA	27,593.94
STATE OF MINNESOTA	34,501.58

STATE OF MINNESOTA	11,203.59
STATE OF MINNESOTA	34,499.22
STATE OF MINNESOTA	76,300.33
STATE OF MINNESOTA	35,677.58
STATE OF MINNESOTA	40,283.13
STATE OF MINNESOTA	3,702.13
STATE OF MINNESOTA	34,367.32
STATE OF MINNESOTA	45,408.17
STATE OF MINNESOTA	20,823.01
STATE OF MINNESOTA	20,453.78
STATE OF MINNESOTA	33,264.13
STATE OF MINNESOTA	2,302.60
STATE OF MINNESOTA	36,388.74
STATE OF MINNESOTA	23,252.22
STATE OF MINNESOTA	45,856.05
STATE OF MINNESOTA	23,822.05
STATE OF MINNESOTA	38,882.87
STATE OF MINNESOTA	47,603.76
STATE OF MINNESOTA	2,936.25
STATE OF MINNESOTA	68,054.67
STATE OF MINNESOTA	14,150.67
STATE OF MINNESOTA	73,127.95
WEX LEAP	8,254.87
WEX LEAP	8,024.30
25 Payments less than 2000	16,798.70

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>1,185,828.21</b>
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<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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GEIS/KATHY & STEVEN	5,445.00
METLIFE	4,394.00
WERNER/JOYCE	6,919.00
20 Payments less than 2000	7,689.89

<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>24,447.89</b>
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<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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CITY OF BELVIEW	69,022.47
CITY OF CLEMENTS	31,524.78
CITY OF DELHI	28,909.12
CITY OF LAMBERTON	393,086.66
CITY OF LUCAN	76,767.31
CITY OF MILROY	154,221.10
CITY OF MORGAN	199,990.95
CITY OF REDWOOD FALLS	1,864,872.83
CITY OF REVERE	22,279.08
CITY OF SANBORN	70,510.46
CITY OF SEAFORTH	14,631.60
CITY OF VESTA	89,020.49
CITY OF WABASSO	290,756.36
CITY OF WALNUT GROVE	159,124.97
CITY OF WANDA	21,321.40
RED ROCK RURAL WATER SYSTEM	5,684.63
REDWOOD COUNTY AUD-TREAS	20,206.75
REDWOOD PROPERTY HOLDINGS LLC	2,442.36
RRRSWA	248,122.98
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2190	7,325.21
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2754	156,369.42
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2884	144,411.51

SCHOOL DISTRICT 2897	401,703.31
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2898	69,435.60
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2904	34,105.18
SCHOOL DISTRICT 635	56,572.53
SCHOOL DISTRICT 640	208,745.30
SCHOOL DISTRICT 85	96,328.41
SOUTHWEST HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICE	1,302,258.82
SW REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISS	27,933.31
TOWNSHIP OF BROOKVILLE	34,407.22
TOWNSHIP OF CHARLESTOWN	27,312.16
TOWNSHIP OF DELHI	31,905.90
TOWNSHIP OF GALES	22,409.36
TOWNSHIP OF GRANITE ROCK	28,564.02
TOWNSHIP OF JOHNSONVILLE	40,515.19
TOWNSHIP OF KINTIRE	38,068.19
TOWNSHIP OF LAMBERTON	40,688.59
TOWNSHIP OF MORGAN	55,345.72
TOWNSHIP OF NEW AVON	38,108.59
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HERO	28,296.61
TOWNSHIP OF PAXTON	72,930.10

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
TOWNSHIP OF REDWOOD FALLS	47,056.94
TOWNSHIP OF SHERIDAN	31,910.08
TOWNSHIP OF SHERMAN	29,767.45
TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGDALE	35,566.88
TOWNSHIP OF SUNDOWN	48,112.31
TOWNSHIP OF SWEDES FOREST	25,095.39
TOWNSHIP OF THREE LAKES	47,983.00
TOWNSHIP OF UNDERWOOD	33,289.14
TOWNSHIP OF VAIL	24,243.65
TOWNSHIP OF VESTA	27,724.76
TOWNSHIP OF WATERBURY	28,589.78
TOWNSHIP OF WESTLINE	26,140.62
TOWNSHIP OF WILLOW LAKE	44,066.38
4 Payments less than 2000	5,034.34
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>7,180,817.27</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
MEADOWLAND FARMERS COOP	6,175.83
ULLAND BROTHERS INC	36,490.83
8 Payments less than 2000	2,365.71
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>45,032.37</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
MN COMMISSION OF FINANCE	4,433.00
SHEPARD EXCAVATING & SEPTIC SERVI	11,550.00
16 Payments less than 2000	5,288.45
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>21,271.45</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
MEADOWLAND FARMERS COOP	5,014.44
MR PAVING & EXCAVATING INC	14,263.92
5 Payments less than 2000	1,035.20
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>20,313.56</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BRAUN/ROBERT R	6,960.00
HAGERT/BRYAN	12,501.75
MEYER/JON	13,617.00
POLO FARMS INC	66,059.45
SCHULTZ/JERALD	6,556.50
14 Payments less than 2000	1,029.21
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>106,723.91</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CRAFCO INC	28,255.50
KAMCO INC	11,234.52
MEADOWLAND FARMERS COOP	2,485.20
3 Payments less than 2000	1,037.99
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>43,013.21</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2 Payments less than 2000	952.32
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>952.32</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ASSN OF MN COUNTIES	2,800.00
CHURCHILL/STEVEN	18,078.99
COUNTY OF RENVILLE	28,589.36
GALLS LLC	3,261.68
HEPPNER CONSULTING INC	4,171.54
ISG	2,999.10
L & S CONSTRUCTION CORP	3,611.11
LITZAU FARM DRAINAGE INC	66,694.75
MNL, INC	135,559.06
NOLAN LAW OFFICES	2,940.00
POLO FARMS INC	68,463.93
SAFEASSURE CONSULTANTS' INC	9,204.41
SAMYN/JOEL	16,473.85
SUMMIT FIRE PROTECTION	4,046.90
VERLINDE FARMS INC	17,998.20
37 Payments less than 2000	16,728.88
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>401,621.76</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
COUNTY OF YELLOW MEDICINE HWY DE	27,085.48
MEADOWLAND FARMERS COOP	2,438.40
3 Payments less than 2000	526.02
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>30,049.90</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AUDIO & SECURITY ENGINEERS	6,000.00
COUNTY OF NOBLES AUDITOR TREASUR	2,600.00
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-DEPT OF ADM	13,427.32
HOMELAND HEALTH SPECIALISTS' INC	3,461.20
KLUVER LAW OFFICE & MEDIATION CNTR	4,890.00
L & S CONSTRUCTION CORP	128,235.15
MAAS CONSTRUCTION CO	2,590.10
MINNESOTA VALLEY SNOW-RIDERS	39,002.04
SCHNEIDER GEOSPATIAL LLC	3,000.00
SOUTHWEST HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICE	67,308.95
TKDA	2,100.00

UNITED COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERS	2,367.77
33     Payments less than 2000	13,354.27
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>288,336.80</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BAIER CONSTRUCTION INC & RANDY HA	15,360.68
MAAS CONSTRUCTION CO	3,316.45
MARCO TECHNOLOGIES LLC - MN	6,784.73
SCHMIDT CONSTRUCTION INC	45,073.50
TRENT BAKER CONSTRUCTION LLC	12,781.80
12     Payments less than 2000	5,053.65
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>88,370.81</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BOLTON & MENK INC	72,518.00
BRAUN INTERTEC CORP	29,680.00
FRONTIER PRECISION, INC	4,871.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	2,422.09
MEADOWLAND FARMERS COOP	3,048.00
STONEBROOKE ENGINEERING, INC	13,934.58
SWANSTON EQUIPMENT CORPORATION	2,495.97
VALLEY EARTHWORKS INC	11,340.00
WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING & ASSOCIATE	30,522.31
48     Payments less than 2000	21,080.88
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>191,912.83</b>

- On a motion by Salfer, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve the transfer of 2025 interest from the General Fund to the Road & Bridge fund in the amount of \$240,278.13, Soil & Water fund in the amount of \$74,751.61, Insurance fund in the amount of \$65,195.12, and Ditch Bond Debt Services fund in the amount of \$2,721.41.
- On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee, in a roll call vote with Salfer, Wakefield, Theis, and Van Hee all voting aye, the Board adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Various Joint County Drainage system accounts have insufficient funds to pay the expenses incurred in maintaining the efficiency of the drainage systems; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota State Statutes 103E.655, Subdivision 2 provides that the County Drainage Authority may transfer funds from other drainage system accounts under its jurisdiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Redwood County Drainage Authority authorizes temporary transfers of \$2,717,792.80 as of 12/31/25 from various drainage systems and the general fund to the following drainage accounts:

CD 12A	-1,505.46	JD 5 B & R	-24,852.22
CD 18	-72.72	JD 5 B & R Improvement	-585,750.22
CD 20	-140,785.05	JD 6 - RWF Twp	-1,074.42
CD 22-A	-587.25	JD 12 L & R BR 1	-1,894.01
CD 24	-18,067.03	JD 20 M, L & R Springdale only	-88.04
CD 25	-6,631.15	JD 22 R & L	-26,941.38
CD 29	-2,291.00	JD 36 R & B	-1,682,948.19
CD 30	-3,556.95	JD 36 R & C	-1,626.85

CD 35A	-3,280.81	JD 36 LAT H	-3,666.00
CD 38	-4,262.52	JD 36 LAT P	-13.23
CD 41	-5,086.53	JD 36 LAT U	-3,470.37
CD 52	-923.91	JD 36 LAT X	-17,307.73
CD 54	-23,135.05	JD 36 LAT 1 LAT X	-4,556.11
CD 60	-9,517.92	JD 37 R & L	-4,394.93
CD 66	-8.91	JD 91 R & YM	-91,725.73
CD 69	-1,461.87		
CD 70	-721.58		
CD 73	-4,849.70		
CD 80	-10,787.88		
CD 81	-14,732.00		
CD 85	-473.36		
CD 99	-10,617.52		
CD 109	-2,839.89		
CD 1202	-1,287.31		

### ROAD & BRIDGE

- On motion by Theis, second by Salfer the Board voted unanimously to approve the Professional Engineering Services Agreement with Widseth for SAP 064-610-036 for CSAH 10 widening project, pending County Attorney approval.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the out of state travel request for Matt Guetter to attend the annual ATSSA Northland workshop from March 16, 2026 – March 18, 2026, in the amount of \$716.39.

### PLANNING & ZONING

- Pidde reviewed the 2025 zoning report with the Board.

### DITCH AUTHORITY

- Entered Ditch Authority at 9:01 A.M.
- On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the County Ditch 1202 Drainage Authority Agenda.
- Brozek presented the Affidavit of Publication.
- Bolton & Menk project engineer Bill Helget presented the County Ditch 1202 project.
- No public comments.
- On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the petition to impound, reroute, and divert County Ditch 1202.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Theis, the Board voted unanimously to approve the petition to transfer Branch 4.
- On motion by Theis, second by Wakefield, in a roll call vote, all aye, the Board adopted the findings and order for County Ditch 1202.
- On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes for December 16, 2025.
- Adjourned Ditch Authority at 9:21 A.M.

### SHERIFF

- Jacobson reviewed the Sentence to Serve Quarterly Report for October-December 2025.

- Jacobson updated the Board on December 2025 Jail Population.
- On motion by Theis, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve the funeral home fee schedule for the Sheriff's Department.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Theis, in a roll call vote with Salfer, Wakefield, Theis, and Van Hee all voting aye, the Board adopted the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, PROTECTS wishes to donate \$19,971.80 to the Redwood County Sheriff's Office; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff's Office will utilize the donation of \$19,971.80 for the purpose of purchasing twelve 40MM Projectile launchers and supplies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners appreciates the generosity of PROTECTS in supporting the Redwood County Sheriff's Office;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the acceptance of \$19,971.80 from PROTECTS to the Redwood County Sheriff's Office, on behalf of the County.

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the updated Tax Forfeited Blight Removal Grant Program Policy and application.
- Holtberg updated the Board on current Economic Development projects including Broadband, Housing, and childcare.
- On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the updated Redwood County Housing Trust Fund Policy and Program applications, pending County Attorney approval.
- Chair Wakefield appointed Elizabeth Bjorklund District 1 to the Redwood County Economic Development Authority Board, effective January 2026.

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

- On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Redwood County Purchasing Policy.

#### *Personnel*

- On motion by Salfer second by Van Hee, the Board acknowledged the resignation of Matt Luitjens, Redwood County Jail Administrator for the Sheriff's Department, effective February 13, 2026.
- On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the interim Jail Administrator salary to be set at Grade 15/Step 1 at \$41.12 until a full-time Jail Administrator is hired.
- On motion by Wakefield, second by Theis, the Board voted unanimously to approve amended Redwood County Referral Program to cite that a referral candidate must be an external individual and cannot be a temporary or probationary employee of Redwood County.

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2-year MMA Wellness Consultation Agreement to provide ongoing consulting and strategic planning for healthcare management purposes for Redwood County and its employees.

**COMMISSIONERS**

- The commissioners discussed attendance for the AMC Legislative Conference in March 2026.

Salfer: Economic Development

Wakefield: Economic Development, Explore SW MN

Theis: Redwood Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority, Town Hall meeting

Van Hee: Primewest, Town Hall meeting, Southwest Regional Development Commission

**ADJOURN**

- There being no further business, Chair Wakefield declared the meeting adjourned at 10:25 A.M.

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Rick Wakefield, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vicki Kletscher  
County Administrator