

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

February 17, 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 Dennis Groebner, Bob Van Hee, Jim Salfer, Corey Theis, Rick Wakefield, County Administrator Vicki Kletscher, Administrative Assistant Sierra Fluck, Auditor Treasurer Jean Price, Human Resource Director Michelle Koenig, County Attorney Shannon Ness, Assistant County Attorney Marissa Pacheco, Economic Development Coordinator Grady Holtberg, Environmental Director Nick Brozek, Redwood County Sheriff Jason Jacobson, County Engineer Nick Klisch, Planning and Zoning Supervisor Jeanette Pidde, License Center Supervisor Amy Serbus, Sidney Nuese and Jason Odam with Geronimo Power, License Center Technician Jody Becker Bloemke.

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

On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the February 17 agenda.

Chair Wakefield asked the Board Members to identify any areas in which they had a conflict of interest. Wakefield identified a conflict in the Abstract of Bills.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, with Wakefield abstaining due to a conflict of interest, the Board voted to approve the bills from Lori Wakefield in the amount of \$195.00 and Rick Wakefield in the amount of \$195.00.
- On motion Theis, second by Salfer, excluding the bills from Lori Wakefield in the amount of \$195.00 and Rick Wakefield in the amount of \$195.00, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
  - February 3<sup>rd</sup> Minutes
  - Payment of bills

General Fund	\$ 162,236.38
Building Fund	\$ 7,300.36
Ditch Fund	\$ 37,743.68
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 35.00
Soil & Water	\$ 18,815.34
EDA	\$ 686.98
R & B Fund	\$ 185.63
Insurance	\$ 1,404.00

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ALPHA WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS CO	2,250.93

AUDIO & SECURITY ENGINEERS	7,300.36
BEHREND/MARK	3,150.00
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	4,993.00
COUNTY OF RENVILLE	14,383.93
DAHL/WESLEY STEVEN	2,400.00
DELL MARKETING LP	3,937.65
ISG	6,916.70
LANGSETH/KENDALL	2,307.00
MEADOWLAND FARMERS COOP	18,657.40
NOLAN LAW OFFICES	3,740.00
REDWOOD COUNTY AG SOCIETY	41,000.00
REDWOOD COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT	5,275.41
SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP	19,976.00
SMITH & JOHNSON	12,000.00
SOUTHWEST PRAIRIE TECHNICAL SERVI	3,363.00
SUMMIT FIRE PROTECTION	2,169.00
SW MN REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY BOAR	5,000.00
THE MARKET AT REDWOOD LLC	10,890.34
THOMSON REUTERS - WEST OR WEST	2,204.62
TNT CONSTRUCTION-KERKHOFF INC	19,597.75
UNITED COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERS	3,984.47
WESTERN MENTAL HEALTH CENTER	7,603.80
75 Payments less than 2000	25,047.85
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>228,149.21</b>

**AUDITOR-TREASURER**

- On motion by Salfer, second by Theis, 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 \$2,799,969.29.
- Bills exceeding \$2,000:

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	27,748.71
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	2,010.00
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	16,710.05
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	17,907.34
GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO	2,235.37
GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO	2,333.24
GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO	2,873.48
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT of REVENUE	51,599.37
MINNESOTA UC FUND	2,124.00
MN COMMISSION OF FINANCE	3,215.09
PAYCOM CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS	2,755.18
PAYCOM CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS	2,930.78
REDWOOD FALLS PUBLIC UTILITIES	5,996.05
REDWOOD FALLS PUBLIC UTILITIES	5,879.41
STATE OF MINNESOTA	39,178.31
STATE OF MINNESOTA	44,731.37
STATE OF MINNESOTA	19,292.94
STATE OF MINNESOTA	4,214.00
STATE OF MINNESOTA	57,044.96
STATE OF MINNESOTA	37,366.76
STATE OF MINNESOTA	22,823.25
STATE OF MINNESOTA	63,093.14
STATE OF MINNESOTA	22,103.58
STATE OF MINNESOTA	5,508.00

STATE OF MINNESOTA	68,817.63
STATE OF MINNESOTA	46,664.66
STATE OF MINNESOTA	21,040.72
STATE OF MINNESOTA	34,981.92
STATE OF MINNESOTA	25,403.63
STATE OF MINNESOTA	3,928.00
STATE OF MINNESOTA	46,336.08
STATE OF MINNESOTA	38,940.83
STATE OF MINNESOTA	25,030.98
STATE OF MINNESOTA	44,876.82
STATE OF MINNESOTA	27,340.52
STATE OF MINNESOTA	29,259.80
STATE OF MINNESOTA	60,911.05
WEX LEAP	10,682.89
WEX LEAP	5,643.34
WEX LEAP	10,682.89
25 Payments less than 2000	-213,699.11

**Final Total: 748,517.03**

Vendor Name Amount

METLIFE	4,252.68
MN COMMISSION OF FINANCE	5,749.00
8 Payments less than 2000	2,434.45

**Final Total: 12,436.13**

Vendor Name Amount

5 Payments less than 2000	694.79
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**Final Total: 694.79**

Vendor Name Amount

AL'S CONCRETE PRODUCTS INC	3,570.00
ENERGY SOLUTION PARTNERS, LLC	16,364.62
1 Payments less than 2000	41.57

**Final Total: 19,976.19**

Vendor Name Amount

REDWOOD SOIL & WATER CONS DIST	24,859.00
SOUTHWEST HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICE	58,807.75
17 Payments less than 2000	3,205.26

**Final Total: 86,872.01**

Vendor Name Amount

KIBBLE EQUIPMENT INC	214,037.72
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**Final Total: 214,037.72**

Vendor Name Amount

KAMCO INC	5,416.00
MIDWEST CONTRACTING LLC	742,559.01
PRAHM CONSTRUCTION INC	188,826.90
2 Payments less than 2000	649.60

**Final Total: 937,451.51**

Vendor Name Amount

FRONTIER PRECISION, INC	5,255.00
4 Payments less than 2000	2,390.87

**Final Total: 7,645.87**

Vendor Name Amount

CITY OF DELHI	2,100.39
CITY OF LAMBERTON	10,178.87
CITY OF LUCAN	2,408.96
CITY OF MORGAN	5,754.20
CITY OF REDWOOD FALLS	40,869.15
CITY OF REVERE	2,668.27
CITY OF SANBORN	2,235.35
CITY OF VESTA	4,266.51
CITY OF WABASSO	7,203.00
CITY OF WALNUT GROVE	4,211.22
CITY OF WANDA	6,856.85
RRRSWA	11,420.26
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2754	20,496.27
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2884	14,173.98
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2897	57,738.57
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2898	7,162.64
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2904	4,165.53
SCHOOL DISTRICT 635	2,873.77
SCHOOL DISTRICT 640	18,322.33
SCHOOL DISTRICT 85	10,485.09
SOUTHWEST HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICE	61,136.86
TOWNSHIP OF CHARLESTOWN	2,026.41
TOWNSHIP OF GRANITE ROCK	2,146.61
TOWNSHIP OF KINTIRE	2,226.11
TOWNSHIP OF MORGAN	3,621.20
TOWNSHIP OF PAXTON	3,602.52
TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGDALE	3,415.63
TOWNSHIP OF SUNDOWN	4,085.83
TOWNSHIP OF SWEDES FOREST	2,117.01
TOWNSHIP OF THREE LAKES	4,605.67
22 Payments less than 2000	26,216.16
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>350,791.22</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
18 Payments less than 2000	5,233.17
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>5,233.17</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
MIDWEST CONTRACTING LLC	23,750.00
8 Payments less than 2000	4,600.26
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>28,350.26</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
5 Payments less than 2000	2,479.27
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>2,479.27</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
4 Payments less than 2000	1,091.04
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>1,091.04</b>

- On motion by Theis, second by Groebner the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2025 Reserves and Designations and authorized Auditor Treasurer and Administrator to make adjustments per audit.

**SHERIFF**

- The Board reviewed the January 2026 jail population.

**LICENSE CENTER**

- On motion by Groebner, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the DNR Renewal Contract for the License Center.

**ENVIRONMENTAL**

- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve Esri Software Maintenance annual renewal for ArcGIS services.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to table the change order #01 with an increased amount of \$2,670 on contract with Boulder Creek, Inc for Plum Creek Park Improvement project to March 3, 2026.
- On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to table the JD 5 Bond Agreement and Financing Agreement Amendment to March 3, 2026.

**ROAD & BRIDGE**

On motion by Van Hee, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve Construction Contract 26-2 with R & G Construction in the amount of \$1,639,680.94 for bridge replacement. Other Bids Received:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
John Riley Construction, Inc.	\$1,736,861.70
Midwest Contracting, LLC	\$1,875,260.74
Landwehr Construction, Inc.	\$2,175,918.20
Engineer's Estimate	\$2,607,802.00

- On motion by Salfer, second by Theis, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Board Chair and Administrator to sign Construction Contract 26-2.
- On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Bridge Replacement Grant Agreement with MnDOT for bridge 64513 on County Road 70 in New Avon Township and bridge 64511 on CSAH 7 in Westline Township, pending County Attorney approval.
- On motion Van Hee, second by Groebner, in a roll call vote with Salfer, Groebner, Theis, Van Hee, and Wakefield all voting aye the Board adopted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, **Redwood County** has applied to the Commissioner of Transportation for a grant from the Minnesota State Transportation Fund related to Bridge No. 64J98 and 64J94; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Transportation has given notice that funding for this project is available; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the grant has been determined to be **\$580,994.75** by reason of the lowest responsible bid;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that Redwood County does hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the grant consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 174.50, and will pay any additional amount by which the cost exceeds the estimate and will return to the Minnesota State

Transportation Fund any amount appropriated for the project but not required. The proper County officers are authorized to execute a grant agreement and any amendments thereto with the Commissioner of Transportation concerning the above-referenced grant.

### **PLUM CREEK PARK WIND FARM PROJECT**

- Project developers Sidney Nuese and Jason Odam from Geronimo Power gave the Board an update on the Plum Creek Wind Farm project.

### **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

- On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2026-2027 IV-D Child Support Cooperative Agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Children Youth & Families to provide child support services.

### **PLANNING & ZONING**

- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve Conditional Use Permit #1-26 for the Schwartz family for an animal confinement feedlot in section 1 of Brookville Township.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve Extraction Interim Use Permit #2-26 for Duinck Inc. for the gravel and hard rock quarry in section 17 of Swedes Forest Township.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve Conditional Use Permit #3-26 for Thomas Zeug to construct a temporary laydown yard for use during construction of the Xcel Energy transmission line project.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- Holtberg updated the Board on current EDA projects including Broadband, Housing Trust Fund, and Childcare.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

- On motion by Groebner, second by Theis, the Board voted unanimously to approve the lease agreement with Michael & Nan Kaufenberg for parking spaces and snow removal of the laundromat parking lot.
- On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve Regents of University of MN Extension Addendum to use facility space at the Redwood County Government Center.
- On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2026 Liquor License application for the Tracy Country Club.

### ***Personnel***

- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Health Care Savings Plan MOU for Non-Union employees.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge the resignations of Troy Griffith, Highway Maintenance Specialist/Weed spray, effective February 24, 2026.

**COMMISSIONERS**

- Chair Wakefield appointed Krystle Dillon to the RRRSWA Citizen Advisory Committee Board.

Salfer: EDA, Personnel

Wakefield: Chief Elected Officials Board, Opioid meeting, Plum Creek Library, Area II/Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area, EDA Walnut Grove open house, Personnel

Groebner: Soil & Water, Redwood Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority

Theis: EDA Walnut Grove open house, Redwood Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority

Van Hee: PrimeWest, Southwest Regional Development Commission

**ADJOURN**

- There being no further business, Chair Wakefield declared the meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

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Rick Wakefield, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners

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