

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

MARCH 2, 2021

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

Present for all or portions of the meeting were Commissioners Rick Wakefield; Bob VanHee; Jim Salfer; Dennis Groebner and Dave Forkrud; Administrator Vicki Knobloch-Kletscher; Human Resource Coordinator Peter Brown; Planning and Zoning Supervisor Nick Brozek; Environmental Director Scott Wold; License Center Technician Jody Becker-Bloemke; License Center Supervisor Amy Serbus; Highway Superintendent Jamie Larsen; Assistant County Engineer Jeff Bommersbach; County Engineer Anthony Sellner via Zoom; DNR Watershed Specialist John Lore via Zoom and Jennifer Kaase.

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

Jennifer Kaase was present for Open Forum.

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
 - February 16, 2021 Amended Board minutes.
 - Payment of bills as follows:

General Fund	\$ 176,389.96
Building Fund	\$ 252,781.08
Ditch Fund	\$ 41,932.39
Road and Bridge Fund	\$ 430.50
Insurance Fund	\$ 91.50
Debt Service Fund	\$ 738.87
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 421.37

- Bills exceeding \$2,000.00: Jesse's Collision \$9,138.00; Smith & Johnson \$3,750.00; Alpha Wireless \$15,638.00; Renville County \$19,628.57; Fleet Services Division \$6,518.70; Galls \$2,113.64; Myers Enterprises \$2,025.00; Alpha Wireless \$16,779.00; Reliance Telephone \$2,000.00; MN Dept. of Corrections \$79,155.33; Builders Supply \$3,372.50; Chappell Central \$48,248.96; Contegrity Group \$21,941.21; Kendell Doors & Hardware \$26,559.15; Meier Electric \$52,140.75; Northwest Drywall \$38,397.10; Plumbing and Heating of Willmar \$40,786.35; Sussner Construction

\$13,535.00; Northland Erosion Control \$8,783.50; Rinke Noonan \$3,195.00; Schmidt Construction \$27,834.50; Elan Corporation \$12,229.95.

PLANNING AND ZONING

- An application to construct a 515,000 bushel bin and conveying equipment, Conditional Use Permit #1-21, filed by Farmward Cooperative, on the following described real property, situated in the County of Redwood, State of Minnesota, to wit: SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 26; Twp. 111N, Range 36W, New Avon Township. On motion by Groebner, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve CUP #1-21 with (15) conditions as set forth by the Planning Commission.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

- On motion by Groebner, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve payment of Road & Bridge bills in the amount of \$70,494.84.
- Bills exceeding \$2,000.00: Anderson Electric \$2,307.26; Avenu Holdings \$6,224.08; Bolton & Menk \$9,053.00; Braun Intertec \$9,521.30; Farmward Cooperative \$7,877.45; Meadowland Farmers Cooperative \$3,304.58; Salfer Welding & Mfg. \$2,590.00; Ziegler \$6,420.79.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of a Walk and Roll from Ziegler in the amount of \$37,160 on State Contract #169637.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to advertise for the 2021 Highway Construction Projects.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to declare property at the former Highway Shop excess and authorize sale by consignment auction.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, in a roll-call vote with Groebner, Forkrud, Van Hee, Salfer and Wakefield all voting aye, the Board adopted the following resolution:

Resolution Authorizing Grant Application Through MnDOT State Aid Local Road Improvement Program

The following Resolution was offered by Commissioner Groebner and moved for adoption at a Regular Meeting held on March 2, 2021 at the Redwood County Courthouse, Redwood Falls, MN:

WHEREAS, the Redwood County Highway Department would like to submit a project for Local Road Improvement Program Funds; and

WHEREAS, CSAH 1 will be rehabilitated through the City of Clements in 2022 or if LRIP funds are received CSAH 1 will be reconstructed through the City of Clements to include a 10-ton pavement design, ADA compliant pedestrian ramps, sidewalk and curb and gutter and LED street lighting at intersections;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Redwood County, Minnesota will pursue grant funds through the MnDOT State Aid for Local Road Improvement Program for said purpose.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Redwood County Highway Engineer is hereby authorized to act as agent on behalf of this project.

Seconded by Commissioner Forkrud and the same being put to a vote was duly carried.

This Resolution shall be effective immediately and without publication.

ADMINISTRATOR

- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge change orders for the Government Services Building in the amount of \$3,183.00.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to designate the Administration Allocation of funds from the County Relief Fund Program in the amount of \$5,806.67 to the 2021 EDA operating budget.

Personnel

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the revisions to the Transportation Employee Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, in a four to one vote with Wakefield voting nay, the Board approved the revision to the Funeral Leave Policy.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge the resignation/retirement of Donna Calander as full-time Custody Officer effective April 18, 2021.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to promote David Hester and Katelyn Torgerson from full-time Deputy Sheriff to full-time Patrol Sergeant effective March 8, 2021 with an additional stipend of \$275.00 monthly.
- On motion by Wakefield, second by Van Hee, with Wakefield, Van Hee, Salfer and Forkrud voting aye and Groebner absent for the vote, the Board approved to hire Shou Vang as full-time Custody Officer at Step 1 of the LELS Custody Officer Grade at \$19.77/hour effective March 3, 2021 contingent upon passing the background testing required for the Custody Officer Position.

REDWOOD COUNTY DITCH AUTHORITY

- At 9:53 a.m., the Board entered into Redwood County Ditch Authority for the petition for an outlet into County Ditch #12. Present for the discussion from Redwood County were Commissioners Salfer, Van Hee, Van Hee, Forkrud and Wakefield, Administrator Knobloch-Kletscher and Environmental Director Wold.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Petition for an outlet on County Ditch 12.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to set a public hearing for April 6, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. for the Petition for the outlet on County Ditch 12.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Mark Behrends and John Thompson as Viewers for County Ditch 12.
- There being no further business, Chair Wakefield declared Ditch Authority adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

RECONVENED

- The Board reconvened into Regular Session at 10:02 a.m.

ENVIRONMENTAL

- DNR Watershed Specialist Jon Lore presented an overview of the dam removal projects on the Cottonwood River.
- Wold informed the Board of the status of State, County and local trails within Redwood County.

COMMISSIONERS ITEMS

- Chair Salfer appointed Lon Walling to the Plum Creek Park Committee.

COMMISSIONERS

- The commissioners reported on meetings they attended.

Wakefield: Counties Providing Technology, Southwest Health and Human Services, Plum Creek Library Board

Salfer: Southwest Health and Human Services, Western Mental Health, Economic Development/Arvig Meeting

Forkrud: Planning and Zoning, Economic Development/Arvig Meeting

Groebner: Redwood-Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority, MN Valley Regional Rail Authority, Service Enterprises

Van Hee: Association of MN Counties – Tribal & County Units & Transportation Committee via Zoom meetings

ADJOURN

- There being no further business, Chair Salfer declared the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Jim Salfer, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: _____
Vicki Knobloch-Kletscher
County Administrator