

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

June 1, 2021

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 Rick Wakefield, Bob Van Hee, Jim Salfer, Dennis Groebner and Dave Forkrud; Administrator Vicki Knobloch-Kletscher; County Attorney Jenna Peterson; Engineer Anthony Sellner; Human Resource Coordinator Peter Brown; Technology Coordinator Paul Parsons; Veteran Service Officer Dustin Hunter; Planning and Zoning Supervisor Nick Brozek; University of Minnesota Staff Kathy Schwantes and Stacy Johnson and Intern Emily Sheehan; Sheriff Randy Hanson; Environmental Director Scott Wold; Economic Development Coordinator Briana Mumme; Shannon Sweeney via Zoom meeting and Greg Mude.

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

On motion by Groebner, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve the June 1st meeting agenda.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- On motion by Wakefield, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
 - May 18, 2021 Board Minutes
 - Payment of bills as follows:

General Fund	\$ 57,830.00
Ditch Maintenance Fund	\$ 28,491.10
Building Fund	\$ 299,056.84
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 30.24
Road and Bridge Fund	\$ 221.41
Insurance Fund	\$ 408.40

- Bills exceeding \$2,000.00: Indeed Inc. \$2,000.00; Counties Providing Technology \$3,892.00; Renville County \$32,003.76; Galls \$2,599.18; Chappell Central \$19,667.85; Contegrity \$44,991.69; Floors by Becker \$18,050.00; Frans Communication \$5,563.00; G & R Controls \$4,740.50; Integrated Protection Systems \$27,403.92; Masters Plumbing \$94,853.70; Meier Electric \$38,698.25; North Central Cleaners \$3,300.00; Northern Woodwork \$11,174.14; Plumbing & Heating of Willmar \$22,363.95; St. Cloud Acoustics \$4,841.63; Sussner

Construction \$2,767.03; Kerkhoff Construction \$14,219.78; Maas Construction \$2,060.90; TNT Construction \$7,522.95

ROAD AND BRIDGE

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve payment of Road and Bridge bills in the amount of \$510,585.40.
 - Bills over \$2,000.00: Alpha Wireless \$2,020.00; Bolton & Menk \$6,316.00; Chosen Valley Testing \$5,280.00; Duinick Inc. \$3,111.22; Erickson Engineering \$21,141.00; GWL Farms \$98,700.00; MR Paving & Excavating \$325,232.97; North Central International \$15,662.80; Redwood Tire Service \$2,411.68; Southwest Sales and Service \$2,260.99.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to purchase a Chevy 1500 Silverado from Marthaler Chevrolet in the amount of \$36,911.00.

Other Bids Received:

Company	Bid Amount
Marthaler Chevrolet	\$36,911.00
Weelborg Ford	\$37,025.00

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Widseth, Smith and Nolting for bridge designs in the amount of \$724,550.00.

Other Bids Received:

Company	Amount
Widseth, Smith and Nolting	\$724,550.00
Bolton and Menk	\$622,890.00
Erickson	\$710,700.00
Stonebrooke Engineering	\$849,400.00

VETERAN SERVICE

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2021 Cooperation Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs and the Redwood County Veterans Service Office.

PLANNING AND ZONING

- An application to operate a full-time welding business, Conditional Use Permit #4-21, filed by Greg Mude, on the following described real property, situated in the County of Redwood, State of Minnesota, to wit: NW ¼ of NW ¼ of Section 27, Twp. 112-N, Range 37W, Sheridan Township. On motion by Van Hee, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve CUP #4-21 with (11) conditions as set forth by the Planning Commission.
- An application to expand the existing gun range business, Conditional Use Permit #5-21, filed by Nate Pederson of Shooters Sporting Clays, on the following described real property, situated in the County of Redwood, State of Minnesota, to wit: SE ¼ of Section

19, Twp. 112, Range 39, Underwood Township. On motion by Groebner, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve CUP #5-21 with (16) conditions as set forth by the Planning Commission. An additional condition was added that if Redwood County receives complaints about the expanded shooting hours, it will be brought forward to the Planning Commission to revisit the expanded hours of operation.

- An application to expand the existing Winery business, Conditional Use Permit #6-21, filed by John Rigge of Grandview Winery, on the following described real property, situated in the County of Redwood, State of Minnesota, to wit: S ½ of the NW ¼ of 21, Twp. 114N, Range 37W, Swede's Forest Township. On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve CUP #6-21 with (15) conditions as set forth by the Planning Commission.
- An application to expand an existing strawberry farm by adding a state licensed food truck filed by Nick Brozek of Hilltop Harvest, on the following described real property, situated in the County of Redwood, State of Minnesota, to wit: SW ¼ of Section 3, Twp. 112N, Range 37W, Sheridan Township. On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve CUP #7-21 with (11) conditions as set forth by the Planning Commission.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA – EXTENSION

- Johnson introduced Summer Intern in the Extension Office, Emily Sheehan, to the Board.
- Schwantes reviewed the Agreement between the University of Minnesota and Redwood County for Providing Extension programs locally and employing Extension Staff.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Agreement between the University of Minnesota and Redwood County.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR THE REDWOOD AREA HOSPITAL RENOVATION PROJECT

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Commissioners (the "County Board") of Redwood County, Minnesota (the "County"), as follows:

1. Recitals.

(a) Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.1812 through 469.1815, both inclusive, authorize the County, upon satisfaction of certain conditions, to grant an abatement of all or a part of the taxes levied by the County on real property within its boundaries.

(b) It is a legal requirement that the County hold a public hearing prior to adoption of a resolution granting any property tax abatements.

2. Hearing. A public hearing on the consideration of the property tax abatement will be held at the time and place set forth in the Notice of Hearing attached hereto as Exhibit A and hereby made a part hereof.

3. Notice. The County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said hearing in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A to be given one publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the County at least 10 days but not more than 30 days before the hearing. The newspaper must be one of general interest and readership in the County, and the notice must be published at least once.

- The Community Development Block Grant Procurement request was tabled to the June 15, 2021 board meeting.

SHERIFF

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2021 State of Minnesota Annual County Boat and Water Safety Grant Agreement.

TECHNOLOGY

- Parsons presented quotes for media upgrades in the Board Room and Minn West Room of the Government Center. The media upgrade was tabled until further information is received on eligibility of the American Rescue Plan funds.

ADMINISTRATION

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Amendment to the Child's Place Lease Agreement.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2021 Solid Waste Hauler License to Affordable Dirt.
- On motion by Wakefield, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Red Rock Rural Water Joint Powers Agreement.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve PR 2r for steel and wall revisions in the amount of \$16,396.15 for the Justice Center Project.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge Kendell Doors & Hardware CO3 \$2,226.40; Meier Electric CO9 deduct \$732.25; Sussner Construction, Inc. CO7 deduct \$1,312.50 for the cumulative amount of \$181.25 for the Government Services Building Renovation Project.

Personnel

- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge the resignation of Jordan Cady as Full-Time Custody Officer effective June 28, 2021.

VETERANS CEMETERY LAND

- Munshower informed of a boundary line of parcel 64-004-1020 is not accurate. County still owned a 25' wide strip running north and south on the parcel. On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to deed the County's interest to LeSage and Swigert which is an approximate 25' gap from what is being donated to the State for the Veterans' Cemetery project and the existing parcel.

REDWOOD COUNTY DITCH AUTHORITY

- At 11:01 a.m. the Board entered into Redwood County Ditch Authority. Present were Redwood County Commissioners Wakefield, Salfer, Groebner, Van Hee and Forkrud, Administrator Knobloch-Kletscher, Administrative Assistant Heidi Wersal and Environmental Director Scott Wold.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, in a roll-call vote with Groebner, Forkrud, Wakefield, Salfer and Van Hee all voting aye, the Board approved the Findings and Order for CD #40, partial abandonment filed by Robert Wetmore.
- Chair Wakefield adjourned Redwood County Ditch Authority at 11:06 a.m.

RECONVENE

- The Board reconvened into regular session at 11:06 a.m.

ENVIRONMENTAL

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Drainage Easement Agreement with Chris Munson to secure drainage rights in Plum Creek Park in the amount of \$500.00.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- The commissioners reported on meetings they attended:

Salfer: Audit Exit, Policy Review Work Session, Business Development Committee, Western Mental Health, Southwest Health & Human Services

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

Forkrud: Business Development Committee, Policy Review Work Session, Planning and Zoning

Van Hee: Policy Review Work Session, AMC Legislative Meeting via Zoom, Prime West Joint Powers via Zoom

Groebner: Mn Valley Rail Authority, Friends of Gilfillan, Rural Minnesota Energy Board

ADJOURN

- There being no further business, Chair Salfer declared the meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Jim Salfer, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: _____
Vicki Knobloch-Kletscher
County Administrator