

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

APRIL 21, 2015

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

Present for all or portions of the meeting were Commissioners Priscilla Klabunde, Sharon Hollatz, Jim Salfer, Lon Walling and County Administrator Vicki Knobloch. Also present were County Attorney Steve Collins; Sheriff Randy Hanson; Auditor/Treasurer Jean Price; Redwood Soil & Water Conservation Marilyn Bernhardson; Human Resource Coordinator Peter Brown; County Engineer Willy Rabenberg; Technology Coordinator Paul Parsons; Veterans Service Officer Martin Caraway, Executive Director Redwood Area Chamber and Tourism Anne Johnson; Loran Kaardal; Southwest Health and Human Services Director Carol Biren and American Lung Association Representative Erin Simmons, SWHHS Ann Orren and Judy Pitzl; Area II Kerri Netzke; Claire Meyers and Dennis Groebner.

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

On motion by Klabunde, second by Hollatz, the Board voted unanimously to approve the April 21st agenda.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- On motion by Hollatz, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda.
  - April 7, 2015 minutes.
  - Payment of bills as follows:

Revenue Fund	\$ 84,849.86
Building Fund	\$ 13,337.60
Ditch Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,076.15
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 18,928.86

**AUDITOR/TREASURER**

- On motion by Hollatz, second by Salfer the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
  - Cash Balance Report
  - Investment Summary
  - Budget Reports, Revenue Fund, Building Fund, Ditch Maintenance Solid Waste,
  - March Disbursements in the amount of \$535,781.29.

**SHERIFF**

- Hanson updated the Board on the Redwood County Jail Population for March, 2015.
- Reviewed the Sentence to Service Quarterly Report.
- Hanson updated the Board that Southwest Health and Human Services will likely discontinue their Jail Nursing services after the 2015 Contract expires. Hanson will explore alternative options.

**ADMINISTRATOR**

- On motion by Salfer, second by Hollatz, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Joint Powers Agreement between Redwood County and Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area.
- On motion by Hollatz, second by Klabunde, and in a roll call vote with Hollatz, Salfer, Klabunde and Walling all voting aye, the following resolution was adopted:

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statute §375.21 Contracts of County Boards subd.1 defines procedures when required by the dollar limitations of section 471.345, a contract for work or labor, or to purchase furniture, fixtures, or other property, or to construct or repair roads, bridges, or buildings shall be made by a county board only after advertising for bids or proposals in a qualified legal newspaper and;

**WHEREAS**, for contract amounts estimated to exceed \$100,000, the notice that proposals will be received and shall be published stating that proposals will be received, and stating the time and place and;

**WHEREAS**, the Redwood County Board of Commissioners shall designate a representative responsible for accepting sealed proposals and;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Redwood County Board of Commissioners designates the County Auditor-Treasurer, by virtue of office, as its official recipient and recorder of sealed proposals for all county contracts.

***Personnel Action Items***

- On motion by Klabunde, second by Salfer, The Board voted unanimously to enter into a Service Agreement for the provision of legal services by Booth Law Group, LLC.
- On motion by Hollatz, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge the resignation of Jon Mitchell from his position as Director of Environmental Services effective April 30, 2105.
- On motion by Klabunde, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to post for the position of Director of Environmental Services.

**SOUTHWEST HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

- Biren and Simmons were present to request Redwood County Board of Commissioners adopt a Clean Indoor Air Ordinance and revisions to the Tobacco Ordinance and other licensing regarding various tobacco and nicotine products.

**REDWOOD SOIL & WATER**

- On motion by Salfer, second by Hollatz, and in a roll call vote with Hollatz, Salfer and Walling voting aye, and Klabunde voting nay, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolution to Amend and Extend  
Redwood County Comprehensive Water Management Plan

On a motion of Commissioner Salfer, second by Commissioner Hollatz, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Redwood County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held April 21, 2015 at the Government Center in Redwood Falls, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, 103B.301, Comprehensive Local Water Management Act, authorizes Minnesota Counties to develop and implement a Local Water Management Plan, and

WHEREAS, Redwood County currently has a state approved Local Water Management Plan that covers the period of January 2006 – December 2015, and

WHEREAS, Redwood County is committed to the development of One Watershed One Plan on both the Redwood and the Cottonwood River Watersheds upon completion of the Minnesota Pollution Controls Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy (WRAPS) which is scheduled to be completed in 2020, and

WHEREAS, Redwood County is committed to effective coordination of water management efforts within the Redwood and Cottonwood River basins with staffing capacity, WRAPS schedule and watershed partners as we transition into One Watershed, One Plan, and

WHEREAS, Redwood County assures continued effort toward completion of the Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan updates, and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources has authorization to grant extensions pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 103B.3367;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Redwood County Board of Commissioners requests from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources the authority to extend the current Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan until June 30, 2016, in order to complete a five year amendment in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 103B.301.

**TANTANKA BLUFFS**

- Johnson was present to invite the Board to the upcoming presentation, Brain Gain of the Newcomers to Rural America.
- Kaardal presented information regarding the Tatanka Bluffs Corridor vision for the future in Redwood and Renville Counties.

**TECHNOLOGY**

- On motion by Hollatz, second by Klabunde, the Board voted unanimously to renew a three year contract with Zayo for fax and long distance carrier phone services in the amount of \$925.10.
- On motion by Hollatz, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to install wireless in the Redwood County Highway Shop and office area at a monthly rate of \$69.95 with NU Telecom.

**ROAD & BRIDGE**

- On motion by Klabunde second by Hollatz, the Board voted unanimously to award SAP 064-599-102 Bridge Replacement Project to Midwest Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$291,739. All bids received were as follows:

<b>COMPANY:</b>	<b>AMOUNT OF BID:</b>
Midwest Contracting, LLC	\$291,739.00
Mathiowetz Construction	\$315,994.25
R & G Construction	\$294,055.00

- On motion by Walling, second by Klabunde, the Board voted unanimously to award the Area 2 Water Retention Project for Springdale Township, Section 21 to A & C Excavating, LLC in the amount of \$330, 155.

All bids received were as follows:

<b>COMPANY:</b>	<b>AMOUNT OF BID:</b>
A & C Excavating, LLC	\$330,155.00
Mathiowetz Construction	\$390,370.08
Midwest Contracting, LLC	\$428,869.00
R & G Construction	\$374,665.20
Thompson Excavating	\$330,919.00

- On motion by Klabunde, second by Hollatz, the Board voted unanimously to approve to enter into an Agreement for Professional Services with Bolten and Menk for engineering and inspection work for CSAH 2 and CSAH 102 in the City of Morgan.

**RECESS**

- The Board recessed at 10:44 a.m. and entered into a Worksession

**WORKSESSION**

- Caraway requested the Board allow him the opportunity to run for a leadership position in the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers. By consensus, the Board allowed Caraway to participate in the election.
- The Board directed Knobloch to have Klabunde Electric to repair electric issues in the Museum building in the amount of \$2,840.00
- The Board directed County Attorney and Knobloch to look into statutes regarding the sale of government property before moving forward with a lease agreement with the Redwood-Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority.

- The Board directed Rabenberg to explore options for handicap accessibility/ramp access at Lake Laura at Plum Creek Park. Knobloch will send letter to constituent in regards to this issue.

**RECONVENE**

- The Board re-entered into regular session at 11:32 a.m.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

- The commissioners reported on meetings they attended:

Walling:

- State Audit Entrance Exam
- Redwood-Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority

Salfer:

- Redwood Soil and Water
- Redwood Area Development and Economic Development Corporation
- Southwest Health and Human Services

Hollatz

- Redwood-Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority
- Plum Creek Library System
- Technology Committee/NU Telecom
- Southwest Regional Development Corporation
- Community Strategy Development

Klabunde:

- Community Strategy Development
- Technology Committee
- Southwest Health and Human Services (Jail Nursing)
- Western Mental Health
- SW18 – Mental Health Consortium

**ADJOURN**

- There being no further business, Chair Walling declared the meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

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

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 Lon Walling, Chair  
 Board of County Commissioners