

# REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

November 3, 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 Dennis Groebner, Lon Walling, Priscilla Klabunde, Jim Salfer and Sharon Hollatz. Also present were Administrator Vicki Knobloch; Technology Coordinator Paul Parsons; County Attorney Steve Collins; County Engineer Willy Rabenberg; GIS Specialist Eric Solo; Environmental Director Scott Wold; Assessor Kathy Hillmer; Dennis and Darlene Kissner; Jim and Jeannette Mertens and Lee Davis.

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

On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

Chair Walling asked the Board members to identify any areas for which they had a Conflict of Interest. Klabunde identified a conflict of interest in the Road and Bridge bills.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- On motion by Hollatz, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
  - October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Board minutes
  - Payment of bills as follows:

General Fund	\$ 142,851.14
Ditch Maintenance Fund	\$ 5,430.44
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 16,961.41
R & B Fund	\$ 742.14

## TECHNOLOGY

- On motion by Hollatz, second by Klabunde, the Board voted unanimously to approve submitting Grant Application to the Blandin Foundation in the amount of \$24,200 with a \$12,100 commitment from Redwood County to purchase a new GIS System with public access.
- On motion by Klabunde, second by Hollatz, the Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of a Sonic wall Email filter Appliance in the amount of \$2,904.60 with a yearly contract in the amount of \$2,403.80 and Malwarebytes Software three year contract in the amount of \$8,310.

## ENVIRONMENTAL

- On motion by Hollatz, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to set a public hearing for November 17, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in reference to a 120 day moratorium on a Sign Ordinance.
- On motion by Klabunde, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to set a public hearing for November 17, 2015 at 10:15 a.m. for a Solar Ordinance.

**ROAD & BRIDGE**

- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, and excluding the bill from Klabunde Electric in the amount of \$29.00, the Board voted to approve payment of Road & Bridge bills in the amount of \$81,896.00.
- On motion by Hollatz, second by Salfer, with Klabunde abstaining due to a Conflict of Interest, the Board voted to approve the bill from Klabunde Electric in the amount of \$29.00.
- On motion by Walling, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Letting Date of December 9, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. for SAP 64-599-99, Bridge #L6910, Springdale Township.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

- On motion by Klabunde, second by Hollatz, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Child Advocacy Funding Grant work plan.

**ADMINISTRATOR**

- On motion by Klabunde, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of an additional 4.2 acres land for the Veteran's Cemetery in the amount of \$8,400.
- On motion by Hollatz, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2016 Snowmobile Maintenance Grant Agreement in the amount of \$87,806.40.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Klabunde, in a roll- call vote with Groebner, Klabunde, Salfer, Walling and Hollatz all voting aye, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution in Support of Veterans Cemetery in Redwood County

WHEREAS, Redwood County is home to over one thousand veterans; and

WHEREAS, Southwest Minnesota is home to many thousands of veterans; and

WHEREAS, no federal or state veterans cemetery is located in Redwood County or in the immediate area in Southwest Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, although there are veterans cemeteries in Minnesota, due to distances from Redwood County and Southwest Minnesota, those facilities do not meet the needs of local veterans or their families; and

WHEREAS, the Redwood County Board of Commissioners wishes to ensure that veterans, their spouses and dependents deserve a special, dignified final resting place befitting a man or woman who has sacrificed so much to serve and protect the United States as a member of the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a regional veterans cemetery in Redwood County will allow veterans and their families from Southwest Minnesota to be laid to rest with honor and respect; and

WHEREAS, the Redwood County Board of Commissioners believes their effort in supporting the creation of a state veterans cemetery symbolized their commitment to honoring our heroes; and

WHEREAS, a veterans cemetery is currently being proposed at a location east of Redwood Falls by the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the Redwood County Board of Commissioners have pledged their support for the project in land acquisition to be donated to the State of Minnesota for the development of a veterans' cemetery; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The Redwood County Board of Commissioners hereby supports the efforts and vision of the State of Minnesota to move toward the establishment of a State Veterans' Cemetery in a location in Redwood County.

The Board further recognizes the invaluable role of the military to the community fabric and appreciates and acknowledges each veteran's service to our nation in defending our freedom, in building our communities, in contributing to our heritage and in calling Redwood County and Southwest Minnesota home.

The Board conveys its commitment to establishing Redwood County as a site for a State Veteran's Cemetery and understands the site will be comprised of 78.6 acres at a site identified previously and that the County will donate 67.46 acres of land at that site. The Board of Commissioners also commit to paving Nobles Avenue up to 2,000 feet. With these commitments, the Board of Commissioners ensure its full cooperation and support for the development and establishment of a State Veteran's Cemetery in Redwood County.

*Personnel Action Items:*

- On motion by Hollatz, second by Klabunde, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge receipt of the resignation of Laura Pendleton from PT Technical Clerk/Receptionist in the Probation Office effective October 30, 2015.

**COMMISSIONERS ITEMS**

- Board Chair Walling appointed Groebner to the Services Enterprises Committee with Walling as Alternate.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

- The Commissioners reported on meetings they attended:

*Groebner:*

- Friends of Gilfillan
- Regional Rail Authority
- Redwood Soil and Water Conservation District Board

Hollatz:

- Daycare Meeting
- Plum Creek Library System
- Safety Committee

Walling:

- MN Public Sector Collaborative
- Planning and Zoning Commission
- Association of MN Counties

Klabunde:

- Southwest Health and Human Services
- Advocate-Connect- Educate (A.C.E)
- Personnel Policy Committee
- Western Mental Health
- Veteran's Cemetery Meeting

Salfer:

- Daycare Meeting
- Southwest Health and Human Services
- Safety Committee
- Tax Forfeiture Auction
- Southern Prairie Community Care
- State Community Health Services Advisory Committee

**ADJOURN**

- There being no further business, Chair Walling declared the meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

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Lon Walling, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners

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