

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

MARCH 15, 2016

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 Lon Walling, Jim Salfer and Sharon Hollatz; County Administrator Vicki Knobloch, County Attorney Steve Collins; Sheriff Randy Hanson; Auditor-Treasurer Jean Price; Technology Coordinator Paul Parsons; Highway Engineer Willy Rabenberg; Human Resource Coordinator Peter Brown; Economic Development Director Julie Rath; SW Minnesota Private Industry Council Representatives Eriann Faris and Mary Mulder; John Schueller; Richard Weedman and Bob Krinke. Absent: Dennis Groebner and Priscilla Klabunde.

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

On motion by Walling, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the March 15th agenda.

Chair Hollatz asked the Board members to identify any areas for which they had a Conflict of Interest. None was identified.

CONSENT AGENDA

- On motion by Walling, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda.
 - March 1st minutes.
 - Payment of bills as follows:

Revenue Fund	\$ 58,713.63
Ditch Maintenance Fund	\$ 288.85
Building Fund	\$ 1,009.58
State Revenue	\$ 612.28

EMPLOYEE REGOGNITION

- The Board recognized Sharon Hollatz, County Commissioner for 5 years of service to Redwood County.

SHERIFF

- Hanson updated the Board on the Redwood County Jail Population for February, 2016.
- On motion by Walling, second by Salfer, in a roll-call vote with Hollatz, Walling and Salfer all voting aye, the Board adopted the following resolution:

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF \$100 FROM
SCHWARTZ FARMS, INC.**

WHEREAS, SCHWARTZ FARMS, INC., wishes to donate \$100 to Redwood County Sheriff’s Department and;

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Department will utilize the donation of \$100 for the purpose of equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners appreciates the generosity of Schwartz Farms, Inc. in supporting the Redwood County Sheriff’s Department;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the acceptance of \$100 from Schwartz Farms to Redwood County Sheriff’s Department, on behalf of the County.

- On motion by Salfer, second by Walling , the Board voted unanimously to approve the Emergency Communication Network Agreement in the amount of \$2,500 to be paid by the 2014 SHSP Grant.

AUDITOR/TREASURER

- On motion by Salfer, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following: Cash Balance Report, Investment Summary, Budget Report, Revenue Fund, Ditch Maintenance, Building Fund, State Revenue Fund and February Disbursements in the amount of \$1,545,880.38.
- On motion by Walling, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to transfer \$64,000 from the Public Human Services Fund to the General Fund to cover boarding prisoner medical expenses.

TECHNOLOGY

- On motion by Salfer, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve a one year maintenance contract renewal with Intradem in the amount of \$1,100.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

- On motion by Walling, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to purchase a steel wheeled roller from Midstates Equipment & Supply in the amount of \$34,341.

Bids received:

Company	Amount	Model
Midstates Equipment & Supply	\$34,341.00	BW 100 SL-5/3yr/3000 hrs.
Zieglers	\$37,427.00	CB14B XW/3 yr/2000 hours
Zieglers	\$47,972.00	CB22B/3 yr/2000 hours
Zieglers	\$37,050.00	CB22B/3 yr/2500 hours

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

**LETTER OF SUPPORT
FOR LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM &
FOR LOCAL BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**

Whereas, the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) is a State program that was created to assist townships, cities, and counties in paying the costs of constructing or reconstructing roads with statewide or regional significance; and,

Whereas, the Local Bridge Replacement Program (LBRP) is a State program that was created to assist cities and counties in paying the costs of constructing replacement bridges with an ever aging infrastructure; and,

Whereas, the Local Road Improvement Program provides communities with the opportunity to correct transportation deficiencies and incorporate safety improvements; and,

Whereas, the Local Bridge Replacement Program provides communities with the opportunity to replace posted or closed bridges to keep the road open to vehicle traffic; and,

Whereas, Municipalities under 5000 and Townships within Redwood County have received LRIP funding for projects in the past; and;

Whereas, Redwood County has received LBRP to replace deficient bridges; and;

Whereas, Municipalities, such as Walnut Grove, Revere, & Vesta have all expressed the financial need for transportation work in their respective communities; and,

Whereas, Redwood County currently has over 30 bridges on the bridge resolution list for replacement; and,

Whereas, Redwood County fully supports these municipalities and supports their pursuit of funds; and,

Whereas, Redwood County fully supports bridge replacements with the ever increasing demands placed on the system by heavier loads in an agricultural county; and,

Whereas, Redwood County is currently sponsoring the City of Belview (population under 5000) and Springdale Township with their local road improvement/safety projects.

Whereas, Redwood County is currently working on a bridge replacement project, that was started in the fall of 2015 because the bridge contractor was without work.

BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That Redwood County supports LRIP and LBRP projects.
2. That Redwood County has sponsored LRIP and LBRP projects to fulfill the commitment for funding.

ADMINISTRATION

- On motion by Salfer, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Agreement with Shannon Heim of Dykema Gossett for the development of the Broadband Project.
- On motion by Walling, second by Salfer, in a roll-call vote with Hollatz, Salfer and Walling all voting aye, the Board adopted the following resolution:

**Supporting dissolution of Area II Minnesota River Basin Projects, Inc. (“Area II, Inc.”),
approving assignments of rights, and approving amendment of the Joint and Cooperative
Agreement**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

WHEREAS, Redwood County is a governmental unit and signatory to the Joint and Cooperative Agreement for the Continuing Operation of Area II Minnesota River Basin Projects, Inc. (“Area II, Inc.”), as last signed in December 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Joint and Cooperative Agreement was entered into under Minn. Stat. § 471.59, which authorizes two or more governmental units to jointly or cooperatively exercise any power common to the contracting parties or any similar powers and to create a Joint Powers Entity under Minnesota law; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the Joint and Cooperative Agreement is to maintain an organization which will carry on a program of floodwater retention and retardation measures, both structural and nonstructural, in the drainage area outletting into the south side of the Minnesota River between the cities of Ortonville and Mankato, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the organization referenced by the Joint and Cooperative Agreement is Area II, Inc., a Minnesota Nonprofit Corporation in good standing; and

WHEREAS, when the Area II Executive Director sought to procure insurance coverage for Area II, Inc. from the Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust (“MCIT”), she obtained a premium quotation that was significantly less than the premiums Area II, Inc. is currently paying for insurance coverage; and

WHEREAS, MCIT communicated to the Area II Executive Director that it cannot provide Area II, Inc. with insurance coverage if Area II continues to operate and exist as both a Minnesota Nonprofit Corporation and a Joint Powers Entity; and

WHEREAS, MCIT has communicated that it would insure Area II as a Joint Powers Entity if the Nonprofit Corporation is dissolved; and

WHEREAS, on February 4, 2016, the Board of Directors of Area II, Inc. approved voluntary dissolution of Area II, Inc. as a Minnesota Nonprofit Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Area II would continue to exist as a Joint Powers Entity and carry on the intent of the Joint and Cooperative Agreement upon the voluntarily dissolution of Area II, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the voluntary dissolution of Area II, Inc. benefits the public because it will save the member counties money in the form of less-costly insurance coverage from MCIT; and

WHEREAS, the Area II, Inc. Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, and the Joint and Cooperative Agreement, all require that upon dissolution all property of Area II, Inc. “shall be sold and the proceeds thereof together with the monies on hand shall be distributed to the respective governing bodies of the [member counties] in proportion to the proceeding annual ad valorem tax levy ...”

WHEREAS, pursuant to that requirement, Area II, Inc. intends to execute a Bill of Sale for sale of the property to Area II as a Joint Powers Entity for a nominal sum (\$1.00) on condition that each member county passes a resolution assigning its rights to the sale proceeds to Area II as a Joint Powers Entity, and assigning its rights to the monies on hand to Area II as a Joint Powers Entity; and

WHEREAS, upon dissolution of Area II, Inc., it is necessary to amend the Joint and Cooperative Agreement, in the manner consistent with Exhibit 1 to this Resolution, with the amendment to take effect on the date that Articles of Dissolution of Area II Minnesota River Basin Projects, Inc. are filed with the Minnesota Secretary of State.

RESOLUTION

BE IT NOW RESOLVED, that the Redwood County Board of Commissioners hereby supports the dissolution of Area II Minnesota River Basin Projects, Inc. as a Minnesota Nonprofit Corporation and the continued maintenance and operation of Area II Minnesota River Basin Projects as a Joint Powers Entity; and

BE IT NOW FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Redwood County Board of Commissioners hereby assigns any and all rights that the county has from the sale of Area II, Inc. property to Area II Minnesota River Basin Projects as a Joint Powers Entity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Redwood County Board of Commissioners hereby assigns any and all rights that the county has to Area II, Inc.’s monies on hand at the time of dissolution to Area II as a Joint Powers Entity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Redwood County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Joint and Cooperative Agreement as amended, and as attached to Exhibit 1 to this Resolution, to take effect on the date that the Articles of Dissolution of Area II Minnesota River Basin Projects, Inc. are filed with the Minnesota Secretary of State.

- On motion by Walling, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Area II Joint and Cooperative Agreement.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve a full page advertisement in the Progress Section of the Redwood Gazette at a cost of \$585.00 with the focus on the Redwood Connect Training Center and Recycling Center education.

Personnel:

- On motion by Salfer, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Healthcare Savings Plan Non-Union Memorandum of Understanding.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Rath presented the February Activity Report.

SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL

- Faris and Mulder presented an overview of the Private Industry Council youth and young adult services.

KUHAR PARK PROJECT

- Schueller, Weedman and Krinke were present to discuss the Kuhar Park Renovation project. The Board directed them to meet with Julie Rath, EDA, to discuss possible funding through the EDA Loan Program.

COUNTY DITCH AUTHORITY

- At 10:34 a.m., the Board entered in County Ditch Authority with Chair Walling presiding for County Ditch #12A, County 12 LAT B, County 12 LAT C, County 12 LAT D, County 12 LAT E, County 12, LAT A, BR A, BR 5. Present for the discussion were Commissioners Walling, Hollatz and Salfer, Administrator Knobloch, Auditor/Treasurer Price and County Attorney Collins.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Hollatz, the Board voted unanimously to approve the order for redetermination of benefits and appointment of viewers Bill Moldestad, Duane Bendixen and John Cunningham for County Ditch #12A.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Hollatz, the Board voted unanimously to approve the order for redetermination of benefits and appointment of viewers Bill Moldestad, Duane Bendixen and John Cunningham for County Ditch #12 LAT B.
- On motion by Hollatz, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the order for redetermination of benefits and appointment of viewers Bill Moldestad, Duane Bendixen and John Cunningham for County Ditch #12 LAT C.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Hollatz, the Board voted unanimously to approve the order for redetermination of benefits and appointment of viewers Bill Moldestad, Duane Bendixen and John Cunningham for County Ditch #12 LAT D.
- On motion by Hollatz, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the order for redetermination of benefits and appointment of viewers Bill Moldestad, Duane Bendixen and John Cunningham for County Ditch #12 LAT E.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Hollatz, the Board voted unanimously to approve the order for redetermination of benefits and appointment of viewers Bill Moldestad, Duane Bendixen and John Cunningham for County Ditch #12, LAT A, BR A, BR 5.
- There being no further business, Chair Walling declared the Ditch Authority meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

RECONVENED

- The Board reconvened into regular session at 10:38 a.m.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- The commissioners reported on meetings they attended:

Walling

- Redwood-Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority
- Township Meetings

Hollatz

- EDC/RADC
- Parks and Trails Committee
- Technology Committee
- SW Regional Development Commission
- Township Meetings
- Plum Creek Library Board

Salfer

- Childcare Meeting
- AMC Legislative Conference
- Township Meetings

ADJOURN

- There being no further business, Chair Hollatz declared the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Attest: _____

Vicki Knobloch
County Administrator

Sharon Hollatz, Chair
Board of County Commissioners