

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

September 3, 2019

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 Jim Salfer, Lon Walling, Dennis Groebner, Bob Van Hee and Dave Forkrud. Also present were Administrator Vicki Knobloch; Assistant Highway Engineer Jeff Bommersbach; County Attorney Jenna Peterson; Environmental Director Scott Wold; Technology Coordinator Paul Parsons; Economic Development Coordinator Briana Mumme; City of Redwood Falls Attorney Amy Busse; Maintenance Supervisor Loren Gewerth; Child Advocacy Coordinator Sarah Reynolds; Sheriff Randy Hanson; Human Resource Coordinator Peter Brown; LINC Participants Stacey Heiling, Katie Rasmussen; Claire Meyers; Kelly Sorenson and Samantha Loomis; River Valley Scenic ByWays Representative Cheyanne St. John; Bruce Verdoes and Southern Minnesota Tourism Director Anne Johnson.

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

On motion by Walling, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the September 3rd 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 Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda.
 - August 20th minutes.
 - Per Diems for Van Hee to attend DeKalb Street Construction Meetings on 7-18-19, 7-25-19, 8-2-19, 8-8-19 and 8-15-19.
 - Payment of bills as follows:

General Fund	\$ 28,069.74
Ditch Maintenance Fund	\$ 654.98
Building Fund	\$ 339.11
Road and Bridge Fund	\$ 403.00
Insurance Fund	\$ 92.27
Soil and Water Conservation	\$ 5,581.42
Forfeited Tax Sale	\$ 461.84

- **Bills exceeding \$2,000:** Renville County \$32,431.28; Fleet Services Division \$5,034.00; Northern Safety Technology \$11,979.78; Lamberton Public Library \$8,598.34; Morgan Public Library \$6,462.82; Redwood Falls Public Library \$21,276.19; Wabasso Public Library \$16,699.15; Redwood County Historical Society \$20,000.00; Regents of the University of Minnesota \$2,967.65; Jack Larson Seeds \$2,377.90; Kendall Langseth \$2,361.22;

ROAD AND BRIDGE

- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, and excluding the bill from Turbes Ag in the amount of \$45.00, the Board voted unanimously to pay bills in the amount of \$212,708.98.
- On motion by Walling second by Van Hee, with Groebner abstaining due to a conflict of interest, the Board voted to approve the bill to Turbes Ag in the amount of \$45.00.
- Bills exceeding \$2,000: Bolton & Menk \$48,835.00; Duininck Inc. \$56,877.45; Gordy Serbus & Sons \$5,145.78; M & K Bridge Construction \$3,950.00; M-R Signs \$4,875.03; Meadowland Farmers Coop \$23,535.03; Minnesota Paving and Materials \$11,190.34; North Central International \$7,043.30; Redwood Tire Service \$7,697.40; Widseth, Smith, Nolting and Associates \$10,541.50; Ziegler Inc. \$15,650.92.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to award SP 064-070-006/064-070-007 for the Federal Striping Project to AAA Striping in the amount of \$387,503.97.

Other Bids Received:

Company	Bid Amount
AAA Striping	\$387,503.97
Traffic Marking Service, Inc.	396,234.56
Century Fence Company	428,470.59

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to award SAP 064-701-019/065-601-013, CSAH 101 Bridge Replacement to Duininck, Inc. in the amount of \$4,158,799.05.

Other Bids Received:

Company	Bid Amount
Duininck, Inc.	\$4,158,799.05
Robert R. Schroeder Construction	\$4,377,702.75
Redstone Construction	\$4,621,412.56
Lunda Construction Company	\$6,328,499.59

- On motion by Walling, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Grant Agreement with MnDOT for SAP 064-701-019/065-601-013.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, in a roll-call vote with Forkrud, Groebner, Salfer, Walling and Van Hee all voting aye, the Board adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION For Grant Agreement to State Transportation Fund
(Local Bridge Replacement Program)
Grant Terms and Conditions
SAP 064-701-019 tied to 065-601-013
*September 3, 2019***

WHEREAS, Redwood County has applied to the Commissioner of Transportation for a grant from the Minnesota State Transportation Fund for construction of Bridge No. 64586; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Transportation has given notice that funding for this project is available; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the grant has been determined to be \$1,763,211.65 by reason of the lowest responsible bid;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that Redwood County does hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the grant consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 174.50, and will pay any additional amount by which the cost exceeds the estimate, and will return to the Minnesota State Transportation Fund any amount appropriated for the bridge but not required. The proper county officers are authorized to execute a grant agreement and any amendments thereto with the Commissioner of Transportation concerning the above-referenced grant.

- On motion by Walling, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Grant Agreement with MnDOT for SAP 064-604-054, CSAH 4 Bridge Replacement.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Walling, in a roll-call vote with Groebner, Walling, Salfer, Van Hee and Forkrud all voting aye, the Board adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION
For Grant Agreement to State Transportation Fund
(Local Bridge Replacement Program)
Grant Terms and Conditions
SAP 064-604-054
*September 3, 2019***

WHEREAS, Redwood County has applied to the Commissioner of Transportation for a grant from the Minnesota State Transportation Fund for construction of Bridge No. 64J60; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Transportation has given notice that funding for this project is available; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the grant has been determined to be \$106,769.75 by reason of the lowest responsible bid;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that Redwood County does hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the grant consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 174.50, and will pay any additional amount by which the cost exceeds the estimate, and will return to the Minnesota State Transportation Fund any amount appropriated for the bridge but not required. The proper county

officers are authorized to execute a grant agreement and any amendments thereto with the Commissioner of Transportation concerning the above-referenced grant.

SOUTHERN MINNESOTA TOURISM/EXPLORE SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA

- Johnson presented the 2020 funding requests for Southern Minnesota Tourism and Explore Southwest Minnesota.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

- Peterson informed the Board of processes required for city street vacation and eminent domain proceedings.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve to prepare documents which request the Redwood Falls City Council to vacate a portion of 250 Jefferson Street and 303 Third Street; Parcel ID 88-200-1130 and 88-729-1190 which is the road around the Courthouse. (Courthouse Square)
- The Board tabled the CQI Contegrity Construction Manager Agreement to the September 17, 2019 board meeting.

MAINTENANCE

- The IPS Sales and Service Agreements for the Government Center and Courthouse were tabled to the September 17, 2019 board meeting.

TAX FORFEITURE/BLIGHT REMOVAL

- The Board directed Mumme and Knobloch to draft a policy and/or procedure for blight tax forfeited property financial assistance requests and present at the September 17, 2019 board meeting.

LINC REDWOOD COUNTY

- Mumme and Meyers along with past LINC participants presented an overview of the LINC program.

ADMINISTRATION

- On motion by Walling, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the solid waste assessment abatement for excessive solid waste fees on Parcel #88-200-3860 in the amount of \$313.00 for 2019.
- On motion by Walling, second by Groebner, in a roll-call vote with Walling, Groebner, Salfer, Van Hee and Forkrud all voting aye, the Board adopted the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by Redwood County that the County enter into the attached Grant Contract with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) to conduct the following Program: **County Veterans Service Office Operational Enhancement Grant Program**. The grant must be used to provide outreach to the county's Veterans; to assist in the reintegration of combat Veterans into society; to collaborate with other social service agencies, educational institutions, and other community organizations for the purposes of enhancing services offered to veterans; to reduce homelessness among veterans; and to enhance the operations of the county Veterans service

office, as specified in Minnesota Statutes 197.608 and Minnesota Laws 2019, Chapter 10, Article 1, Section 37, Subdivision 2. This Grant should not be used to supplant or replace other funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Redwood County that Dustin Hunter the County Veteran Service Officer be authorized to execute the attached Grant Contract for the above-mentioned Program on behalf of the County.

- The Board reviewed the proposed 2020 preliminary levy and budget.

Personnel

- On motion by Walling, second by Forkrud, the Board acknowledged the resignation of Joseph Sanow as full-time Assistant County Attorney effective 9-27-19.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, the Board acknowledged the resignation of Tiffani Lebert as full-time Forensic Interviewer in the Child Advocacy Center effective 9-13-19.
- On motion by Walling, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to hire Anthony Sellner as full-time County Engineer effective September 17, 2019 at Grade 21, Step 5 of the non-union salary schedule at \$101,171.20 due to experience.
- On motion by Walling, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Agreement for Engineering Services between Redwood County and Norman County.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to hire Angela Sandgren as full-time Dispatcher for the Sheriff's Department effective October 7, 2019 at the 2019 LELS Scale, Dispatcher Grade/Step 12 at \$24.27/hour due to experience.

MINNESOTA RIVER VALLEY SCENIC BYWAYS

- St. John presented the 2020 funding request for the Minnesota River Valley Scenic Byways.

CLOSED SESSION

- On motion by Walling, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to enter into closed session at 11:37 a.m. for the purpose of a real estate consideration pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05, Subd. 3, Parcel #88-036-3085. Present were Commissioners Walling, Salfer, Groebner and Forkrud, County Attorney Jenna Peterson, Economic Development Coordinator Briana Mumme and County Administrator Knobloch. No action was taken.
- Closed session ended at 11:48 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS ITEMS

- On motion by Walling, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve a letter of support for United Community Action Partnership's application for Transportation for elderly persons and persons with disabilities, 5310 Federal Grant.
- On motion by Walling, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Proclamation declaring September 19, 2019 shall be observed as Career Force Day in Redwood County.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- The commissioners reported on meetings they attended:

Salfer: Western Mental Health; Human Services Building Closing

Walling: Insurance Committee; Budget/Finance Committee; City of Redwood Falls City Council Planning Commission Meeting; Counties Providing Technology; JD #15 Ditch Meeting/Lyon County; DNR Letter; Renville County Bridge Meeting

Groebner: Minnesota Rail Authority; Redwood County Historical Society; Service Enterprises; Ditch Spraying

Forkrud: Southwest Health and Human Services; JD #15 Ditch Meeting with Lyon County; Budget/Finance Committee; Renville County Bridge Meeting

Van Hee: DeKalb Construction Meetings; CCH

ADJOURN

- There being no further business, Chair Salfer declared the meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Jim Salfer, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: _____
Vicki Knobloch
County Administrator