

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

April 15, 2025

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 Dennis Groebner, Bob Van Hee, Jim Salfer, Rick Wakefield, County Administrator Vicki Kletscher, Administration Assistant Sierra Fluck, Redwood County Attorney Shannon Ness, Assistant County Attorney Marissa Pacheco, Redwood County Auditor Treasurer Jean Price, Human Resource Director Michelle Koenig, Redwood County Sheriff Jason Jacobson, Environmental Director Nick Brozek, Economic Development Coordinator Grady Holtberg, Veterans Service Officer Roger Zollner, Maintenance Director Loren Gewerth, Assistant Building Maintenance Supervisor Jay Snyder, Land Use & Zoning Supervisor Jeanette Pidde, Ditch and Ag Inspector Brent Lang, Matt Boerboom, Mike Marotzke, Ron Coundron, Dean Zimmerli, and ISG Engineer Jake Richmiller. Commissioner Theis was absent.

Chair Wakefield 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 April 15th agenda.

Chair Wakefield asked the Board Members to identify any areas in which they had a conflict of interest. None.

CONSENT AGENDA

- On motion Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
 - April 1st Minutes
 - Payment of bills

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| General Fund | \$ | 200,095 |
| Building Fund | \$ | 200.33 |
| Ditch Fund | \$ | 545.81 |
| Solid Waste Fund | \$ | 109.50 |
| Soil & Water | \$ | 1,789.75 |
| EDA | \$ | 806.60 |
| Insurance | \$ | 22.54 |

○ **Bills**

| <u>Vendor Name</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
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| ACE OF SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA | 9,760.75 |
| ALPHA WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS CO | 4,271.98 |
| CELLEBRITE | 10,185.00 |
| CENTRALSQUARE TECHNOLOGIES LLC | 57,438.71 |
| COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY | 4,927.00 |
| COUNTY OF RENVILLE | 28,874.68 |

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| ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC | 9,082.97 |
| FORUM COMMUNICATIONS PRINTING | 4,422.64 |
| REDWOOD COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT | 3,968.58 |
| REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINN | 25,000.00 |
| SMITH & JOHNSON | 5,000.00 |
| STARK PRINTING INC DBA HENLE PRINTI | 6,518.06 |
| THE MARKET AT REDWOOD LLC | 9,793.70 |
| UNITED COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERS | 3,029.05 |
| 62 Payments less than 2 0 0 0 | 20,561.41 |
| Final Total: | 202,834.53 |

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

- The Board recognized Naomi Baune- Correctional Officer, for 10 years of service with Redwood County.

AUDITOR-TREASURER

- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following consent agenda: Cash Balance Report; Investment Summary; Budget Reports, and March 2025 Disbursements in the amount of \$348,408.62
- Bills exceeding \$2,000:

| <u>Vendor Name</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
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| BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO | 54,197.26 |
| BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO | 10,480.84 |
| BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO | 15,683.35 |
| BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO | 16,766.12 |
| GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO | 4,940.91 |
| LINCOLN FINANCIAL GROUP | 10,148.28 |
| MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT of REVENUE | 53,638.96 |
| PAYCOM CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS | 2,918.21 |
| REDWOOD COUNTY LICENSE CENTER | 3,968.75 |
| REDWOOD COUNTY LICENSE CENTER | 3,106.38 |
| REDWOOD COUNTY LICENSE CENTER | 2,018.69 |
| REDWOOD COUNTY LICENSE CENTER | 2,772.27 |
| REDWOOD COUNTY LICENSE CENTER | 3,012.85 |
| REDWOOD FALLS PUBLIC UTILITIES | 5,900.48 |
| REDWOOD FALLS PUBLIC UTILITIES | 7,069.50 |
| REDWOOD FALLS PUBLIC UTILITIES | 4,158.51 |
| WEX LEAP | 7,688.62 |
| WEX LEAP | 2,318.35 |
| WEX LEAP | 5,234.99 |
| WEX LEAP | 7,688.62 |
| 38 Payments less than 2 0 0 0 | 19,377.04 |
| Final Total: | 243,088.98 |

| <u>Vendor Name</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
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| METLIFE | 4,328.16 |
| MN COMMISSION OF FINANCE | 3,822.50 |
| 13 Payments less than 2 0 0 0 | 3,649.29 |
| Final Total: | 11,799.95 |

| <u>Vendor Name</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
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| MEADOWLAND FARMERS COOP | 2,637.18 |

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| REDWOOD FALLS PUBLIC UTILITIES | 2,236.21 |
| 11 Payments less than 2 0 0 0 | 2,238.32 |
| Final Total: | 7,111.71 |

| <u>Vendor Name</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
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| MINNESOTA VALLEY SNOW-RIDERS | 21,667.80 |
| 9 Payments less than 2 0 0 0 | 1,303.82 |
| Final Total: | 22,971.62 |

| <u>Vendor Name</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
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| MEADOWLAND FARMERS COOP | 2,898.00 |
| 2 Payments less than 2 0 0 0 | 591.96 |
| Final Total: | 3,489.96 |

| <u>Vendor Name</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
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| 11 Payments less than 2 0 0 0 | 1,264.47 |
| Final Total: | 1,264.47 |

| <u>Vendor Name</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
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| 7 Payments less than 2 0 0 0 | 4,539.71 |
| Final Total: | 4,539.71 |

| <u>Vendor Name</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
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| MEADOWLAND FARMERS COOP | 2,396.94 |
| REDWOOD FALLS PUBLIC UTILITIES | 2,111.58 |
| 3 Payments less than 2 0 0 0 | 2,655.26 |
| Final Total: | 7,163.78 |

| <u>Vendor Name</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
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| METLIFE | 4,328.16 |
| 10 Payments less than 2 0 0 0 | 1,308.95 |
| Final Total: | 5,637.11 |

- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Auditor-Treasurer to transfer from the General Fund to the Solid Waste Fund to cash flow due to nonpayment of recent bond principal and interest from RRRSWA and to repay General Fund once the payment has been received.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2025 Classification of Tax Forfeited Lands in the City of Delhi.

ATTORNEY

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Contract between Redwood County and Smith and Johnson Law Firm to assist in handling the prosecution of backlogged cases.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, in a roll call vote with Salfer, Van Hee, Groebner, and Wakefield all voting aye the Board adopted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS the artist and owner of Abraham's Army Art Gallery to donate the 24"x36" Veterans Print on Canvas with the Redwood County VSO's Logo (Value of \$180.00) to Redwood County Veterans Service Office.

WHEREAS the Veterans Service Office will utilize the donation of the 24"x36" Veterans Print on Canvas to display in the Veterans Service Office in their main customer area.

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners appreciates the generosity of the artist and owner of Abraham's Army Art Gallery in supporting the Redwood County Veterans Service Office.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the acceptance of the 24"x36" Veterans print on Canvas with Redwood County VSO's Logo (Value of \$180.00) from the artist and owner of Abraham's Army Art Gallery to the Redwood County Veterans Service Office.

MAINTENANCE

- Gewerth presented Justice Center landscaping quotes. On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the motion failed with Groebner and Van Hee voting aye and Salfer and Wakefield voting nay. The board directed Gewerth to obtain new quotes with exact specifications.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve quote from Klabunde Electric in the amount of \$10,360.15 for Government Center LED light upgrade. A second quote was received from Bechyn Electric in the amount of \$10,412.00.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve contract with Klabunde Electric for Government Center LED light upgrade.
- On motion by Van Hee, seconded by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the quote from Schindler in the amount of \$13,500 annually for elevator maintenance in the Justice Center.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the contract with Schindler for elevator maintenance in the Justice Center.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to terminate the MEI contract for elevator maintenance effective April 30th, 2025.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- On motion by Groebner, seconded by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve letter of support for Nuvera Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment Grant Application

that would deploy new fiber optic broadband service to previously unserved and underserved locations in Redwood County.

SHERIFF

- Jacobson updated the Board on March 2025 Jail Population.
- Jacobson updated the Board on the 2025 Quarterly Report for the Sentence to Service Program for January – March 2025.
- On motion by Wakefield, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Contract with Renville County for inmate boarding through 2026.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the out-of-state travel request for Deputy Bradley Ebbers for June 8-13, 2025, to attend the Drug Evaluation & Classification training.

DITCH AUTHORITY- PUBLIC HEARING

- Entered into Ditch Authority at 10:02 a.m.
- Continued Public Hearing from March 18th, 2025, on CD93.
- Engineer Jake Richmiller presented the updated land elevation map.
- Closed public comment at 10:56 a.m.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve project with changes including the tile being approximately 250 feet from the road.
- Zimmerli will draft the final order and send it to Redwood County for final adoption.

JD 36

- The Ditch Authority held further discussion on the Dauer's claim for damages on JD 36.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the final settlement offer of \$6,000 to D & K Dauer Farm regarding JD36.
- Ditch Authority adjourned at 11:24 a.m. and the regular session continued.

PLANNING & ZONING

- On motion by Salfer, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Application for rezoning #1-25r to rezone 4 parcels in Morgan Township from UE Urban Expansion to B-1 Highway Service Business District.

Personnel

- On motion by Wakefield, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the County Supervisor Training Agreement with Quinlivan & Hughes and directed mandatory attendance by all Department heads.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge the resignation of Cameran Sommers as Correctional Officer for the Sheriff's Department effective May 18, 2025.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to authorize Redwood County to seek proposals for a Private Paid Family Leave plan.

ADJOURN

- There being no further business, Chair Wakefield declared the meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Rick Wakefield, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: _____
Vicki Kletscher
County Administrator