

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

June 16, 2026

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 4:00 p.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, Corey Theis, Rick Wakefield, County Administrator Vicki Kletscher, Assistant County Attorney Marissa Pacheco, Redwood County Auditor Treasurer Jean Price, Redwood County Judge Patrick Rohland, Technology Director Paul Parsons, Economic Development Coordinator Grady Holtberg, Redwood County Engineer Nick Klisch, Environmental Director Nick Brozek, Redwood County Sheriff Jason Jacobson, Highway Maintenance Superintendent Jamie Larsen, Paul Schmidt.

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

On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the June 16 agenda.

Chair Wakefield asked the Board Members to identify any areas in which they had a conflict of interest. Wakefield identified a conflict in the Abstract of Bills.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- On motion by Theis, second by Salfer, with Wakefield abstaining due to a conflict of interest, the Board voted to approve the bills from Lori Wakefield in the amount of \$260.00 and Rick Wakefield in the amount of \$130.00.
- On motion Groebner, second by Theis, excluding the bills from Lori Wakefield in the amount of \$260.00 and Rick Wakefield in the amount of \$130.00, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
  - June 2<sup>nd</sup> Minutes
  - Payment of bills

General Fund	\$ 119,494.02
Building Fund	\$ 4,400.00
Ditch Fund	\$ 36,672.98
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 35.00
Soil & Water	\$ 15,033.90
EDA	\$ 3,446.17
R & B Fund	\$ 159.38
Insurance	\$ 468.00

○ **Bills exceeding \$2,000:**

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BAKER TILLY ADVISORY GROUP LP	18,000.00
CENTRALSQUARE TECHNOLOGIES LLC	6,787.06
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	4,993.00

COUNTY OF RENVILLE	39,983.18
GAG SHEET METAL INC	4,400.00
GEIS/STEVEN D	5,141.85
KNOWINK, LLC	5,585.00
LAU FARMS LLC	4,959.50
MARTIN LAW FIRM PLLC	3,330.80
NORTHLAND EROSION CONTROL LLC	17,525.31
REDWOOD COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT	7,821.57
SMITH & JOHNSON	6,000.00
THE MARKET AT REDWOOD LLC	12,449.71
WESTERN MENTAL HEALTH CENTER	7,834.08
ZEUG/PAUL	4,932.55
88 Payments less than 2000	29,412.77
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>179,156.38</b>

**AUDITOR-TREASURER**

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following consent agenda: Cash Balance Report; Investment Summary; Budget Reports, and May 2026 Disbursements in the amount of \$5,150,063.55.
- Bills exceeding \$2,000:

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	23,982.85
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	2,010.00
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	22,828.16
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	20,871.99
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	72,037.44
GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO	2,087.76
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT of REVENUE	54,004.02
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT of REVENUE	2,177.00
MN COMMISSION OF FINANCE	391,843.52
REDWOOD FALLS PUBLIC UTILITIES	8,227.79
STATE OF MINNESOTA	26,522.51
STATE OF MINNESOTA	54,231.21
STATE OF MINNESOTA	22,289.53
STATE OF MINNESOTA	2,674.50
STATE OF MINNESOTA	35,044.31
STATE OF MINNESOTA	34,470.94
STATE OF MINNESOTA	25,361.18
STATE OF MINNESOTA	24,024.32
STATE OF MINNESOTA	39,036.34
STATE OF MINNESOTA	3,809.50
STATE OF MINNESOTA	25,560.64
STATE OF MINNESOTA	12,449.19
STATE OF MINNESOTA	46,009.72
STATE OF MINNESOTA	18,740.08
STATE OF MINNESOTA	28,733.54
STATE OF MINNESOTA	3,379.00
STATE OF MINNESOTA	27,273.28
STATE OF MINNESOTA	12,331.71
STATE OF MINNESOTA	30,011.84
STATE OF MINNESOTA	22,555.61
STATE OF MINNESOTA	20,514.69
STATE OF MINNESOTA	2,852.00
STATE OF MINNESOTA	15,445.87
STATE OF MINNESOTA	30,286.38

WELLS FARGO ADVISORS	747,750.00
WEX LEAP	11,235.35
WEX LEAP	11,135.35
23 Payments less than 2000	11,516.03

**Final Total: 1,945,315.15**

Vendor Name Amount

MINNESOTA VALLEY SNOW-RIDERS	21,667.80
MN COMMISSION OF FINANCE	5,206.00
RRRSWA	36,220.00
7 Payments less than 2000	1,105.71

**Final Total: 64,199.51**

Vendor Name Amount

CROW RIVER CONSTRUCTION LLC	185,299.15
7 Payments less than 2000	693.08

**Final Total: 185,992.23**

Vendor Name Amount

10 Payments less than 2000	2,625.67
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**Final Total: 2,625.67**

Vendor Name Amount

MR PAVING & EXCAVATING INC	4,019.02
TBEI	132,421.00
WELTSCH EQUIPMENT INC	8,000.00
3 Payments less than 2000	787.34

**Final Total: 145,227.36**

Vendor Name Amount

CORELOGIC TAX SERVICE	7,116.00
8 Payments less than 2000	4,176.64

**Final Total: 11,292.64**

Vendor Name Amount

4 Payments less than 2000	708.27
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**Final Total: 708.27**

Vendor Name Amount

SCHOOL DISTRICT 2190	16,866.38
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2754	291,805.60
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2884	240,607.78
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2897	1,161,674.76
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2898	151,397.40
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2904	40,891.65
SCHOOL DISTRICT 635	95,287.52
SCHOOL DISTRICT 640	361,207.40
SCHOOL DISTRICT 85	99,509.51

**Final Total: 2,459,248.00**

Vendor Name Amount

GAG SHEET METAL INC	4,400.00
12 Payments less than 2000	6,263.84

**Final Total: 10,663.84**

Vendor Name Amount

JOHN RILEY CONSTRUCTION INC	292,428.16
STAPLES OIL CO	31,025.00
5 Payments less than 2000	1,337.72

**Final Total: 324,790.88**

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

WHEREAS, Redwood County is required by Minn. Stat. § 203B.121, Subd. 1(a) to establish a County Absentee Ballot Board for the 2026 Primary and General Elections; and

WHEREAS, this authorization will bring uniformity in the processing of accepting or rejecting returned regular absentee ballots to Redwood County Elections that would consist of deputy county auditors who have received training in the processing and counting of absentee ballots; and

WHEREAS, would consist of a sufficient number of election judges trained in the handling of absentee ballots and appointed as provided in Minn. Stat. § 204B.19 to Minn. Stat. § 204B.22 to specifically handle those absentee ballots requiring signature comparisons per Minn. Stat. § 203B.121, Subd. 2(b)(3); and

WHEREAS the County Absentee Ballot Board must begin this process 46 days prior to the 2026 Primary and General Elections;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Redwood County Board of Commissioners hereby establishes the Redwood County Absentee Ballot Board and appoints Jean Price, Redwood County Auditor/Treasurer; Deputy County Auditors; Julie Zimmermann, Rachel Woelfel, and Lisa Guggisberg, and the following election judges; Jan Nelson, Sharri Vandewiele, Jacalyn Lueck, and Mary Bratsch and authorizes the Redwood County Auditor/Treasurer to train and oversee the Redwood County Absentee Ballot Board for the 2026 Primary and General Elections. The Redwood County Auditor/Treasurer is also given authority to hire and train additional election judges in emergency situations. The hourly rate paid to election judges will be \$23.99 (Grade 8, Step 1).

#### **SHERIFF**

- The Board reviewed the May 2026 Jail Population.
- On motion by Theis, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the inmate telephone/video call and SMS text messaging contracts with Reliance for the Sheriff's Department.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the storage space Lease Agreement with DNR Region 4 Enforcement Division beginning July 1, 2026-December 31, 2030, in the amount of \$5,400.
- On motion by Theis, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2026 State of MN DNR Boat and Water Safety Grant Agreement.

#### **TECHNOLOGY**

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Vertiv Service Proposal for UPS in the Government Services Building Data Center in the amount of \$1,492.00.

- On motion by Theis, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the renewal for CyberForceQ logger at the Law Enforcement Center in the amount of \$23,782.37.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Joint Powers Agreement with MNCCC for software, support, and user groups for counties throughout the state.
- On motion by Wakefield, second by Theis, the Board voted unanimously to declare Technology Department items excess equipment and authorized disposal of items.

Asset Tag #	DESCRIPTION
12769	Surveillance System
12455	DELL OPTIPLEX 790/DELL P2210 22" MONITOR
12534	DELL OPTIPLEX 790/DELL 22" MONITOR
12415	DELL LATITUDE E6510 LAPTOP
12620	Dell OptiPlex 7010 desktop/Dell P2212 21.5" monitor
12875	DELL Latitude E6510 (WINDOWS 7 LIC)
12626	IBM X3500 server
12103	RICOH MP161SPF FAX machine
12357	DELL OPTIPLEX 780 DESKTOP W/ MONITOR
12404	DELL OPTIPLEX 790 DESKTOP/DELL 22" DISPL
12412	DELL OPTIPLEX 780 DESKTOP W/ MONITOR
12419	DELL OPTIPLEX 790 DESKTOP
12420	DELL OPTIPLEX 790 DESKTOP
12423	DELL OPTIPLEX 790 DESKTOP/DELL 22" MONIT
12428	DELL OPTIPLEX 790 DESKTOP
12431	DELL OPTIPLEX 790 DESKTOP/DELL 22" MONIT
12466	DELL OPTIPLEX 7010/DELL P2212H MONITOR
12598	Dell OptiPlex 7010 desktop
12641	Dell OptiPlex 7010 desktop/Dell P2212H 21.5" monitor
12460	DELL OPTIPLEX 790/DELL P2210 22" MONITOR
	HP LaserJet Pro M277dn
	HP LaserJet Pro M225dn
12645	Dell OptiPlex 7010 desktop
1207	IDEAL/CONTEX HAWK-EYE G36 SCANNER
	Dell Inspiron 15
12688	Dell Optiplex 7010 Small form factory base
12416	LENOVO THINKPAD T520/KEYBOARD & MOUSE
12478	LENOVO THINKPAD T420
12621	Dell OptiPlex 7010 desktop/Dell P2212 21.5" monitor
12662	Dell OptiPlex 7010 desktop
12663	Dell OptiPlex 7010 desktop

12664	Dell OptiPlex 7010 desktop
12669	Dell Optiplex 7010 Small form factory base
12673	Dell Optiplex 7010 Small form factory base
12679	Dell Optiplex 7010 Small form factory base
12685	Dell Optiplex 7010 Small form factory base
12691	Dell Latitude Laptop
12694	Dell OptiPlex 7010 desktop/Dell P2212H 21.5" monitor
12781	DELL LATITUDE 15 5000 SERIES LAPTOP
12790	Dell Precision
12802	Dell Precision
12803	Dell Precision
12804	Dell Precision
13204	Dell
12901	iMAC
12903	Apple MacBook Air 13
12943	Dell Latitude E5570
13200	Optiplex 5040
13319	Dell
13318	HP
13370	Dell Precision 7920
13468	Optiplex 5070
13473	Surface Pro
13492	Dell Inspiron
13497	Dell Inspiron
13564	Latitude 5411
13797	Dell Optiplex 5090
13926	Dell Latitude 5431
13902	Tablet Microsoft surface
12603	INTEVO-DC
12266	DELL PRECISION T3500 CMT
12421	DELL OPTIPLEX 790 DESKTOP
12681	Dell Optiplex 7010 Small form factory base
12876	Fax machine Ricoh MP161
12933	Apple MBP 13.3
12424	APPLE IPAD2 32G W/ WI-FI - BLACK
12425	APPLE IPAD2 32G W/ WI-FI - BLACK
12426	APPLE IPAD2 32G W/ WI-FI - BLACK
	10 boxes of misc equipment (keyboards/Mice/Cords)
	20 old monitors
	12 old printers

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- Holtberg updated the Board on current EDA projects including housing, childcare, and Broadband.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Theis, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Redwood County Rural Childcare Innovation Program Community Solution Action Plan and make it available to the public.
- On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the letter of support for Redwood County's Opportunity Zone application to designate census tract 27127750500 in the upcoming Opportunity Zone designation.

**DITCH AUTHORITY-CD 20**

- Entered into Ditch Authority at 4:42 p.m.
- On motion by Theis, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the CD 20 Drainage Authority Agenda for June 16, 2026.
- On motion by Theis, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Findings and Order for County Ditch 20.
- Adjourned Ditch Authority at 4:43 p.m.
- Reconvened Regular meeting at 4:43 p.m.

Commissioner Van Hee left the meeting at 4:39 p.m.

**ENVIRONMENTAL**

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

WHEREAS, Walnut Grove Loggers wish to donate \$1200.00 towards the purchase and installation of new volleyball net poles, to Redwood County – Plum Creek Park; and WHEREAS, the poles will be erected at the sand volleyball courts in the lower park and will enhance the public's experience when attending and participating in volleyball games; and WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners appreciates the generosity of the Walnut Grove Loggers in supporting improvements at Plum Creek Park;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the acceptance of \$1200.00 from the Walnut Grove Loggers to Redwood County – Plum Creek Park, on behalf of the County.

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

WHEREAS, Greg and Lori Torkelson wish to donate a customized metal park bench to Redwood County – Plum Creek Park; and

WHEREAS, the bench will be placed near the new path to the remodeled beach and lakefront and will enhance the public’s experience when visiting the park; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners appreciates the generosity of Greg and Lori Torkelson and family in supporting improvements and public experience at Plum Creek Park;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the acceptance of a customized metal park bench from Greg and Lori Torkelson and family to Redwood County – Plum Creek Park, on behalf of the County.

Commissioner Van Hee returned to meeting at 4:42 p.m.

**ROAD & BRIDGE**

- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve final payment for flood repair and embankment stabilization on CR 78 in Plum Creek Park from Contract 25-4, CP 22-78 to Crow River Construction, LLC in the amount of \$16,451.09.
- On motion by Theis, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Highway Department Annual Report.

**ADMINISTRATION**

- On motion by Salfer, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Joint Powers Agreement for July 1, 2026-June 30, 2030.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge the resignation of Chloe Ramthun as Correctional Officer, effective June 22, 2026.

**ADJOURN**

- There being no further business, Chair Wakefield declared the meeting adjourned at 5: 14 p.m.

**WORK SESSION**

- The Board met for a work session to discuss the Morgan Outshop. No action taken.

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Rick Wakefield, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vicki Kletscher  
County Administrator