

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

July 21, 2026

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, Corey Theis, County Administrator Vicki Kletscher, Administrative Assistant Sierra Fluck, Assistant County Attorney Marissa Pocheco, Auditor Treasurer Jean Price, Human Resource Director Michelle Koenig, Economic Development Coordinator Grady Holtberg, Environmental Director Nick Brozek, Engineer Nick Klisch, Southwest Health & Human Services Director Stacey Timm, Southwest Health & Human Services Deputy Director Nancy Walker, Southwest Minnesota Private Industry Council Executive Director Carrie Bendix, Southwest Minnesota Private Industry Council Amy Khamphanh, Faye Johnson.

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

On motion by Groebner, second by Theis, the Board voted unanimously to approve the July 21 agenda.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- On motion by Salfer, second by Theis, with Wakefield abstaining due to a conflict of interest, the Board voted to approve the bills from Lori Wakefield in the amount of \$130.00.
- On motion Salfer, second by Van Hee, excluding the bills from Lori Wakefield in the amount of \$130.00 the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
 - July 7th Minutes
 - Payment of bills

General Fund	\$ 263,174.42
Ditch Fund	\$ 104,514.56
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 329.35
Debt Service Fund	\$ 194,750.00
EDA	\$ 161.60
Ditch Bond Debt Service	\$ 15,435.00
R & B Fund	\$ 205.28
State Revenue	\$ 600.00
Insurance	\$ 468.00

○ Bills exceeding \$2,000:

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BLOMEKE CONSTRUCTION INC	2,288.22
BOULDER CREEK INC	104,981.21
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	4,993.00

COUNTY OF RAMSEY	3,130.00
COUNTY OF RENVILLE	31,230.35
CR KERKHOFF INC	17,402.40
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC	4,649.49
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-DEPT OF ADM	5,502.61
ISG	27,047.43
KARPEL SOLUTIONS	14,600.00
MN COUNTIES COMPUTER COOPERATIV	23,782.37
RED CEDAR CONSULTING LLC	2,488.10
REDWOOD COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT	7,496.91
RESOLUTE LAW LLC	2,408.00
SANDGREN TRUCKING & EXCAVATING	38,333.40
SCHINDLER ELEVATOR CORPORATION	14,046.75
SCHMIDT CONSTRUCTION INC	12,807.13
SMITH PARTNERS PLLP	4,221.55
THE MARKET AT REDWOOD LLC	11,407.19
THOMSON REUTERS - WEST OR WEST	2,002.75
U.S. BANK ST. PAUL	210,185.00
WESTERN MENTAL HEALTH CENTER	7,073.08
79 Payments less than 2000	26,372.12
Final Total:	578,449.06

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

- The Board recognized Faye Johnson, License Center Technician, for 5 years of service to Redwood County.

SOUTHWEST HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

- Southwest Health & Human Services Director Stacey Timm updated the Board on the 2027 State and Federal costs shifts to Counties.

AUDITOR-TREASURER

- On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following consent agenda: Cash Balance Report; Investment Summary; Budget Reports, and June 2026 Disbursements in the amount of \$14,167,948.25.

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	104,879.53
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	2,010.00
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	5,377.64
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	16,228.38
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	22,181.97
COUNTY OF BROWN	476,612.80
METLIFE	5,731.92
METLIFE	4,586.86
METLIFE	4,882.10
METLIFE	5,961.55
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT of REVENUE	44,543.58
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT of REVENUE	2,672.00
MN COMMISSION OF FINANCE	391,843.52
REDWOOD FALLS PUBLIC UTILITIES	3,668.35
REDWOOD FALLS PUBLIC UTILITIES	9,285.84
STATE OF MINNESOTA	65,469.15
STATE OF MINNESOTA	18,624.82
STATE OF MINNESOTA	3,298.00
STATE OF MINNESOTA	73,218.34
STATE OF MINNESOTA	23,204.31

STATE OF MINNESOTA	20,840.33
STATE OF MINNESOTA	19,421.76
STATE OF MINNESOTA	28,542.13
STATE OF MINNESOTA	14,797.94
STATE OF MINNESOTA	23,365.19
STATE OF MINNESOTA	40,256.65
STATE OF MINNESOTA	17,018.04
STATE OF MINNESOTA	46,247.41
STATE OF MINNESOTA	33,825.96
STATE OF MINNESOTA	16,991.94
STATE OF MINNESOTA	6,884.75
STATE OF MINNESOTA	37,906.04
STATE OF MINNESOTA	56,473.07
STATE OF MINNESOTA	38,432.02
STATE OF MINNESOTA	28,818.25
STATE OF MINNESOTA	32,999.47
STATE OF MINNESOTA	17,036.92
STATE OF MINNESOTA	3,995.16
WEX LEAP	10,976.35
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31 Payments less than 2000	17,560.03

Final Total:	1,807,646.42
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<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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MINNESOTA VALLEY SNOW-RIDERS	4,333.56
MN COMMISSION OF FINANCE	5,207.50
5 Payments less than 2000	1,730.83

Final Total:	11,271.89
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<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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CITY OF BELVIEW	97,933.91
CITY OF CLEMENTS	54,782.06
CITY OF DELHI	41,513.84
CITY OF LAMBERTON	516,212.52
CITY OF LUCAN	83,977.33
CITY OF MILROY	169,604.81
CITY OF MORGAN	260,602.18
CITY OF REDWOOD FALLS	2,523,841.87
CITY OF REVERE	47,246.66
CITY OF SANBORN	103,234.66
CITY OF SEAFORTH	24,786.10
CITY OF VESTA	108,536.38
CITY OF WABASSO	371,575.98
CITY OF WALNUT GROVE	198,248.91
CITY OF WANDA	38,699.04
LINCOLN-PIPESTONE RURAL WATER SY	5,088.96
RED ROCK RURAL WATER SYSTEM	8,937.43
REDWOOD COUNTY AUD-TREAS	8,348.01
REDWOOD PROPERTY HOLDINGS LLC	7,035.60
RRRSWA	346,755.63
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2190	16,866.38
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2754	291,805.60
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2884	247,804.00
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2897	1,161,674.75
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2898	151,397.39
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2904	40,891.65
SCHOOL DISTRICT 635	95,287.52
SCHOOL DISTRICT 640	361,207.40
SCHOOL DISTRICT 85	99,509.51

SOUTHWEST HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICE	2,069,829.25
SW REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISS	40,840.79
TOWNSHIP OF BROOKVILLE	61,021.38
TOWNSHIP OF CHARLESTOWN	43,479.03
TOWNSHIP OF DELHI	41,258.52
TOWNSHIP OF GALES	36,218.95
TOWNSHIP OF GRANITE ROCK	52,063.41
TOWNSHIP OF JOHNSONVILLE	55,943.40
TOWNSHIP OF KINTIRE	73,223.78
TOWNSHIP OF LAMBERTON	60,109.18
TOWNSHIP OF MORGAN	79,402.86
TOWNSHIP OF NEW AVON	56,486.87
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HERO	52,670.52
<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>

TOWNSHIP OF PAXTON	101,722.99
TOWNSHIP OF REDWOOD FALLS	64,857.17
TOWNSHIP OF SHERIDAN	49,090.60
TOWNSHIP OF SHERMAN	53,962.73
TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGDALE	68,438.75
TOWNSHIP OF SUNDOWN	72,789.37
TOWNSHIP OF SWEDES FOREST	40,889.97
TOWNSHIP OF THREE LAKES	77,875.54
TOWNSHIP OF UNDERWOOD	63,463.03
TOWNSHIP OF VAIL	38,286.58
TOWNSHIP OF VESTA	49,349.92
TOWNSHIP OF WATERBURY	45,350.56
TOWNSHIP OF WESTLINE	38,545.01
TOWNSHIP OF WILLOW LAKE	60,170.92
2 Payments less than 2000	1,826.80
Final Total:	11,032,573.96

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
EVERSTRONG CONSTRUCTION INC	266,846.02
TBEI	132,421.00
8 Payments less than 2000	2,878.59
Final Total:	402,145.61

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
20 Payments less than 2000	4,122.01
Final Total:	4,122.01

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AL'S CONCRETE PRODUCTS INC	32,130.00
MEADOWLAND FARMERS COOP	21,571.30
4 Payments less than 2000	713.77
Final Total:	54,415.07

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AREA II MN RIVER BASIN PROJECT	80,805.00
6 Payments less than 2000	4,011.14
Final Total:	84,816.14

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ENERGY SOLUTION PARTNERS, LLC	26,953.76
PRAHM CONSTRUCTION INC	174,843.10
R & G CONSTRUCTION CO	542,152.31
1 Payments less than 2000	537.81
Final Total:	744,486.98

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
6 Payments less than 2000	3,632.25
Final Total:	3,632.25
<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CROW RIVER CONSTRUCTION LLC	16,451.09
MEADOWLAND FARMERS COOP	2,238.00
9 Payments less than 2000	1,481.93
Final Total:	20,171.02
<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
9 Payments less than 2000	2,666.90
Final Total:	2,666.90

- Selected Canvassing Board Members for 2026 with Salfer and Wakefield as members for Primary Election on August 13, 2026, and General Election on November 6, 2026.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- Bendix and Khamphanh from Southwest Minnesota Private Industry Council gave an update to the Board on Workforce Development.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- On motion by Salfer, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge the expiration of the approved Housing Trust Fund Loan with Peterson Family Properties.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Housing Trust Fund forgivable loan and commitment letter to Green Buffalo Institute.
- On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve a single round of forgivable Housing Trust Fund Loan program public requests for proposals.
- Holtberg updated the Board on the most recent EDA updated including Broadband, housing, and childcare.

DITCH AUTHORITY JD 31 LAT B

- Entered into Ditch Authority at 9:53 a.m.
- On motion by Theis, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the JD 31 Lat B Drainage Authority agenda for July 21, 2026.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Theis, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed Findings & Order for JD 31 Lat B.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve July 7, 2026, Minutes.
- Adjourned Ditch Authority at 9:56 a.m.

ROAD & BRIDGE

- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve road salt bid for 2026-2027 to Blackstrap, Inc in the amount of \$90.99/ton with a total amount of \$104,638.50.

Other Bids received:

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<u>Company</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Central Salt	\$92.56 per ton
Johnson Feed, Inc	\$91.99 per ton

 motion by Salfer, second by

Theis, with Groebner abstaining, the Board voted unanimously to approve the quote from G & S Cabinets + Construction for labor and construction of Morgan salt shed roof in the amount of \$15,900 and authorized signatures by Board Chair and County Administrator.

Other Bids received:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Trent Baker Construction	\$17,500.00
Goblish Construction	\$18,250.00

- On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve purchases from Kris Engineering for Flat Carbide edges in the amount of \$70,606.60 and JOMA edges from H & L Mesabi via state Contract #262775 in the amount of \$100,000.

Other Bids received:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Ziegler Companies	\$103,595.80

- On motion by Groebner, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve Professional Construction Material Testing Contract with AET for RCHD project SP 064-620-011 for Springdale 30 Culvert replacement.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve out of state travel request for N. Klisch to attend Transportation Alliance in Washington DC on September 22, 2026-September 24, 2026, in the amount of \$2,177.

ADMINISTRATION

- On motion by Salfer, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Facility Use Agreement for SW WIC Regional meeting on August 12, 2026, in the License Center.
- Kletscher reviewed the June 2026 jail population for the Board.
- Kletscher reviewed the Sentence to Service quarterly report for April, May, and June 2026.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 3-year Contract with Geo-Comm for GIS Data layers maintenance and MSAG maintenance for ALI database support services at the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$14,087.16 to paid with 911 funds, pending County Attorney approval.

Personnel

- On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to hire Jackson Hillesheim as Correctional Officer for the Sheriff's Department on 2026 LELS Non-Licensed Salary Schedule Grade CO/Step 1 at \$27.83 effective July 27, 2026.

COMMISSIONERS

Salfer: Southwest Health & Human Services, Personnel, Southwest 18 Adult Mental Health Consortium, EDA

Wakefield: EDA, Personnel, JD 10 Ditch Authority, Southwest Health & Human Services

Groebner: Redwood Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority, Friends of Gillfillan, Minnesota Valley Regional Railroad Authority, Soil & Water

Van Hee: Fair Board, Primewest, Hungry & Homeless

Theis: Redwood Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority

ADJOURN

- There being no further business, Chair Wakefield declared the meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Rick Wakefield, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: _____
Vicki Kletscher
County Administrator