

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

August 4, 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 Jim Salfer, Corey Theis, Rick Wakefield, Bob Van Hee, Dennis Groebner, Administrator Vicki Kletscher, Administrative Assistant Sierra Fluck, Assistant County Attorney Marissa Pacheco, Auditor-Treasurer Jean Price, Economic Development Coordinator Grady Holtberg, Environmental Director Nick Brozek, Highway Engineer Nick Klisch, Planning & Zoning Supervisor Jeanette Pidde, Technology Director Paul Parsons, County Recorder Amy Gewerth, Small Business Development Center Regional Director Christine Fisher, Plum Creek Park Board member Lon Walling, MnDOT Megan DeSchepper and Tony Fowl.

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

On motion by Theis, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the August 4 agenda.

Chair Wakefield asked the Board Members to identify any areas in which they had a conflict of interest. Commissioner Groebner identified a conflict in the road and bridge bills.

CONSENT AGENDA

- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
 - July 21st Board Minutes
 - Bills

General Fund	\$ 44,234.57
Ditch Fund	\$ 115,216.35
Soil & Water	\$ 6,604.50
EDA	\$ 8,000
Road & Bridge Fund	\$ 86.68
Insurance	\$ 45.14

- **Bills exceeding \$2,000:**

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ELAN CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS	15,758.73
Final Total:	15,758.73
<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC	2,214.60
EMPIRE PIPE SERVICES	3,014.00
FISCHER GROEN LAW & GROEN TITLE CO	6,604.50
G & R CONTROLS INC	10,595.75

ISG	72,519.08
RACF-LINC REDWOOD COUNTY	8,000.00
WENDLAND SELLERS LAW OFFICE	39,115.55
42 Payments less than 2000	16,365.03
Final Total:	158,428.51

PLANNING & ZONING

- On motion by Salfer, second by Theis, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Extraction Interim Use Permit #10-26 for re-permit of gravel pit in Section 21 of Charlestown Township.
- Salfer requested discussion on Data Center. Pidde informed the Board that Data Center are not allowed in County Ordinances; therefore, they are considered prohibited in Redwood County.

TECHNOLOGY

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve Zoom phone licenses in the amount of \$25,671.90.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER

- On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2027 appropriation in the amount of \$5,000 to the Southwest MN Small Business Development Center.

ROAD & BRIDGE

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Salfer, excluding the bill with Turbes Ag Sales in the amount of \$390.00 that Groebner identified a conflict of interest with, the Board voted unanimously to approve the road and bridge bills in the amount of \$353,772.69.
- On a motion by Salfer, second by Van Hee, with Groebner abstaining due to a conflict of interest, the Board voted to approve the bill from Turbes Ag Sales in the amount of \$390.00.

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A & B CONSTRUCTION, LTD	14,910.00
DUININCK INC	17,795.20
FLINT HILLS RESOURCES LP	125,866.38
H & L MESABI CO	101,809.00
MN DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	23,593.95
O'BRIEN/JOSEPH	16,334.00
RTS LLC	7,871.28
VALLEY EARTHWORKS INC	7,975.00
WELTSCH EQUIPMENT INC	20,277.91
ZIEGLER INC	4,638.81
25 Payments less than 2000	13,091.16
Final Total:	354,162.69

- DeSchepper and Fowl with MnDOT presented the MnDOT Capital Highway Investment Plan for Highway projects for the next 10 years.

AUDITOR-TREASURER

- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Primary and General Election Recount Agreements for Redwood County ballots only.
- On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the terms and conditions for the Initial Sale of Tax-Forfeited Land to be held on September 16, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

RECORDER

- On motion by Groebner, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge the 2025-2026 Recorder's Annual Compliance Report.

DITCH AUTHORITY

- Entered into Drainage Authority at 9:20 a.m.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to Set a Public Hearing for September 1st at 9:00 a.m. for Petition for Authority to use County Ditch 26 as Outlet.
- Adjourned Drainage Authority at 9:22 a.m.

ENVIRONMENTAL

- Environmental Director Nick Brozek and Lon Walling discussed the preliminary budget numbers and plan for Phase 2 of the Plum Creek Park Improvement Project, including updated electrical services to the park.

ADMINISTRATION

- Environmental Director Nick Brozek and County Administrator Vicki Kletscher updated the Board on the 2025 Audit Exit meeting with the State Auditors.

COMMISSIONERS

Salfer: Southwest Health & Human Services, Counties Providing Technology, Personnel, Nurse Family Partnership

Wakefield: Personnel, Exit Audit

Van Hee: Primewest

Groebner: Historical Society, Friends of Gilfillan, Rural Minnesota Energy Board, Regional Solid Waste

Theis: Planning & Zoning

ADJOURNED 9:57 a.m.

Attest: _____

Vicki Kletscher
County Administrator

Rick Wakefield, Chair
Board of County Commissioners