

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

March 17, 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, Corey Theis, Rick Wakefield, County Administrator Vicki Kletscher, Administrative Assistant Sierra Fluck, Auditor Treasurer Jean Price, Human Resource Director Michelle Koenig, Economic Development Coordinator Grady Holtberg, Environmental Director Nick Brozek, Redwood County Sheriff Jason Jacobson, County Engineer Nick Klisch, Southwest Health & Human Services team members Stacey Timm, Nancy Walker, Lisa DeBoer, Carol Biren, Evan Hacker, and Emilie Potter, Heather Koeffler.

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

On motion by Van Hee, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the March 17 agenda.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- On motion by Groebner, second by Theis, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following
 - March 3rd Minutes
 - Payment of bills

General Fund	\$ 94,414.89
Ditch Fund	\$ 10,028.16
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 140,635.95
Soil & Water	\$ 2,116.98
Debt Service Fund	\$ 559,646.88
EDA	\$ 483.75
R & B Fund	\$ 434,377.50
Insurance	\$ 468.00

○ **Bills exceeding \$2,000:**

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BOULDER CREEK INC	23,345.21
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	4,993.00
GALLS LLC	6,174.29
MARTIN LAW FIRM PLLC	4,761.60
REDWOOD COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT	5,049.86
REGROUP	7,500.00
SCHMIDT CONSTRUCTION INC	7,050.00
SOUTHWESTERN MN ASSN OF CONSER	2,000.00

THE MARKET AT REDWOOD LLC	11,616.44
U.S. BANK CHARLOTTE	1,134,346.88
UNITED COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERS	6,348.77
WESTERN MENTAL HEALTH CENTER	7,671.98
66 Payments less than 2000	20,619.64
Final Total:	1,241,477.67

ROAD & BRIDGE

- On motion Theis, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve asphalt supply and delivery for the 2026 seasonal requirements to Flint Hills in the amount of \$481,218. Other Bids Received:

Company	Bid Amount	Alternate Bid No. 1
H.G. Meigs	\$476,857.21	\$527,472.06
Jebro, Inc.	\$582,968.62	\$618,718.62
Flint Hills	445,468.00	481,218.00

- On motion by Theis, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Crossing Replacement Agreements with Twin Cities & Western Railroad Company for CSAH in Belview, CSAH 9 west of Delhi, and CSAH 25 north of Redwood Falls and authorized Board Chair and County Administrator to sign the agreements.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 3-year mowing and ground maintenance Contract for Dekalb and Normandale with Smith Lawn Care Co. in the amount of \$29,850. No other quotes were received.
- On motion by Theis, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to authorize Board Chair and Administrator to sign the mowing and ground maintenance Contract.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Construction and Maintenance Agreement with the City of Sanborn for reconstruction of CSAH 115 beginning summer of 2026.
- On motion by Theis, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Permit and Road Use Agreement with Northern States Power company and authorized the County Administrator and Board Chair to sign the agreements.

DITCH AUTHORITY

- Entered Ditch Authority at 9:00 a.m.
- On motion by Theis, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve the March 17, 2026, County Ditch 20 Agenda.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to Set Public Hearing on Final Engineers Report for petition for improvements on County Ditch 20 to April 21, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.
- Reconvened regular meeting at 9:03

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 February 2026 Disbursements in the amount of \$2,057,997.93.

- Bills exceeding \$2,000:

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	8,670.15
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	81,229.89
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	2,010.00
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	49,341.89
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	115,986.20
GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO	2,999.91
GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO	8,140.73
GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO	2,870.15
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT of REVENUE	53,686.22
REDWOOD FALLS PUBLIC UTILITIES	6,506.06
STATE OF MINNESOTA	34,996.28
STATE OF MINNESOTA	21,097.84
STATE OF MINNESOTA	2,884.00
STATE OF MINNESOTA	37,059.27
STATE OF MINNESOTA	66,249.32
STATE OF MINNESOTA	13,265.05
STATE OF MINNESOTA	50,573.86
STATE OF MINNESOTA	24,818.26
STATE OF MINNESOTA	2,559.50
STATE OF MINNESOTA	43,359.77
STATE OF MINNESOTA	38,593.08
STATE OF MINNESOTA	99,339.34
STATE OF MINNESOTA	49,392.13
STATE OF MINNESOTA	78,475.15
STATE OF MINNESOTA	2,411.00
STATE OF MINNESOTA	40,232.87
STATE OF MINNESOTA	28,246.35
STATE OF MINNESOTA	36,728.85
STATE OF MINNESOTA	32,100.25
STATE OF MINNESOTA	41,466.78
STATE OF MINNESOTA	66,418.91
STATE OF MINNESOTA	37,884.20
WEX LEAP	10,887.89
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20 Payments less than 2000	8,551.31
Final Total:	1,209,920.35

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
MEADOWLAND FARMERS COOP	2,308.80
7 Payments less than 2000	1,054.35
Final Total:	3,363.15

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
METLIFE	5,008.13
MN COMMISSION OF FINANCE	4,848.00
19 Payments less than 2000	5,011.58
Final Total:	14,867.71

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
TOWNSHIP OF BROOKVILLE	32,511.11
TOWNSHIP OF CHARLESTOWN	27,161.44
TOWNSHIP OF DELHI	35,760.51

TOWNSHIP OF GALES	27,583.96
TOWNSHIP OF GRANITE ROCK	33,603.13
TOWNSHIP OF JOHNSONVILLE	27,706.60
TOWNSHIP OF KINTIRE	28,811.59
TOWNSHIP OF LAMBERTON	26,450.17
TOWNSHIP OF MORGAN	35,110.45
TOWNSHIP OF NEW AVON	31,857.82
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HERO	28,743.97
TOWNSHIP OF PAXTON	73,435.54
TOWNSHIP OF REDWOOD FALLS	25,848.79
TOWNSHIP OF SHERIDAN	28,760.92
TOWNSHIP OF SHERMAN	35,874.34
TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGDALE	31,077.80
TOWNSHIP OF SUNDOWN	28,944.83
TOWNSHIP OF SWEDES FOREST	15,354.73
TOWNSHIP OF THREE LAKES	31,460.34
TOWNSHIP OF UNDERWOOD	30,210.28
TOWNSHIP OF VAIL	31,681.65
TOWNSHIP OF VESTA	31,258.89
TOWNSHIP OF WATERBURY	27,941.29
TOWNSHIP OF WESTLINE	27,490.66
TOWNSHIP OF WILLOW LAKE	32,561.19
Final Total:	787,202.00

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
FARMWARD COOPERATIVE	5,041.40
4 Payments less than 2000	1,231.82
Final Total:	6,273.22

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
6 Payments less than 2000	622.37
Final Total:	622.37

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
METLIFE	7,975.72
6 Payments less than 2000	840.48
Final Total:	8,816.20

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
MEADOWLAND FARMERS COOP	17,025.00
4 Payments less than 2000	1,433.10
Final Total:	18,458.10

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
7 Payments less than 2000	4,261.31
Final Total:	4,261.31

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO	2,599.97
2 Payments less than 2000	1,586.55
Final Total:	4,186.52

- On motion by Theis, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge the Confession of Judgment Acknowledgment for parcel #80-760-0460.
- On motion by Theis, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Auditor-Treasurer to recover costs incurred with potential tax forfeited properties.

SHERIFF

- The Board reviewed the February 2026 jail population.

SOUTHWEST HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

- Stacey Timm, Nancy Walker, Lisa DeBoer, Carol Biren, Evan Hacker, and Emily Potter presented their Annual Report to the Board.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the amended Economic Development Bylaws, with updated language regarding board member term limits.
- Holtberg updated the Board on current EDA projects including Broadband, Housing Trust Fund, and Childcare.

STATEWIDE SHOTGUN REPEAL

- On motion by Theis, second by Wakefield, in a 4-1 vote with Groebner voting nay, the Board voted to take no action and allow rifles in Redwood County.

ADMINISTRATION

- On motion by Salfer, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2026 Legal Fee Agreement with Resolute Law LLC.

Personnel

- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Nyhart Agreement renewal for actuarial valuation report for GASB 75 through December 31, 2028.
- On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge the hiring of Jennifer Brozek as Correctional Officer for the Sheriffs Department on the LELS Non-Licensed salary schedule Grade CO/Step 2 at \$28.62 due to experience effective March 16, 2026 and hiring Justine Weckwerth-Pineda as Crime Victim Services Coordinator on the AFSCME salary schedule Grade 10/Step 3 at \$25.43 due to experience effective April 6, 2026.

COMMISSIONERS

- Chair Wakefield appointed Lori Hagert to the District 4 Extension Committee.

Salfer: EDA, Township Meetings

Wakefield: Area II/Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area, EDA, Redwood One Watershed One Plan, Township Meetings, Lucan Lions Club, Explore Southwest Minnesota

Groebner: Redwood Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority

Theis: Redwood Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority, AMC Legislative Conference, Township Meetings

Van Hee: PrimeWest, AMC Legislative Conference, Extension, Fair Board, District 7 & 8

ADJOURN

- There being no further business, Chair Wakefield declared the meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Rick Wakefield, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: _____
Vicki Kletscher
County Administrator