

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

March 4, 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 Rick Wakefield, Dennis Groebner (remote), Jim Salfer, Corey Theis and Bob Van Hee. County Administrator Vicki Kletscher, EDA Coordinator Grady Holtberg, County Engineer Anthony Sellner (remote), Assistant County Attorney Marissa Pacheco, Environmental Director Nick Brozek, Land Use and Zoning Supervisor Jeanette Pidde and Human Resource Director Michelle Koenig.

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

On motion by Salfer, second by Theis, and in a roll call vote with all members voting Aye, the Board approved the March 4th agenda.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Salfer, and in a roll call vote with all members voting Aye, the Board approved the following:
 - February 18th Board Minutes.
 - Payment of bills.

General Fund	\$ 83,536.35
Ditch Fund	\$ 97,608.98
Soil & Water	\$ 120.75
EDA	\$ 342.78
Forfeited Tax Sale	\$ 92.70
Insurance	\$ 1,549.77
R&B	\$ 1,940.08

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ELAN CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS	20,718.28
Final Total:	20,718.28

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BEACH TRANSPORT INC	93,775.91
ESRI	10,682.82
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-DEPT OF ADM	12,066.68
MG REED FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY PLLC	12,770.00
MORRIS ELECTRONICS INC	7,200.00
SEACHANGE PRINT INNOVATIONS	4,590.00
SMITH & JOHNSON	5,000.00
TNT CONSTRUCTION-KERKHOFF INC	2,278.05
VERTIV CORPORATION	2,814.68
31 Payments less than 2000	13,294.99
Final Total:	164,473.13

ROAD & BRIDGE

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Theis, and in a roll call vote with all members voting Aye, the Board approved the Road & Bridge bills in the amount of \$91,676.50 and AP bills in the amount of \$50,888.36.
- Bills exceeding \$2,000:**

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AVENU INSIGHTS & ANALYTICS LLC	7,005.25
BOLTON & MENK INC	16,450.50
KECK TREE SERVICE	34,775.00
M & K BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION INC	3,000.00
MEADOWLAND FARMERS COOP	3,334.13
T AND A'S TOOLBOX LLC	2,377.90
WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING & ASSOCIATES	9,719.50
32 Payments less than 2000	15,014.22
Final Total:	91,676.50

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BOLTON & MENK INC	16,624.00
WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING & ASSOCIATES	16,030.00
ZIMMERMANN MAINTENANCE	17,459.00
2 Payments less than 2000	775.36
Final Total:	50,888.36

- On motion by Salfer, second by Theis, and in a roll call vote with all members voting Aye, the Board approved the construction contract 25-1 Bituminous Mill & Overlay for SAP 064-617-033; CSAH 17 to low bidder Ulland Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$796,360.63.

All other bids received:

Central Specialties	\$799,158.75
Knife River	\$815,111.94
Duininck, Inc.	\$840,907.98
OMG Midwest, dba Minnesota Paving & Materials	\$876,237.40

- On motion by Salfer, second by Van Hee, and in a roll call vote with all members voting Aye, the Board authorized County Board Chair and County Administrator to sign awarded construction contract 25-1 for project SAP-064-617-033 CSAH 17.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Wakefield, and in a roll call vote with all members voting Aye, the Board Chair and County Administrator to sign Cooperative Construction Agreement with Yellow Medicine County for SAP 064-646-008 pavement rehabilitation of CSAH 46. Redwood County's cost share is \$887,472.60.
- On motion by Theis, second by Wakefield, and in a roll call vote with all members voting Aye, the Board approved new vendor for crack fill material purchase from Crafcro under state contract ID: 264240.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Theis, and in a roll call vote with all members voting Aye, the Board approved the amended agreement #1 with MnDOT-Goldmine Bridge Alternative Analysis Report Contract No. 1054212, extending contract deadline from February 2025 to June 2025.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Holtberg updated the Board on the notification of the City of Lamberton not being awarded a DEED childcare economic development grant.

PLANNING AND ZONING

- On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee, and in a roll call vote with all members voting Aye, the Board approved Conditional Use Permit #2-25 filed by Vertical Bridge for the construction of a 250' cellular communications tower in Westline Township.
- Pidde presented the Annual 2024 Zoning Report.

DITCH AUTHORITY CD 93

- The Board entered into Ditch Authority at 8:57 a.m.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Theis, and in a roll call vote with all members voting Aye, the Board approved the agenda.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Theis, and in a roll call vote with all members voting Aye, the Board set a public hearing for 10:00 a.m. on March 18, 2025 on Petition to Impound, Reroute, and divert CD 93 from Boerboom Ag Resources.
- Adjourned Ditch authority at 9:04 a.m.

ADMINISTRATION

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Wakefield, and in a roll call vote with all members voting Aye, the Board approved the budget adjustment in account 01-031-2801-6899 in the amount of \$8,000 for the 2025 LINC Appropriations.

- On motion by Salfer, second by Van Hee, and in a roll call vote with all members voting Aye, the Board adopted the Resolution to Transfer Solid Waste Funds for Waste to Energy Project to the Redwood Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority as follows:
- **WHEREAS**, in 2003, the Redwood County Board of Commissioners applied for and was awarded a grant from the Minnesota State Office of Environmental Assistance (OEA), under its Solid Waste Processing Facilities Capital Assistance Program (CAP) for the purpose of funding a feasibility study for a multi-county Materials Recovery Facility to be located in southwest Minnesota; and
- **WHEREAS**, the grant funded a preliminary feasibility study to assess the potential for development of a multi-county waste-to-energy system to be located in Redwood County; and
- **WHEREAS**, at the conclusion of the study, the goal of fostering an integrated approach to solid waste management in the region that follows the order and preference of waste management strategies identified in Minnesota Statutes 115A.02 was recognized; however, a consensus by the seventeen (17) counties involved was unable to be achieved so the project failed; and
- **WHEREAS**, Redwood County submitted the grant project summary to OEA in 2004 and was reimbursed for its expenditures allowed in the grant for county board and staff time, travel, services, and brochures, etc. in the amount of \$45,000 ; and
- **WHEREAS**, the funds for reimbursed expenditures received were placed in the Redwood County Solid Waste designated reserve fund for a future Waste To Energy multi county project; and
- **WHEREAS**, the seventeen (17) multi-county Waste To Energy facility is no longer a feasible project for consideration; and
- **WHEREAS**, December 2016, Redwood County and Renville County entered into a Joint Powers Agreement for Solid Waste Management and established the Redwood Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority (RRRSWA); and
- **WHEREAS**, at the January 14, 2025 Redwood Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority (RRRSWA) board meeting, it was approved to recommend to the Redwood County Board of Commissioners that the funds be transferred from Redwood County to be utilized by the Redwood Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority for a multi-county solid waste project to be identified at a later date; and
- **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Redwood County Board of Commissioners authorize the transfer of the balance of the Waste to Energy reserves in the Solid Waste fund in the amount of \$45,000 to the Redwood Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority.

- On motion by Theis, second by Wakefield, and in a roll call vote with all members voting Aye, the Board approved the revised RCRCRA JPA and authorized delegate Wakefield to sign the agreement.

Personnel

- On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee, and in a roll call vote with all members voting Aye, the Board approved a position reclassification request from Jeni Rudenick for the Legal Secretary in the Attorney’s office to be moved from Grade 8 to Grade 9 with the title changing to Legal Secretary/Program Support.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Salfer, and in a roll call vote with all members voting Aye, the Board approved a position reclassification request for the Chief Deputy County Sheriff position to be moved from Grade 18 to Grade 19.
- On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee, and in a roll call vote with all members voting Aye, the Board acknowledged the hiring of Keren Alvarez as PT License Center Technician effective March 3, 2025 on AFSCME-NU Grade 8 step 1, \$20.61; and the hiring of Javon Hering as Correctional Officer in the Sheriff’s department effective March 3, 2025 on LELS Non-Licensed Correctional Officer step 2, \$24.60, due to experience; and the resignation/retirement of Sentence to Service Crew Leader Jay Baune, effective April 30, 2025.

COMMISSIONERS

- The commissioners reported on meetings they attended.

Salfer: Southwest Health and Human Services, Western Mental Health, Redwood Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority, Planning & Zoning, Personnel

Wakefield: Southwest Health and Human Services, Cottonwood –Middle Minnesota Comprehensive Watershed Management, Opioid Advisory, Plum Creek Library System, Personnel, Milroy Public School consolidation

Van Hee: Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority, Fair Board, Extension, Hungry & Homeless

Theis: Redwood/Renville Regional Solid Waste

ADJOURN

- There being no further business, Chair Wakefield declared the meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Rick Wakefield, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: _____
Vicki Kletscher
County Administrator