

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

April 1, 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, Jim Salfer, Corey Theis and Bob Van Hee. County Administrator Vicki Kletscher, EDA Coordinator Grady Holtberg, Assistant County Engineer Jeff Bommersbach, Assistant County Attorney Marissa Pacheco, Environmental Director Nick Brozek, Ditch/Ag Inspector Brent Lang, Auditor-Treasurer Jean Price, Technology Director Paul Parsons, Sheriff Jason Jacobsen, Human Resource Director Michelle Koenig, Andrew Van Nurden.

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 April 1 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 Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
 - March 18th Board Minutes.
 - Payment of bills.

General Fund	\$ 119,290.49
Ditch Fund	\$ 8,715.36
Soil & Water	\$ 1,080.33
EDA	\$ 351.00
R&B	\$ 2,360.17

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ELAN CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS	23,882.41
Final Total:	23,882.41

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCAF	2,691.92
COUNTY OF RENVILLE	47,349.00
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-DEPT OF ADM	12,017.50
FRSECURE LLC	8,250.00
ISG	8,002.50
KRAMER LAW OFFICE	5,730.00
MORRIS ELECTRONICS INC	4,320.00
SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA EMERGENCY (3,040.00
VALSOFT CORPORATION INC dba ACOM :	4,000.00
35 Payments less than 2000	12,514.02
Final Total:	107,914.94

DITCH AUTHORITY CD 28

- The Board entered into Ditch Authority at 8:32 a.m.
- On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.
- On motion by Theis, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Findings and Order approving the petition to outlet into County Ditch 28 for Leroy Harnack
- On motion by Wakefield, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the December 23, 2024 meeting.
- Adjourned CD 28 meeting at 8:35 a.m.

DITCH AUTHORITY CD 33

- Entered into Redwood County CD 33 meeting at 8:35 a.m.
- On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.
- On motion by Theis, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to accept the petition from the State of MN DNR to impound and reroute divert Branch 5 of the County Ditch 33 in Vesta Township.
- On motion by Theis, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to appoint William Douglass as engineer.
- Adjourned Ditch authority at 8:38 a.m.

DITCH AUTHORITY JD 36 DISCUSSION

- Salfer discussed letter sent to Dauers and informed board members the Dauers were not in agreement with proposal for compensation.
- Groebner informed the Board he had discussions with constituents on the ditch and they think the bill should be paid.
- Lang informed Board the county is continuing to clean up rock.
- Salfer indicated Dauer situation has been going on for approximately nine months and the board needs to make a decision.
- Van Hee indicated to let it play out for a while and let the county staff do their work.
- Adjourned Ditch Authority at 8:52

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the media contract extension with Flying Buttress Media to July 1, 2025 for the Sheriff’s Office recruitment video.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Revolving Loan Fund Loan agreement and corresponding documents with VF Ag Services, Andrew and DeAnna Van Nurden, in the amount of \$39,150, 10 year term at 6% interest.

AUDITOR-TREASURER

- On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to authorize Auditor-Treasurer Price to recover the costs incurred for the potential Tax Forfeited Properties pursuant to MN § 281.23 subd.8.

SHERIFF

- On motion by Theis, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the contract with Western Mental Health to provide medical services to the inmates in the Redwood County Jail effective May 1, 2025 for up to 20 hours a week for a nurse, and up to 4 hours for a provider.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to terminate the Jail Medical Contract with Advance Correctional Healthcare, effective May 1, 2025.

ROAD & BRIDGE

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Road & Bridge bills in the amount of \$63,593.66.
- **Bills exceeding \$2,000:**

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
M-R SIGN CO INC	6,828.25
NEWMAN SIGNS INC	6,448.41
RTS LLC	2,860.00
TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES EAST LLC	2,819.78
VALLEY EARTHWORKS INC	9,670.00
WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING & ASSOCIATE ¹	19,226.86
32 Payments less than 2000	15,740.36
Final Total:	63,593.66

TECHNOLOGY

- Parsons updated the Board on the recent Assessments performed and requested the appointment of another commissioner to serve on the Cyber-Security Committee. Chair Wakefield appointed Theis.

ADMINISTRATION

- On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2025 Liquor License application for Vic’s Wild West Grill.

PERSONNEL

- On motion by Salfer, second by Theis, the Board acknowledged the hiring of Tucker Dehmlow as Deputy Sheriff effective 4/1/25 on the LELS Salary Schedule Deputy 1 Step 4 \$31.08, due to experience and the resignation of PT Cadet Braxton Thompson effective 3/18/25.

COMMISSIONERS

- The commissioners reported on meetings they attended.

Salfer: Southwest Health and Human Services, Western Mental Health, Safety Meeting, Tax Forfeit auction.

Wakefield: Milroy Public School Tour, Chief Elected Officials Board

Van Hee: Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority, Fair Board, United Community Action Partnership (zoom)

Theis: Safety Committee

ADJOURN

- There being no further business, Chair Wakefield declared the meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Rick Wakefield, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: _____
Vicki Kletscher
County Administrator