

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

May 20, 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 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, County Sheriff Jason Jacobson, Assistant County Attorney Marissa Pacheco, County Assessor Jesse Jacobson, Economic Development Coordinator Grady Holtberg, Extension intern Kylie Larson, Environmental Director Nick Brozek, Technology Director Paul Parsons, Extension Stacy Johnson, Plum Creek Library Director Elizabeth Hoffman, Jim Martin, David Drown & Associates Consultant Tessa Melvin.

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

On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the May 20 agenda.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, with Wakefield abstaining due to a conflict of interest, the Board voted to approve the bills from Lori Wakefield in the amount of \$390.00 and Rick Wakefield in the amount of \$260.00.
- On motion Salfer, second by Groebner, excluding the bills from Lori Wakefield in the amount of \$390.00 and Rick Wakefield in the amount of \$260.00, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
  - May 6<sup>th</sup> Minutes
  - Payment of bills

General Fund	\$ 119,535.89
Building Fund	\$ 114.00
Ditch Fund	\$ 96,480.70
Soil & Water	\$ 7,768.67
Insurance	\$ 436.00

○ **Bills exceeding \$2,000:**

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCAR	11,129.58
BOERBOOM AG RESOURCES LLC	9,956.52
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	4,927.00
COUNTY OF RENVILLE	28,908.42
GALLS LLC	3,194.55

ISG	22,831.66
JESSE'S COLLISION & RESTORATION LLC	5,169.05
KERKHOFF BROS INC	10,229.00
L & S CONSTRUCTION CORP	8,550.00
LITZAU FARM DRAINAGE INC	4,703.15
REDWOOD COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT	4,945.37
REDWOOD VALLEY LAW LTD	8,727.25
SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP	26,076.40
STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES INC	36,287.00
THE MARKET AT REDWOOD LLC	8,963.39
76 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	29,649.36
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>224,247.70</b>

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

- The Board recognized Dennis Groebner, County Commissioner, for 10 years of service to Redwood County.

**AUDITOR-TREASURER**

- On motion by Salfer, second by Theis, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following consent agenda: Cash Balance Report; Investment Summary; Budget Reports, and April 2025 Disbursements in the amount of \$579,972.16.
- Bills exceeding \$2,000:

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	89,643.47
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	71,515.51
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	34,256.11
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	79,098.27
GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO	3,631.14
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT of REVENUE	69,291.05
REDWOOD COUNTY LICENSE CENTER	3,158.16
REDWOOD COUNTY LICENSE CENTER	3,381.48
REDWOOD COUNTY LICENSE CENTER	2,689.86
REDWOOD COUNTY LICENSE CENTER	2,637.10
REDWOOD COUNTY LICENSE CENTER	3,376.25
REDWOOD COUNTY LICENSE CENTER	2,733.30
REDWOOD COUNTY LICENSE CENTER	3,701.81
REDWOOD COUNTY LICENSE CENTER	2,243.20
REDWOOD FALLS PUBLIC UTILITIES	6,038.14
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WEX LEAP	7,638.62
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48 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	17,234.10
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>413,913.76</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ENERGY SOLUTION PARTNERS, LLC	18,511.52
7 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	1,326.71
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>19,838.23</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
MN COMMISSION OF FINANCE	4,571.50

SOUTHWEST HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICE	58,807.75
VF AG SERVICES LLC	39,150.00
14 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	4,389.82
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>106,919.07</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
VALLEY EARTHWORKS INC	7,022.50
7 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	1,200.05
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>8,222.55</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
JJP PROPERTIES INVESTMENTS LLC	3,224.00
REDWOOD COUNTY AUD-TREAS	2,440.00
8 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	2,782.66
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>8,446.66</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
SOUTHWEST HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICE	6,668.53
6 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	3,408.22
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>10,076.75</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
MEADOWLAND FARMERS COOP	7,552.40
8 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	3,217.85
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>10,770.25</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
6 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	1,784.89
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>1,784.89</b>

- On motion by Groebner, second by Theis, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge the Confession of Judgement for parcel 85-200-1380 in the City of Milroy.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve a credit card for Susie Terhaar, administrative assistant at Soil & Water.

**SHERIFF**

- On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of 6 squad Panasonic Toughbook 55 computers, docking stations, and vehicle power supplies from Minnesota State Contract #179907 in the amount of \$19,956.00.
- The Board reviewed the April 2025 Jail Population.
- On motion by Theis, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Opioid Settlement Grant application from the Sheriff’s office to Southwest Health & Human Services for a Tek84 Intercept full body scanner for the jail facility.

**ASSESSOR**

- On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 38 assessing contracts between the cities and townships and Redwood County for assessing services for 2026-2028 for \$12 per parcel.

<b>City/Township</b>	<b>Parcels</b>
Belview	269
Charlestown	349
Clements	163
Delhi	83
Delhi Township	386
Gales	257
Granite Rock	340
Johnsonville	287
Kintire	296
Lamberton	560
Lamberton Township	339
Lucan	160
Milroy	206
Morgan	533
Morgan Township	384
New Avon Township	347
North Hero Township	245
Paxton Township	624
Redwood Falls Township	342
Revere	95
Sanborn	335
Seaforth	105
Sheridan Township	315

Sherman Township	272
Springdale Township	304
Sundown Township	368
Swedes Forest Township	213
Three Lakes Township	338
Underwood Township	323
Vail Township	284
Vesta	251
Vesta Township	334
Wabasso	449
Walnut Grove	450
Wanda	87
Waterbury Township	308
Westline Township	293
Willow Lake Township	327

- On motion by Salfer, second by Theis, the Board voted unanimously to approve the assessing services Contract between the City of Redwood Falls and Redwood County for 2026-2028 in the amount of \$52,700 per year pending County Attorney approval.

#### **EXTENSION**

- Johnson introduced intern Kylie Larson and updated the Board on the new Extension Program “Beyond Ready”

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- Holtberg updated the Board on current Economic Development projects.

#### **PLUM CREEK PARK LIBRARY SYSTEM**

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve support of Plum Creek Library programs in the amount of \$3,250 for the 2026 budget year.

**TECHNOLOGY**

- On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of CyberForceQ Logger, security information and event management in the amount of \$28,435.29, as mandated by the Minnesota BCA.

**DRAINAGE AUTHORITY**

- Entered Drainage Authority at 9:55 a.m.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Agenda for CD 70 Drainage Authority.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Theis, the Board voted unanimously to Set the Public Hearing for Petition for Abandonment Benedict and Hutterian Brethren for June 3, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.
- Adjourned Drainage Authority at 9:58 a.m.

**ADMINISTRATION**

- On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the amendment to Service Contract for municipal solid waste and refuse removal services with Sweetman Sanitation.

***Personnel***

- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge the resignation of Cory Ahlness, Highway Maintenance Specialist, effective May 6, 2025, the termination of Michael Faison, Custodian II, effective May 7, 2025, the hiring of Rex Lund, Correctional Officer, LELS non licensed Grade CO/Step 1 \$23.92, effective May 13, 2025, and the resignation of Anthony Sellner, Highway Engineer, effective July 24, 2025.

**COMMISSIONERS**

- Chair Wakefield appointed DeVonna Zeug to the Board of Adjustment.

**CLOSED SESSION**

- Entered into session closed session at 10:16 a.m. for the purpose of negotiations strategies pursuant to MN Statute 13D.05, Subdivision 1.
- Exited closed session at 11:05 a.m.
- No action taken.

Reconvened regular session at 11:06 a.m.

Wakefield: Rural Childcare Program, Redwood River One Watershed One Plan, Comp Study, Economic Development, LINC Graduation, A.C.E Banquet.

Salfer: Southwest Adult Mental Health, Comp Study, Southwest Health & Human Service Insurance Committee, Western Mental Health, A.C.E. Banquet.

Groebner: Comp Study, Drug Task Force, Soil & Water, A.C.E. Banquet, Redwood Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority.

Theis: Comp Study, Drug Task Force, Redwood Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority, A.C.E. Banquet.

Van Hee: Comp Study, A.C.E. Banquet, Fair Board, LINC Graduation, Economic Development, Southwest Regional Development Commission.

**ADJOURN**

- There being no further business, Chair Wakefield declared the meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

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Rick Wakefield, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vicki Kletscher  
County Administrator