

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

September 2, 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, Jim Salfer, Corey Theis, Rick Wakefield, Bob Van Hee, County Administrator Vicki Kletscher, Administrative Assistant Sierra Fluck, Assistant County Attorney Marissa Pacheco, Environmental Director Nick Brozek, County Engineer Nick Klisch, Human Resource Director Michelle Koenig, Auditor Treasurer Jean Price, Sheriff Jason Jacobson, Technology Director Paul Parsons, Child’s Place Executive Director Sarah Reynolds, Fair Board Members Kirby Josephson and Jeff Potter.

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

On motion by Salfer, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the September 2 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:
 - August 19th Board Minutes
 - Bills

General Fund	\$ 75,436.35
Ditch Fund	\$ 58,605.75
Soil & Water	\$ 210.45
EDA	\$ 1,025.00
Road & Bridge Fund	\$ 1,468.72
Insurance	\$ 35.65

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ELAN CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS	10,453.64
Final Total:	10,453.64

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS INC	2,250.00
BCL TELEVISION	2,241.40
CENTRAL WOOD PRODUCTS & RIVARD C	2,744.93
COUNTY OF RENVILLE	29,197.22
CR KERKHOFF INC	15,869.50
JEFFERS DRAY LINE INC	4,272.50

JONES HAUGH SMITH INC	14,767.50
KIBBLE EQUIPMENT INC	2,518.30
MAAS CONSTRUCTION CO	3,769.75
MIDWEST 911 CARS INC	2,000.00
RINKE-NOONAN LTD	7,913.00
SANDGREN TRUCKING & EXCAVATING	11,771.10
SMITH & JOHNSON	5,000.00
UNITED COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERS	5,180.21
36 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	16,808.79
Final Total:	126,304.20

TECHNOLOGY

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of 6 Dell computers in the amount of \$15,169.32 on State contract C1145017.

SHERIFF

- On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Law Enforcement contract with the City of Walnut Grove to provide on call law enforcement.
- On motion by Theis, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Contract with the Redwood Area Animal Shelter to board animals when required under Minnesota statues and county ordinances.

REDWOOD COUNTY FAIR BOARD

- On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve a \$5,000 increase to the Redwood County Fair Board for the 2026 appropriation contingent upon City of Redwood Falls providing a \$5,000 increase.

CHILDS PLACE

- On motion by Groebner, second by Theis, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Child’s Place Lease Agreement from October 1, 2025-September 30, 2028.

ROAD & BRIDGE

- On motion by Salfer, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve the road and bridge bills in the amount of \$252,970.49.

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BARGEN INC	7,312.50
BOLTON & MENK INC	67,749.50
CHOSEN VALLEY TESTING	6,280.00
DIAMOND MOWERS LLC	4,425.43
DUININCK INC	26,535.05
FLINT HILLS RESOURCES LP	65,334.50
L & S CONSTRUCTION CORP	47,681.59
MEADOWLAND FARMERS COOP	5,283.01
MN DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	6,982.29
VALLEY EARTHWORKS INC	4,550.00
26 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	10,836.62
Final Total:	252,970.49

- On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve final pay request for Construction Contract 24-1 to Central Specialties, Inc in the amount of \$296,823.28.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to award Construction Contract 25-4 for flood repair-embankment stabilization to Crow River Construction, LLC in the amount of \$302,167.75.

Other Bids Received:

Company	Bid Amount
Prahm Construction, Inc.	\$328,784.25
ICON Constructors, LLC	\$341,297.00
Duininck, Inc.	\$641,033.00
Urban Companies, LLC	\$645,615.50
Boulder Creek, Inc.	\$674,539.00

- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to authorize Board Chair and Administrator to sign Construction Contract 25-4, pending County Attorney approval.
- On motion by Theis, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to award bridge repairs for SAP 064-619-011 and SAP 064-598-037 to Everstrong Construction in the amount of \$112,707.00.

Other Bids Received:

Company	Bid Amount
M&K Bridge Construction	\$261,800

- On motion by Groebner, second by Theis, the Board voted unanimously to authorize Board Chair and Administrator to sign bridge Grant Agreement with MnDOT for SAP 064-619-011 No. 1060954 to replace bridge 1195, pending County Attorney approval.
- On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee, in a roll call vote with Salfer, Theis, Groebner, and Wakefield all voting aye the Board adopted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Redwood County has applied to the Commissioner of Transportation for a grant from the Minnesota State Transportation Fund related to Bridge No.1195; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Transportation has given notice that funding for this project is available; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the grant has been determined to be \$400,000.00 by reason of the lowest responsible bid;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that Redwood County does hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the grant consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 174.50, and will pay any additional amount by which the cost exceeds the estimate and will return to the Minnesota State Transportation Fund any amount appropriated for the project but not required. The proper County officers are authorized to execute a grant agreement and any amendments thereto with the Commissioner of Transportation concerning the above-referenced grant.

- On motion by Greobner, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve Professional Engineering Services Agreement for CSAH 4 Br 64518 with Stonebrooke Engineering in the amount of \$61,000.

Other Bids Received:

Company	Bid Amount
Widseth	\$61,830.00

- On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to authorize County Engineer to acquire ROW for project 017-607-053 and Board Chair and Administrator to sign agreements.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve foam jacking of bridge 64578 approach panels on CSAH 17 to Nissen Slabjacking, Inc. in the amount of \$19,600.

Other Bids Received:

Company	Bid Amount
Expert Concrete Raising	\$24,900.00

ENVIROMENTAL

- On motion by Theis, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agreement for Disbursement of Grant Proceeds for Plum Creek Park expansion project & authorized Board Chair to sign amended disbursement agreement pending County Attorney approval.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Theis, in a roll call vote with Salfer, Theis, Groebner, and Wakefield all voting aye the Board adopted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, drainage ditches and tile systems are essential infrastructure for promoting agricultural activities in Redwood County; and

WHEREAS, the joint Redwood and Brown County Drainage Authority has authorized a petitioned improvement to JD 5; and

WHEREAS, the benefitted property in JD 5 lies primarily within Redwood County; and

WHEREAS, the ditch viewers' estimated project cost for the improvement is \$2,464,077.00 and

WHEREAS, Redwood and Brown Counties both prefer not to incur the cost of financing the project through bonding; and

WHEREAS, Redwood and Brown Counties both have the ability to finance the project through loans from their general revenue funds; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Section 103E.651 Subd 1 provides that the Board shall provide funds to pay the costs of drainage projects; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes section 103E.655 Subd 2 provides that the board may transfer funds from the county general revenue fund to the drainage system account and that interest may be charged for the time the money is actually needed at the same rate per year charged on drainage liens and assessments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Redwood County Board of Commissioners approves the transfer of up to \$2,464,077.00, as needed, from the Redwood County general revenue fund to the JD 5 ditch account for the purpose of paying for the petitioned and approved improvement project to JD 5.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the landowners on JD 5 will be assessed for the full cost of the improvement project as determined in the viewers' report submitted for the improvement and that said assessments will be used to pay back the Redwood County general revenue fund. Assessments paid according to a payment plan, terms to be set by the joint drainage authority for JD 5, will be assessed at the interest rate set by the joint drainage authority.

ADMINISTRATION

- The Board discussed the 2026 Preliminary Levy.

Personnel

- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve hiring Eric Hacker as Correctional Officer LELS Non-Licensed CO/Step 1 \$23.92 effective September 2, 2025, Brooke Aschenbrenner as Correctional Officer LELS Non-Licensed CO/Step 1 \$23.92 effective September 8, 2025, Mandy Rathman as Correctional Officer LELS Non-Licensed CO/Step 1 \$23.92 effective September 15, 2025.

COMMISSIONERS

Wakefield: Ditch Authority JD36, Southwest Health & Human Services, Plum Creek Library System, Budget/Finance Committee

Salfer: Southwest Health & Human Services, Western Mental Health

Groebner: Minnesota Valley Regional Railroad Authority, Friends of Gilfillan

Theis: Budget/Finance Committee, Ditch Authority JD 36

Van Hee: United Community Action Partnership

ADJOURN

- There being no further business, Chair Wakefield declared the meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Rick Wakefield, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: _____
Vicki Kletscher
County Administrator