

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

JULY 14, 2009

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room in the Courthouse, Redwood Falls, Minnesota.

Present for all or portions of the meeting were Commissioners Lon Walling, Gary Dahms, John Schueller and Al Kokesch; Administrator Vicki Knobloch; License Center Director Deb Tholkes; Court Administrator Patty Amberg; Director of Environmental Services Jon Mitchell; Recycling Coordinator Brian Sams; Sheriff Randy Hanson; Assistant County Attorney Eric Silvia; Human Resources Technician Heidi Hennen; Technology Specialist Josh Lueck; Technology Support Specialist Vicky Firle and County Engineer Ernie Fiala. Commissioner Bruce Tolzmann was absent due to illness.

**COUNTY DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

- Tholkes presented the new Habitat for Humanity license plates and updated the Board on activities in the License Center.
- Amberg updated the Board on the status of Drug Court and other activities in the Court Administrator's Office.

**ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY**

- Silvia and Hanson updated the Board on the possible implementation of the Jail "Pay to Stay" option for Redwood County.

**REDWOOD/RENVILLE JOINT RECYCLING FACILITY**

- Discussion was held regarding the Redwood/Renville Counties Operational Study and Joint Recycling Facility Analysis drafted by Foth.

**ADMINISTRATOR**

- The Board reviewed the second quarter departmental overtime report for 2009.
- On motion by Schueller, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following change order for the removal and disposal of 54 LF of existing sidewalk on the west side of the Government Center:

| <b>Trade Contractor</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Sussner Construction    | \$ 1,235.00  |

- On motion by Dahms, second by Kokesch, the Board voted unanimously to approve the removal and replacement of 198 LF of existing concrete sidewalk, excluding curb and gutter, on the north side of Government Center:

| <b>Trade Contractor</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Sussner Construction    | \$ 8,590.00  |

- On motion by Schueller, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to rescind the following motion made at the July 7, 2009, Board meeting:

***Auditor/Treasurer Items:***

- \* *On motion by Schueller, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously set the initial hearing date for August 4, 2009, at 8:45 a.m. for the Lange Petition to Outlet into County Ditch 29 (Lateral U JD #36).*

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

- Hennen updated the Board on the Elected Official option to participate in PERA and Social Security, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 355, which would allow for modification of Minnesota's Social Security §218 Agreement.

## **TECHNOLOGY**

- Lueck presented pricing to utilize fiber as the feed mechanism and upgrade the connection to 10Meg. On motion by Walling, second by Dahms, the Board voted unanimously to approve the utilization of fiber with Redwood County receiving seventy five (75) percent of the bandwidth and pay seventy five (75) percent of the monthly recurring charge at a total cost of \$1,192.50 per month, and Southwest/West Central Higher Education Organization for Telecommunications (SHOT) receiving twenty five (25) percent of the recurring charge. Redwood County will pay all installation costs at a total cost of \$1,540.00.

## **ROAD & BRIDGE**

- Fiala updated the Board on the 2010 budget and discussed Capital Outlay Purchases.

## **COMMISSIONERS**

- The commissioners reported on meetings they attended.

*Dahms*

- SRDC – Annual Meeting
- Soil & Water
- Labor Management Committee

*Schueller*

- Core Planning
- Extension
- Redwood Area School – School Nurse Contract

## **ADJOURN**

- There being no further business, Chair Kokesch declared the meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

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Al Kokesch, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vicki Knobloch  
County Administrator