

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

SEPTEMBER 1, 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, Al Kokesch and John Schueller; Administrator Vicki Knobloch; County Attorney Patrick Rohland; Highway Engineer Ernie Fiala; Recorder Joyce Anderson; Auditor-Treasurer Jean Price; Ditch/Ag Inspector Brent Lang; Director of Environmental Services Jon Mitchell; Recycling Coordinator Brian Sams; City of Clements Mayor Tom Groebner; Ag Society Representatives Keith Lundberg and Jeff Potter; Mike Kearns of CAM; Technology Specialist Josh Lueck; Technology Support Specialist Vicky Firle; Dean Bloemke; Steve Ohlemann; Cindy Sheer; Sherry Brandt; David Molden and Brian Kletscher. Commissioner Bruce Tolzmann was absent due to illness.

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

No one was present for open forum.

On motion by Dahms, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the revised agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

- On motion by Schueller, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
 - August 18, 2009, Board minutes.
 - Per diems totaling \$141.20 for meetings and miscellaneous expenses not listed on the committee list.
 - Payment of bills as follows:

Revenue Fund	\$ 85,905.04
Building Fund	\$ 61,387.48
Ditch Maintenance Fund	\$ 15,597.60
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 28,352.62

RECORDER'S OFFICE

- Anderson updated the Board on the request for repayment of petty cash to the Auditor-Treasurer's Office. On motion by Schueller, second by Dahms, the Board voted unanimously to approve the repayment of petty cash with a check in the amount of \$717.75 and journal entries for \$282.25, leaving a petty cash balance of \$150.00.

DITCH MAINTENANCE LEVIES HEARING

- As per advertisement, at 8:45 a.m. a Public Hearing was held for ditch maintenance levies. On motion by Dahms, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to close the hearing. Price presented the Affidavit of Publication.

- Lang presented the Ditch Maintenance Levies. On motion by Schueller, second by Dahms, the Board voted unanimously to set the Levies as presented.

ADMINISTRATOR

CONSENT AGENDA

- On motion by Walling, second by Dahms, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
 - Quarterly per diem report.
 - RCRC Board Representative Schueller's signature on the RCRC Joint Powers Agreement Addendum.
 - Five (5) year Agreement with Admin Minnesota Materials Management Division's (MMD) Cooperative Purchasing Venture (CPV) making its contracts for commodities and services, as listed on the State of Minnesota's Contract Index, available to Redwood County at no cost.
 - Purchase of an electric range for the Law Enforcement Center Jail kitchen at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00.
 - Ground Lease Agreement with the Redwood County Historical Society.

Personnel Action Items:

- On motion by Schueller, second by Dahms, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resignation of Gail Prokosch, part-time Technical Clerk in the Environmental Office, effective September 7, 2009.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Recycling:

- Sams updated the Board on the 2009 July tonnage and revenue and expenditure reports.
- Sams updated the Board on the upward swing of the recycling market, special events collection at the Redwood County Fair and Farmfest and the Township Recycling Project.
- Sams updated the Board on the recycling shed at the Walnut Grove site. On motion by Walling, second by Schueller, the Board voted unanimously to authorize sale of the recycling shed at Walnut Grove to Redwood County Plum Creek Park for \$1,500.00.
- Sams and Mitchell updated the Board on the Pesticide Container Collection held August 12, 2009.

Solid Waste:

- Mitchell updated the Board on the Redwood/Renville Joint Recycling Project, Rain Barrels for sale and the surplus inventory in the Environmental Office.

Planning and Zoning:

- The Board acknowledged the Redwood County Zoning Ordinance Section 19 Wind Power Management presented for signature.
- Board Chair Kokesch appointed Daniel Tauer to the Board of Adjustment, as recommended by Mitchell.
- Mitchell updated the Board on the success of the summer rights-of-way spraying.

REDWOOD COUNTY AG SOCIETY

- Lundberg and Potter updated the Board on the County Fair. Lundberg presented their funding request of \$40,000 appropriation for five (5) years, or an alternative \$5.00-\$7.00/parcel tax levy.

ROAD & BRIDGE

- On motion by Schueller, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve payment of Road & Bridge bills in the amount of \$70,719.44.
- Fiala updated the Board on the status of the Maintenance Specialist II position, CSAH 2 Project and the Government Center parking lot.
- On motion by Walling, second by Schueller, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Road Closure and Maintenance Agreement between Meadowland Farmers Coop, Redwood County and North Hero Township allowing Meadowland to close County Road 80 and Duncan Avenue for up to one and one-half hours when necessary to connect rail cars.
- On motion by Schueller, second by Dahms, the Board voted, in a three to one vote, with Walling voting nay, to approve the building of the City of Clements/Redwood County Maintenance facility and low quotes of Clements Lumber for materials at a total cost of \$73,689.30, and Gary Steinhaus Construction at a total cost of \$14,840.00. All bids received were as follows:

Building Materials for Maintenance Facility	
Clements Lumber	\$ 73,689.30
Gramstad Lumber	\$ 81,336.42
Redwood Building Center	\$ 82,609.19
Wabasso Building Center	\$ 97,833.27

Erection of Maintenance Facility	
Gary Steinhaus Construction	\$ 14,840.00
G & S Cabinets & Construction	\$ 17,500.00
Everstrong Construction	\$ 22,400.00

CAM

- Tabled action on carpet inserts to September 8, Board Meeting.
- Approved the change order for electricity to the Display Cabinet at the Government Center, not to exceed \$200.

TECHNOLOGY

- Lueck updated the Board on the Professional Services Agreement by Computer Professionals. On motion by Walling, second by Dahms, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Addendum to Agreement to provide Professional Services between Redwood County and Computer Professionals Unlimited, Inc., extending the ending date from March 31, 2013 to March 31, 2015.

- Lueck updated the Board on requests for computers and monitors from several departments. On motion by Walling, second by Schueller, the Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of eight (8) computers and eight (8) monitors to be paid from the 2009 Technology budget on State Contract N3004 at a total cost of \$6,488.16.

GARNETTE GARDENS

- Bloemke requested to extend the Tax Abatement to the proposed expansion of Garnette Gardens of Redwood Falls.
- On motion by Walling, second by Dahms, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED
PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENTS FOR THE GARNETTE GARDENS PROJECT
IN THE CITY OF REDWOOD FALLS**

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Commissioners (the "County Board") of Redwood County, Minnesota (the "County"), as follows:

1. Recitals.

- (a) Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.1812 through 469.1815, both inclusive, authorize the County, upon satisfaction of certain conditions, to grant an abatement of all or a part of the taxes levied by the County on real property within its boundaries.
- (b) It is a legal requirement that the County hold a public hearing prior to adoption of a resolution granting any property tax abatements.

2. Hearing. A public hearing on the consideration of the property tax abatement will be held at the time and place set forth in the Notice of Hearing attached hereto as Exhibit A and hereby made a part hereof.

3. Notice. The County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said hearing in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A to be given one publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the County at least 10 days but not more than 30 days before the hearing. The newspaper must be one of general interest and readership in the County, and the notice must be published at least once.

**EXHIBIT A
REDWOOD COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENTS
FOR THE GARNETTE GARDENS PROJECT IN THE
CITY OF REDWOOD FALLS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Board of Redwood County, Minnesota, will hold a public hearing at 11:30 a.m., on Tuesday, October 6, 2009, to be held at the Redwood County Courthouse, 250 South Jefferson Street, Redwood Falls, Minnesota, on the proposal that the County abate property taxes levied by the County on the property identified as tax parcel number:

Parcel Identification Number: 88-726-0100

The total amount of the taxes proposed to be abated by the County shall not exceed \$5,000 per year for a period of up to 15 years.

The public hearing will also be for the purpose of accepting public comment on the proposed business subsidy to GEAC, LLC pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 116J.993 through 116J.995, inclusive, as amended. A person with residence in, or the owner of taxable property in Redwood County may file a written complaint with the County if the County fails to comply with sections 116J.993 to 116J.995 of Minnesota Statutes, and no action may be filed against the County for the failure to comply unless a written complaint is filed.

All interested persons may appear at the October 6, 2009 public hearing and present their views orally or in writing.

STEVE OHLEMANN

- Ohlemann discussed concerns regarding the noise from the Highwater Ethanol Plant in Lamberton with the Board. Schueller recused himself from the discussion due to conflict of interest.
- The Board took no action.

COMMISSIONERS

- The Board made necessary changes to the Committee Appointment list.
- On motion by Walling, second by Schueller, the Board voted unanimously to provide regular influenza (flu) vaccination, at no cost to employees. The 2009 fall clinic date is to be determined and arranged by Public Health.
- The commissioners reported on meetings they attended.

Walling

- LEC/Technology Meeting
- Vet Cemetery

Schueller

- VSO Hearing
- Radio Board

Dahms

- Regional Dispatch Meeting
- Drug Task Force

Kokesch

- Annual Township Board Meeting
- Road & Bridge Tour
- Highwater Ethanol Open House

ADJOURN

- There being no further business, Chair Kokesch declared the meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Al Kokesch, Board Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: _____
Vicki Knobloch
County Administrator