

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

OCTOBER 20, 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; Attorney Patrick Rohland; Auditor-Treasurer Jean Price; Sheriff Randy Hanson; Human Services Director Patrick Bruflat; Fiscal Supervisor I Lyn Rayburn; EM/Safety Coordinator Jim Sandgren; Mike Kearns and Jim Koski of CAM; Bob VanHee and Boys and Girls County Representative Frank Wilkinson.

Chair Kokesch called the 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 Schueller, the Board voted unanimously to approve the revised agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

- On motion by Walling, second by Dahms, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
 - Amended September 1, 2009, Board minutes.
 - October 6, 2009, Board minutes.
 - October 13, 2009, Board minutes.
 - Payment of bills as follows:

Revenue Fund	\$ 83,448.39
Building Fund	\$ 80,065.14
Ditch Maintenance Fund	\$ 7,468.71
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 2,021.81

- Payment of PHS bills in the amount of \$62,401.70.
- Attendance at the following training:
 - Maintenance Supervisor Loren Gewerth to attend Building Automation – Insight Level I Training in Sioux Falls, SD at an estimated cost of \$132.00.
 - Administrator Vicki Knobloch to attend AMC Annual Conference in Minneapolis at an estimated cost of \$672.00.
 - Human Services Director Patrick Bruflat to attend AMC Annual Conference in Minneapolis at an estimated cost of \$672.00.
 - Sr. Engineering Technicians Jeff Bommersbach and Ryan Becklund to attend Bituminous Street Recertification in Arden Hills for an estimated cost of \$500.00.
 - Sr. Engineering Technicians Jeff Bommersbach and Ryan Becklund to attend Grading and Base Recertification in St. Cloud at an estimated cost of \$500.00.

- Sr. Engineering Technicians Jeff Bommersbach and Ryan Becklund to attend Concrete Field Recertification in St. Cloud at an estimated cost of \$500.00.
- Conference Evaluations submitted by:
 - Patrick Bruflat describing the MACSSA Fall Conference he attended.
 - Kathy Hillmer describing the Fall MAAO Conference she attended.
 - Catie Macken describing the International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) 102 Income Approach she attended.
 - Jan Fenske describing the MFWCAA she attended.
- Per diems totaling \$202.70 for meetings and miscellaneous expenses not listed on the committee list.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

- The Board recognized Support Enforcement Aide Deb Zilka for 5 years and Dispatcher/Jailer Martha Quesenberry for 20 years of service to Redwood County.

ADMINISTRATOR

- On motion by Dahms, second by Schueller, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2010 Flex Plan Service Agreement with SelectAccount.
- On motion by Dahms, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to deny the Tierney Brothers change order to install an equipment rack into the Presenter's Lectern in the Government Center Board room.
- The Board reviewed the third quarter departmental overtime report for 2009.

AUDITOR-TREASURER – JEAN PRICE

- On motion by Schueller, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the cash balance report for September 30, 2009.
- On motion by Walling, second by Schueller, the Board voted unanimously to approve the budget report.
- On motion by Schueller, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the September 2009 disbursements in the amount of \$367,033.45.

HUMAN SERVICES

Personnel Action Items:

- On motion by Walling, second by Dahms, the Board voted unanimously to promote Karla Arends to Social Worker Team Leader, effective November 1, 2009, at Grade 13, Step 7, \$22.07.
- On motion by Schueller, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to authorize advertising for the Part-Time Social Worker vacancy.
- Bruflat updated the Board on the MACSSA Fall Conference he attended.
- Bruflat updated the Board on the Multi-County Collaboration meetings he has been attending.

Consent Agenda

- On motion by Schueller, second by Dahms, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following consent agenda:
 - Budget report.
 - Out of Home Placement report.
 - Licensing report.
 - Caseload Summary.
 - Social Welfare & Special Projects Funds transactions and balances.
 - Human Services expenditures of current month in the amount of \$354,013.70 and Director's action expenditures subsequent to last month's Board meeting in the amount of \$46,673.38.

SHERIFF

- Hanson updated the Board on Redwood County Jail population for September 2009.
- On motion by Dahms, second by Schueller, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PLAN FOR**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATION WITHIN REDWOOD COUNTY**

WHEREAS, it is a basic responsibility of the County to provide for the health and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has issued regulations which require the replacement of wideband Land Mobile Radio (LMR) systems operating in the Very High Frequency (VHF) and Ultra High Frequency (UHF) spectrum by 2013; and

WHEREAS, public safety agencies throughout the country, including public safety agencies within Redwood County, have relied upon wideband LMR systems to provide vital public safety communications for law enforcement, fire, emergency medical services, public works, disaster response and other vital government services; and

WHEREAS, the County has worked with the Southwest Minnesota Regional Radio Board (SWRRB), of which it is a participating member, to complete a comprehensive assessment of public safety communication within the County; and

WHEREAS, the County has been presented with a public safety communication assessment (hereinafter "Assessment") conducted by Federal Engineering, Incorporated, which included an assessment of the alternatives that exist for the County to replace the public safety communication infrastructure within the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Redwood County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the Assessment as an assessment of public safety communication needs within the County and of the alternatives that reasonably exist to replace the public safety communication infrastructure within the County, and be it further;

RESOLVED, that the Redwood County Board of Commissioners view the Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response (ARMER) participation alternative specified in the Assessment as an appropriate option for the County to replace the public safety communication infrastructure within the county, and be it further;

RESOLVED, that the Redwood County Sheriff (hereinafter "Sheriff") is instructed to develop a participation plan (hereinafter "Plan") to begin examining the benefits and

costs of the migration of and participation of all county and local governments and public safety agencies located and operating within the County to the ARMER public safety communication system, and be it further;

RESOLVED, that the Plan developed by the Sheriff shall include and provide for an accurate proposed budget for the integration of public safety agencies to the ARMER public safety communication system, for competitive bids documents, proposals for local enhancements or improvements required for county participation, and proposed contracts for equipment and services necessary to complete the integration of public safety agencies to the ARMER public safety communication system, and be it further;

RESOLVED, the Assessment providing the basis of this action shall be submitted to the SWRRB with a recommendation that the Assessment be reviewed the SWRRB and, if appropriate, incorporated into the SWRRB regional public safety communication plan, and that the Sheriff is authorized to submit the Assessment and the Plan to the SWRRB, to the Minnesota Departments of Transportation and Public Safety and to the Statewide Radio Board, as may be necessary, to gain final approval for the County participation in the ARMER public safety communication system as provided for in the Plan.

RESOLVED, that the Redwood County Board of Commissioners intends by this resolution that following the creation of the Plan, the County Board will review the proposed budget for the integration of public safety agencies to the ARMER public safety communication system, the competitive bids documents, the proposals for local enhancements or improvements required for county participation, and the proposed contracts for equipment and services necessary to complete the integration of public safety agencies to the ARMER public safety communication system, and make a determination at that time whether migration to the ARMER public safety communication system is in the County's best interest.

- On motion by Schueller, second by Dahms, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Access Easement Agreement with St. Mathias Church of Willow Lake.
- Hanson updated the Board on the pay-to-stay program and informed them of a case before the Minnesota Supreme Court that could determine whether counties can charge inmates for their time behind bars.

BOYS & GIRLS COUNTY

- Wilkinson gave a presentation on Boys and Girls County Day. On motion by Walling, second by Dahms, the Board voted unanimously to set Boys & Girls County Day on Tuesday, April 6, 2010.

CIRCLE SENTENCING

- Rohland updated the Board on the process that will need to be taken to implement Circle Sentencing in Redwood County. On motion by Dahms, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to designate funding of up to \$60,000.00 per year for 3 years to implement Circle Sentencing, with funding of up to \$60,000.00 in 2010 to be paid out of the designation of fund balance and to add a budget line item for years 2011 and 2012.

CLOSED SESSION – NEGOTIATIONS

- At 11:42 a.m., on motion by Dahms, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Present were the four Commissioners, Rohland and Knobloch. The closed session ended at 12:15 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS

- The commissioners reported on meetings they attended.

Schueller

- Plum Creek Library System
- RSVP
- MN River Board
- RCRCA
- PSAP
- MN Energy Board
- Building Committee

Walling

- Redwood/Renville Joint Recycling
- Private Industry Council
- SHIP
- Technology
- EDA

Dahms

- Soil & Water (SWCD)
- AMC Policy Meeting
- Service Enterprises
- MN Valley Rail Authority

Kokesch

- RCRCA
- Habitat for Humanity

ADJOURN

- There being no further business, Chair Kokesch declared the meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

Al Kokesch, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: _____
Vicki Knobloch
County Administrator