

## REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

DECEMBER 22, 2009

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

Present for all or portions of the meeting were Commissioners Lon Walling, Al Kokesch, Gary Dahms, Priscilla Klabunde and John Schueller; Administrator Vicki Knobloch; Social Worker Shandra Bavier; MN Valley Rail Coalition Finance Chair Scott Blumhoefer and Marketing Director Mark Erickson; Director of Human Services Patrick Bruflat; Fiscal Supervisor Lyn Rayburn; Sheriff Randy Hanson; County Attorney Patrick Rohland and Recycling Coordinator Brian Sams.

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

On motion by Schueller, second by Dahms, the Board voted unanimously to approve the December 15, 2009, minutes.

### **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

- The Board recognized Assessor/Auditor-Treasurer Accountant Julie Zimmermann for 5 years, Registered Nurse Kayla Moe for 15 years and Highway Office Manager/Accountant Nancy Schmidt for 35 years of service to Redwood County.
- The Board recognized new Redwood County Employees, part-time Social Worker Shandra Bavier and Maintenance Specialist 1 Greg Boettger.

### **MINNESOTA VALLEY RAIL COALITION**

- Blumhoefer and Erickson presented the Stakeholders and Railroad Rehabilitation reports and updated the Board on the future plans of the Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Coalition.

### **ADMINISTRATOR**

- On motion by Dahms, second by Schueller, the Board voted unanimously to approve a Resolution setting Elected Officials salaries and to freeze the Commissioners' Salaries at the 2009 rate, which reads as follows:

#### **REDWOOD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

- The County Board shall, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 375.055, annually set the salary of the County elected officials.

- **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the salaries of the County elected officials be set for 2010, as listed below:
 

County Recorder	\$ 61,867.44
County Auditor-Treasurer	\$ 72,203.04
County Attorney	\$ 78,425.28
County Sheriff	\$ 82,392.48
County Commissioners	\$ 26,915.00
- **FURTHER**, that the salary of the County officials be paid in 24 installments.
- **FURTHER**, that a maximum per diem (per day) rate of \$75.00 shall be granted to Redwood County Commissioners for service on any board, committee or commission that has been approved by the full board; for special meetings of the County Board; for attendance at conferences and education/training sessions; and for performance of services as an individual Commissioner relating to the execution of the duties of the Office of County Commissioner. At the discretion of each Commissioner, a lesser per diem amount may be charged.
- On motion by Schueller, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Interruptible Gas Sales Service Agreement to have natural gas delivered to Redwood County by Great Plains Natural Gas Company.
- On motion by Schueller, second by Dahms, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:

#### **RESOLUTION FOR COUNTRY SNO RIDERS GRANT**

- **BE IT RESOLVED** that Redwood County act as the legal sponsor for an application for funding to the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for Maintenance of snowmobile trails managed by Country Sno Riders.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that upon approval of its application by the state, Redwood County may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above referenced project and that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations stated in the agreement.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chair of the Redwood County Commissioners is authorized to sign such an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Auditor-Treasurer is authorized to serve as the fiscal agent for the above mentioned project.
- On motion by Schueller, second by Dahms, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2010 County Liquor License "Off Sale" 3.2 Beer Application for Staples Oil Co., Inc. dba: Expressway Sanborn.
- On motion by Walling, second by Klabunde, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request of the addition of the State Bank of Lucan as a depository.

#### ***Commissioner Items:***

- The Board reviewed the Committee Appointments list.

#### **HUMAN SERVICES**

- Bruflat presented an overview of the AMC Conference he attended December 6-9, 2009.
- On motion by Walling, second by Klabunde, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Board Chair's signature on Redwood County contracts with the following organizations, pending approval by the County Attorney:

- Western Community Action for the provision of transportation services at IRS Federal mileage Rate plus .15 cents per mile for administrative cost.
- Project Turnabout for outpatient CD treatment program located in Redwood Falls.
- Redwood County Attorney for welfare fraud.
- U-Care to delegate the following case management functions, Minnesota Senior Health Options, Minnesota Senior Care Plus, and reporting obligations for the agency.
- U-Care to remove U-Care Care Connect Case Management from the agreement.
- Western Mental Health Center for the provision of outpatient mental health services.
- Western Mental Health Center – Contract Addendum for clinical supervision for agency case managers.
- Brown County Evaluation Center for detox services.
- New Horizons Crisis Center for supervised visitations.
- Redwood County Sheriff for welfare fraud investigations.
- Greater Minnesota Family Services for family support services and assistance for those children transitioning to adulthood.
- MN River Area Agency on Aging for reimbursement for providing transition to housing with services consultations.
- Redwood County Attorney.
- Western Mental Health Center for community support program for mentally ill adults.
- Bruflat updated the Board on the modifications of the General Assistance Medical Care – GAMC that will be addressed at the upcoming legislative session.
- Bruflat updated the Board on the Region 6 Human Services Redesign Planning Project and the redesign options available.

***Consent Agenda***

- On motion by Dahms, second by Walling, 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.

**SHERIFF**

- Hanson updated the Board on Redwood County Jail population for November 2009.
- On motion by Klabunde, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the contract with the City of Morgan to provide Law Enforcement Services, effective January 1, 2010, to March 31, 2010.
- On motion by Schueller, second by Dahms, the Board voted unanimously to approve the contract with the City of Wabasso to provide Law Enforcement Services, effective January 1, 2010, to June 30, 2010.

- On motion by Dahms, second by Schueller, the Board voted unanimously to authorize Board Chairs' signature on the Professional Services Agreement with Alpha Wireless Communications, Co. to prepare a participation plan for full integration into the ARMER backbone system.
- Rohland and Hanson updated the Board on the pay to stay program and discussed reasonable fees for inmates who are not on the work release program. The Board directed Hanson to work with Rohland to locate collection agencies for the pay to stay program and present them at the January 5, 2010, Board meeting.
- On motion by Dahms, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Brown-Lyon-Redwood Drug Task Force Joint Powers Agreement.

***Personnel Action Items:***

- On motion by Schueller, second by Dahms, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Sheriff's request to hire Adam Heiny as part-time dispatcher/jailer, effective December 28, 2009, at Jailer Dispatch 1, Step 1, \$13.59.

**ENVIRONMENTAL**

- Sams updated the Board on the shared order of earth machine compost bins and recycling containers with other counties to save shipping costs. On motion by Walling, second by Schueller, the Board voted unanimously to approve the order of earth machine compost bins and recycling containers from Norseman Environmental Products, at a cost not to exceed \$10,125.00.

**RURAL MN ENERGY BOARD/METROPOLITAN ENERGY POLICY COALITION**

- On motion by Walling, second by Klabunde, the Board voted unanimously not to participate in the possible development of a Wind Energy Conversion System (WECS) to be located in Lyon County.
- No action was taken on the resolution to pass legislation allowing Counties to form taxable "Blocker" Corporations for the purpose of developing a WECS.

**COMMISSIONERS**

- The commissioners reported on meetings they attended.

*Klabunde*

- RSVP
- Law Library
- Southwest Mental Health
- Ag Forum

*Walling*

- Private Industry Council

*Schueller*

- RSVP
- Planning & Zoning

Dahms

- MN Valley Rail Authority

**ADJOURN**

- There being no further business, Chair Kokesch declared the meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

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Al Kokesch, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners

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