

## REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

MAY 5, 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; Highway Department Office Manager/Accountant Nancy Schmidt; Director of Environmental Services Jon Mitchell; Highway Engineer Ernie Fiala; Recycling Coordinator Brian Sams and County Attorney Patrick Rohland. Commissioner 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 Schueller, second by Dahms, the Board voted unanimously to approve the revised agenda.

On motion by Walling, second by Dahms, the Board voted unanimously to approve the April 21, 2009, minutes.

On motion by Dahms, second by Schueller, the Board voted unanimously to approve the April 28, 2009, minutes.

### **CONFERENCES**

- On motion by Schueller, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to authorize attendance at the following training:
  - Sheriff Randy Hanson to attend the Minnesota Sheriff's Association Conference in Alexandria at an estimated cost of \$712.00.
  - Deputy Sheriff Mark Farasyn to attend the MSA Chief Deputy Conference in Alexandria at an estimated cost of \$733.25.
  - Recorder Joyce Anderson to attend MN County Recorder's Association Conference in Breezy Point at an estimated cost of \$1000.00.
  - The Board reviewed conference evaluations submitted by Human Service Director Patrick Bruflat and Social Workers Danna Trebesch and Nadine Marzolf describing the MSSA Conference she attended March 24-27, 2009.

### **PER DIEMS**

- Per diems submitted by the commissioners totaling \$111.80 for meetings and miscellaneous expenses (not listed on the committee appointment list) were presented for approval. After review, on motion by Dahms, second by Schueller, the Board voted unanimously to approve the list of per diems and submit for payment.

**BILLS**

- On motion by Schueller, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve payment of bills as follows:

Revenue Fund	\$ 17,969.62
Building Fund	\$ 21,112.40
Ditch Maintenance Fund	\$ 227.30
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 4,445.92

**ADMINISTRATOR**

- Discussion was held regarding the draft Joint Powers Agreement between Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area (RCRCA) and the counties of Brown, Cottonwood, Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Pipestone, Redwood and Yellow Medicine.
- Knobloch informed the Board of the Veteran Service Office request to close the office on May 19 for training on the Virtual Veterans system. On motion by Walling, second by Schueller, the Board voted unanimously to close the Veteran Service Office on May 19, 2009, for training.
- Discussion was held regarding the Rural Minnesota Energy Board resolution. On motion by Schueller, second by Dahms, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Rural Minnesota Energy Board and the Metropolitan Energy Policy Coalition have been pursuing a joint wind energy production project; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed project is to be two wind generators located at the Lyon County Landfill; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the goal of the Rural Minnesota Energy Board to raise \$2 million in long term financing for the project and \$1.2 million in short term construction financing to be offset by the Production Tax Credit or Investment Tax Credit; and

**WHEREAS**, Redwood County is a member of the Rural Minnesota Energy Board;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Redwood County agrees in principal to the concept of capital investment in said wind energy project; Redwood County will examine each proposed project and may be willing to invest in such project after examining the pro forma and taking into account the financial conditions of the County and the project potential benefit to the citizens of Redwood County.

***Personnel Action Items:***

- On motion by Walling, second by Schueller, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request of Financial Assistance Supervisor Linda Hansen to participate in Redwood County's early retirement policy 6.16 and to waive the 90 day notice of intent to retire provision.
- Recommendations from the Redwood County Policy Advisory Committee were presented. On motion by Schueller, second by Dahms, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following changes to the Redwood County Personnel Policy: Section 3.10 Promotion; Section 6.01.1.e Compensation; revisions from Personnel Committee to Policy Advisory Committee where necessary.

- On motion by Schueller, second by Dahms, the Board voted unanimously to hire Josh Lueck as Technology Specialist effective May 6, 2009, at Grade 12, Step 2 \$38,314.00/year and upon successful completion of the six month probationary period to Grade 12, Step 3 \$39,275.00/year due to experience.
- On motion by Dahms, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to accept the resignation of Technology Support Specialist Josh Lueck effective May 6, 2009.
- On motion by Dahms, second by Schueller, the Board voted unanimously to authorize posting for the Technology Support Specialist vacancy.
- On motion by Walling, second by Dahms, the Board voted unanimously to approve the job description for the Social Worker Team Leader and set the salary at grade 13.
- On motion by Dahms, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to authorize internal posting for the Social Worker Team Leader.
- On motion by Schueller, second by Dahms, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Sheriff's request to hire David Hester as full-time Deputy Sheriff, effective May 15, 2009, Grade DSI 1, Step 1 \$18.41.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

### ***Recycling:***

- Sams updated the Board on the March 2009 Monthly Recycling Report.
- Sams updated the Board on the award of the Recycling Bin Grant for 140 20 gallon recycling bins.
- Sams and Mitchell discussed the purchase of a truck and 2 roll-off containers. On motion by Walling, second by Dahms, the Board voted unanimously to permit this purchase at an auction with cost not to exceed \$30,000 for the truck and not to exceed \$2,400 for the each roll-off container, to be paid from the solid waste fund.
- Sams updated the Board on the upward trend of the recycling market.
- Sams updated the Board on the progress of the joint Redwood/Renville County Solid Waste feasibility study.
- Sams updated the Board on the Township Recycling Project in Brookville and Delhi Townships.

### ***Environmental:***

- Sams and Mitchell recapped the success of the Appliance/Bulb Collection recycling event held on April 22, 2009 and reminded the Board of the HHW Mobile Collection to be held May 13, 2009, and the Electronics Collections to be held May 28, 2009.

## **PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Mitchell presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission.
- A Conditional Use Permit # 5-09 of Robert Pagel and Richard Pagel for extending the operation of an existing gravel pit located in the south half of the southwest quarter of Section 18 of Underwood Township. On motion by Walling, second by Schueller, the Board voted unanimously to approve CUP # 5-09 to Robert Pagel and Richard Pagel for the extension of an existing gravel pit, with thirteen (13) conditions.

- A Conditional Use Permit # 6-09 of Eunice Anderson for the operation consisting of mining, processing, crushing and storage of gravel on a seven acre site in the southeast quarter of Section 32 of Lamberton Township. On motion by Schueller, second by Dahms, the Board voted unanimously to approve CUP # 6-09 to Eunice Anderson for the operation of mining, processing, crushing and storage of gravel, with fourteen (14) conditions.

## **ROAD & BRIDGE**

- On motion by Dahms, second by Schueller, the Board voted unanimously to approve payment of Road & Bridge bills in the amount of \$39,446.00.
- Schmidt and Fiala presented the Highway Department's 2008 Annual Report. On motion by Schueller, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Annual Report as presented.
- On motion by Dahms, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 5 Year Bridge Replacement Resolution as follows:

### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Redwood County has determined that the following deficient bridges on the CSAH, County Road and Township systems are a high priority and require replacement or rehabilitation within the next five (5) years,

BRIDGE NO	ROAD NO.	EST PROJ COST	FED FUNDS	CSAH FUNDS	TWP BR FUNDS	PR TAX FUNDS	BOND FUNDS	SUFF RATING
L-6878	Springdale 137	80,000	-0-	-0-	70,000	10,000	-0-	40.0
L-6909	Springdale 166	80,000	-0-	-0-	20,000	10,000	50,000	45.5
92190	CSAH 17	226,000	-0-	103,000	-0-	20,000	103,000	48.3
89866	Co. Rd. 51	325,000	-0-	-0-	-0-	65,000	260,000	54.3
5812	CSAH 15	504,000	-0-	252,000	-0-	-0-	252,000	55.3
5839	CSAH 10	242,000	-0-	121,000	-0-	-0-	121,000	59.1
L-6920	North Hero 178	202,000	-0-	-0-	192,000	10,000	-0-	59.8
L-6869	North Hero 127	165,000	-0-	-0-	-0-	35,000	130,000	59.9
L-8550	Willow Lake 149	270,000	-0-	-0-	80,000	20,000	170,000	64.0
L-6929	Sheridan (Harvest Ave)	120,000	-0-	-0-	110,000	10,000	-0-	65.0
L-6918	Granite Rock 176	176,000	-0-	-0-	76,000	-0-	100,000	58.3
2629	CSAH 8	236,000	-0-	118,000	-0-	-0-	118,000	66.9
L-6910	Springdale	150,000	-0-	-0-	75,000	-0-	75,000	70.0
L-6807	Swedes Forest 100	100,000	-0-	-0-	80,000	20,000	-0-	60.7
89802	CSAH 4	225,000	-0-	125,000	-0-	-0-	100,000	58.7

89826	CSAH 8	380,000	-0-	200,000	-0-	-0-	180,000	77.8
89859	CSAH 31	1,500,000	-0-	500,000	-0-	-0-	1,000,000	52.0
5601	CSAH 6	620,000	-0-	370,000	-0-	-0-	250,000	53.3
89828	CSAH 10	300,000	-0-	200,000	-0-	-0-	100,000	54.2
94129	CSAH 7	150,000	-0-	150,000	-0-	-0-	-0-	54.5
89819	CSAH 8	315,000	-0-	215,000	-0-	-0-	100,000	67.7
93517	CSAH 5	150,000	-0-	150,000	-0-	-0-	-0-	67.7
92859	CSAH 45	150,000	-0-	150,000	-0-	-0-	-0-	67.8
92189	CSAH 1	150,000	-0-	150,000	-0-	-0-	-0-	67.9
L1976	New Avon 102	150,000	-0-	-0-	130,000	20,000	-0-	70.0
L-8551	Waterbury 73	200,000	-0-	-0-	180,000	20,000	-0-	72.0
L8557	Waterbury 196	250,000	-0-	-0-	230,000	20,000	-0-	72.0
L6822	Redwood Falls 38	150,000	-0-	-0-	130,000	20,000	090	71.0
92194	CSAH 101	250,000	-0-	250,000	-0-	-0-	-0-	76.0

**WHEREAS**, local roads play an essential role in the overall state transportation network and local bridges are the critical component of the local road systems, and **WHEREAS**, State support for the replacement or rehabilitation of local bridges continues to be crucial to maintaining the integrity of the local road systems and is necessary for the County and the Townships to proceed with the replacement or rehabilitation of the high priority deficient bridges described above, and **WHEREAS**, Redwood County intends to proceed with the replacement or rehabilitation of these bridges as soon as possible when State Transportation Bond Funds are available,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Redwood County commits that it will proceed with the design and contract documents for these bridges immediately after being notified that Funds are available in order to permit construction to take place within one year of notification.

- On motion by Walling, second by Schueller, the Board voted unanimously to accept the following resolution:

**DRAINAGE STRUCTURE REPLACEMENT RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS** in accordance with Chapter 5 - Local Roads - of the Minnesota Department of Transportation Action Plan, the County Board met in Public Session on May 5, 2009, to establish additional priorities for an ongoing County-wide Bridge Replacement Program, and

**WHEREAS** the Township of Westline has submitted a written resolution requesting that a certain bridge be included in the County prioritization process,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the following bridge be programmed for replacement under the various federal and state participation programs:

Structure No. L-6811 over Jud. Ditch #31, on Westline Twp. Rd. 15, 0.5 Mi. West of Jct. CR 57 on the North line of Sec. 10, T111N,

R39W, of the 5th Principal Meridian in Westline Township, Redwood County, Minnesota.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that in the event of the above replacement being scheduled for the use of Federal Aid Off-System funds that the Commissioner of Transportation be and hereby is authorized and requested to take such steps and perform such acts on behalf of the County of Redwood as may be necessary to have the construction and improvement of the bridge properly approved by the Commissioner of Transportation as Federal Aid Off-System Road projects eligible for the expenditure of Federal Funds thereon and eligible for present construction and the letting of a contract therefore.

- On motion by Dahms, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed 5 year Construction Plan for the Highway and Bridge Construction.
- Fiala updated the Board on the Joint Lower Sioux/County CSAH 2 project.
- Fiala updated the Board on the construction and maintenance projects being performed throughout the county.
- Fiala presented the bids opened May 4, 2009, for County wide reflectorized Pavement Markings on paved roads. After an audit of the bids, on motion by Schueller, second by Dahms, the Board voted unanimously to award the bid to low bidder AAA Striping Service Co., in the amount of \$72,654.60. All bids received were as follows:

AAA Striping Service Co.	\$72,654.60
Traffic Marking Service	\$77,373.50
Swanston Equipment	\$87,780.75

## COMMISSIONERS

- The commissioners reported on meetings they attended.

### Walling

- Public Safety Training
- RMEB
- Dispatch

### Schueller

- Armer Towers
- Core Planning-Government Center
- District VIII - EMS
- AMC Legislative Conference

### Dahms

- MN Valley Railroad
- Service Enterprises
- MIC Parade

### Kokesch

- Farmfest
- Strategic Planning

**ADJOURN**

- There being no further business, Chair Kokesch declared the meeting adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

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Al Kokesch, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners

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