

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

JULY 7, 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; Auditor-Treasurer Jean Price; Deputy Recorder Tanya Cook; Assessor Kathy Hillmer; Land Use and Zoning Supervisor Kelly Heather; Technology Specialist Josh Lueck; Mike Kearns of CAM; Chris Ziemer and John McNamara of WOLD Architects; Minnesota West Representatives Linda DeGriselles, Diane Graber and Michael Van Keulen; RADC Director Julie Rath; Birk Juul; Historical Society Representatives Scott Larson, Troy Krause and Gary Revier and AFSME Union Representative Matt Miller. 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.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- On motion by Schueller, second by Dahms, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
  - Revised July 7, 2009, agenda.
  - June 16, 2009, Board minutes.
  - June 16, 2009, Board of Equalization minutes.
  - Per diems totaling \$185.90 for meetings and miscellaneous expenses not listed on the committee list.
  - Payment of bills as follows:

Revenue Fund	\$ 130,730.67
Building Fund	\$ 278,817.91
Ditch Maintenance Fund	\$ 51,916.66
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 14,056.34

**CARETAKER HOME ON MUSEUM SITE**

- Larson and Revier held discussion with the Board on whether the rental house located on the Redwood County Museum site should be repaired or demolished. The following bids were presented:

<b>Demolition Costs</b>	Schmidt Construction	\$ 5,300.00
<b>Repair Costs</b>	John Moore Construction	\$ 5,252.60

- On motion by Dahms, second by Walling, the Board voted, in a three to one vote, with Schueller voting nay, to proceed with the repair of the rental house and split the costs with the Historical Society with a total cost to Redwood County of \$3,501.74.

**ADMINISTRATOR**

- On motion by Walling, second by Schueller, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2009 Budget Adjustments as presented.
- On motion by Schueller, second by Dahms, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Joint Powers Agreement between the Counties serviced by Lincoln Pipestone County Rural Water System to Guarantee a Bond.
- On motion by Walling, second by Dahms, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Milroy Public and Milroy Area Charter school contracts.
- On motion by Dahms, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:

**Redwood County support of \$10,000,000 2010 Bonding Bill for Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority Rail Rehabilitation and Capital Improvement Project**

- **WHEREAS**, Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority (MVRRA) oversees the operation of 94.7 miles of short line railroad that extends from Norwood Young America in Carver County to Hanley Falls in Yellow Medicine County; and
- **WHEREAS**, The rail line is vital to many businesses including the agricultural industry in Carver, Sibley, Renville, Redwood, and Yellow Medicine Counties; and
- **WHEREAS**, The railroad track is in poor condition and needs continued rehabilitation funding; and
- **WHEREAS**, the MVRRA is requesting \$10,000,000.00 to be included in the State of Minnesota's 2010 Bonding Bill for continued rehabilitation of the track;
- **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Redwood County Board of Commissioners, strongly supports the capital request made by the Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority for track rehabilitation.
- On motion by Schueller, second by Dahms, the Board voted unanimously to approve the City of Redwood Falls' Agreement for Prosecution Services engaging the County Attorney's Office to prosecute violations that arise under state law which occur within the jurisdiction of the City beginning August 1, 2009, through November 30, 2010, or upon the completion Mr. Collins' leave of absence.
- On motion by Schueller, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to declare the Sheriff's department surplus ammunition as excess property and authorized sale to political subdivision or a licensed firearm dealer.
- On motion by Dahms, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Board Chair's signature on the Tatanka Bluffs Corridor, Inc. Letter of Support for a grant to assist in the redevelopment and enhancement of the Minnesota River Canoe Trail.
- The card access installation was tabled until the July 21, 2009, Board meeting.
- On motion by Dahms, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the co-sponsorship for Farmfest, in the amount of \$1,500, to be paid from the EDA budget.

***Consent Agenda:***

- On motion by Schueller, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
  - Inspection Checklist for Lake Laura submitted by Area II Minnesota River Basin Projects, Inc.
  - Data Practices Procedure Policy as presented.

- Acknowledgement of Receipt of Wellhead Protection Plan submitted by the City of Redwood Falls.

***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).

***Personnel Items:***

- On motion by Schueller, second by Dahms, the Board voted unanimously to hire Vicky Firlie as Technology Support Specialist effective July 8, 2009, at Grade 10, Step 1 \$15.34/hour.
- On motion by Dahms, second by Schueller, the Board voted unanimously to accept the resignation of Craig Huirus, effective June 9, 2009, pursuant to Redwood County Personnel Policy 5.09.

**PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Heather presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission.
- A Conditional Use Permit # 8-09 of Meadowland Farmers Co-op for the installation of two sections of railroad track each one (1) mile long, with an access road between them, located in the North half of Section 29 of North Hero Township. On motion by Schueller, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve CUP # 8-09 to Meadowland Farmers Co-op for installation of two sections of railroad track, with seven (7) conditions.
- Heather reminded the Board of the Planning and Zoning meeting to be held July 27, 2009, regarding the Redwood County Zoning Ordinance on Wind Power Management.

**TECHNOLOGY**

- Lueck presented bids for the three (3) Building Cabling Infrastructure upgrade to include Human Services, Public Health/Probation and Highway. Upon recommendation by Elert & Associates, on motion by Schueller, second by Dahms, the Board voted unanimously to award the bid to low bidder All State Communications at a total cost of \$75,644.00. All bids received were as follows:

All State Communications	\$ 75,644.00
Parsons Electric	\$ 88,727.00

**CLOSED SESSION**

- At 9:30 a.m., on motion by Schueller, second by Dahms, the Board voted unanimously to enter into closed session for the discussion of a pending litigation. The closed session ended at 9:48 a.m.
- No action was taken by the Board.

**ROAD & BRIDGE**

- On motion by Schueller, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve payment of Road & Bridge bills in the amount of \$91,899.40.

- Fiala updated the Board on CSAH 2 re-construction project, park activities, construction and maintenance projects being performed throughout the County.
- Fiala updated the Board on the request by the City of Revere to assist with street repair. By consensus, the Board agreed with the assistance to the City of Revere.

### CAM & WOLD ARCHITECTS

- On motion by Dahms, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following change order for two (2) coats of paint for the entire exterior of the Government Center:

<b>Trade Contractor</b>	<b>Total</b>
Steve & Son's, LLC	\$ 8,694.00

- On motion by Walling, second by Schueller, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following change order for sidewalk and asphalt work at the Government Center:

<b>Trade Contractor</b>	<b>Total</b>
Sussner Construction	\$ 3,360.00

- On motion by Walling, second by Dahms, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following change order for installation of conduit for the phone cables in the Government Center:

<b>Trade Contractor</b>	<b>Total</b>
L and S Electric	\$ 390.00

- On motion by Schueller, second by Dahms, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following change order for cabinet revisions in the Government Center:

<b>Trade Contractor</b>	<b>Total</b>
Northwest Cabinets, Inc.	\$ 4,983.35

- On motion by Dahms, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following change order for additional exterior lights in the Government Center:

<b>Trade Contractor</b>	<b>Total</b>
L and S Electric	\$ 1,044.00

- On motion by Walling, second by Dahms, the Board voted unanimously to authorize WOLD to acquire quotes for additional survey work for the Law Enforcement Center.

### COMMISSIONERS

- The Board reviewed and made necessary changes to the Committee Appointments for 2009.

- The commissioners reported on meetings they attended.

Walling

- Technology Committee
- Collaborative
- Joint Recycling Feasibility Study
- EDA Revolving Loan Fund

Schueller

- Core Planning
- Joint Recycling Feasibility Study
- RSVP
- Region VIII Dispatch
- Preventing Fraud
- Radio Board

Dahms

- EDA/RADC

Kokesch

- Area II
- Historical Society
- Tribal Pre-Summit

**ADJOURN**

- There being no further business, Chair Kokesch declared the meeting adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

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Al Kokesch, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners

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