

## REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

April 12, 2011

The Board of County Commissioners met for a regular work 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, Priscilla Klabunde, Sharon Hollatz, John Schueller, and Al Kokesch; Administrator Vicki Knobloch; 4-H Coordinator Shelly Kooima; Auditor-Treasurer Jean Price; Ditch/Ag Inspector Brent Lang; Environmental Director Jon Mitchell; Office Manager/Lead Clerk Angel Nelson; Land Use and Zoning Supervisor Brian Balstad; Highway Engineer Willy Rabenberg; County Attorney Steve Collins; Sentence to Serve Coordinator Jerry Bohm; Court Services Officers Bob Johnson, Duane Frank, Marsi Salvati and Lori Anderson.

### **COUNTY DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

- Frank presented a Department of Corrections flyer regarding their mission, statistics and programs offered to clients and updated the Board on the history of the Probation Office.
- Kooima updated the Board on the fruit sales, food stand renovation at the fairgrounds and other activities in the Extension Office.

### **DITCH REDETERMINATION CRITERIA**

- Price and Lang updated the Board on the ditch account balances and the percentage that the ditches have been levied over the years. They also recommended a criteria list be developed to begin the selection process for a redetermination schedule of ditches. By consensus, the Board agreed on the redetermination criteria list as follows:
  - 1) Ongoing maintenance necessity.
  - 2) Negative ditch account balances.
  - 3) Levy will not cover negative account balances and the ditch is in need of repair.
  - 4) Age of the ditch system.
  - 5) History of the overall operating expenses and needs.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT ANNUAL PERCENTAGE REVIEW**

- Discussion was held regarding the breakdown and billing of ditch hours worked and vacation and sick hours. Auditor-Treasurer Price requested the minutes reflect she does not agree that vacation and sick hour distribution be allocated from the ditch system, rather the time spent on each ditch be allocated accordingly.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL – RECYCLING**

- Discussion was held regarding a draft Joint Powers Agreement of Minnesota Valley Resource Recovery Board with Renville County in conjunction with the legislation being introduced by Senator Dahms for the possibility of a Redwood/Renville Solid Waste Joint Recycling Facility.

### **HIGHWAY ENGINEER – WILLY RABENBERG**

- Rabenberg reviewed the Redwood County Highway Department Five (5) Year Plan with the Board.
- Rabenberg updated the Board on the road maintenance costs for District 5, Belview area.
- Rabenberg discussed options for possible reorganization of the Redwood County Highway department.

**BREAK**

- The Board recessed for lunch and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

**SENTENCE TO SERVE**

- Bohm updated the Board on the status of the Sentence to Serve Program.

**OTHER ITEMS**

- The Board reviewed the 2010 Annual Per Diem Report.

**ADJOURN**

- There being no further business, Chair Walling declared the meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

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Lon Walling, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners

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Vicki Knobloch  
County Administrator