

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

APRIL 19, 2011

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, John Schueller, Priscilla Klabunde and Al Kokesch; Administrator Vicki Knobloch; Auditor-Treasurer Jean Price; Attorney Steven Collins; Emergency Management Director/Safety Coordinator Jim Sandgren; Sheriff Randy Hanson; Human Services Director Patrick Bruflat and Fiscal Supervisor I Lyn Rayburn. Commissioner Hollatz was absent.

Chair Walling called the meeting to order asking for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On motion by Schueller, second by Klabunde, the Board voted unanimously to approve the revised agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

- On motion by Schueller, second by Kokesch, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
 - April 5, 2011 Board minutes.
 - April 12, 2011 Board minutes.
 - Payment of bills as follows:

Revenue Fund	\$ 94,936.61
Building Fund	\$ 6,522.89
Ditch Maintenance Fund	\$ 9,769.48
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 2,568.41

- Payment of PHS bills in the amount of \$53,343.35.
- Per diems totaling \$55.40 for meetings and miscellaneous expenses not listed on the committee list.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

- The Board recognized Financial Worker Sandy Ourada, Deputy Sheriff Court Security William Labat and Veteran Service Officer Manager Tammy Blaine for 5 years of service to Redwood County.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR/SAFETY COORDINATOR

- Sandgren updated the Board on the flood damages throughout the County.
- On motion by Schueller, second by Kokesch, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING A PRESIDENTIAL DECLARATION
OF A MAJOR DISASTER**

WHEREAS, the County of Redwood has sustained severe losses of major proportion, caused by river flooding starting March 15, 2011 or before and continuing.

WHEREAS Redwood County is a public entity within the State of Minnesota; and
WHEREAS substantial damage has been sustained to public and private property; and
WHEREAS the cost of recovery from this disaster is beyond the resources available within the county, and the state and federal resources are necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners, for and on behalf of the citizens of Redwood County, request the Governor of the State of Minnesota to petition the President of the United States to declare the County of Redwood, Minnesota, to be a major disaster area, through appropriate channels.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this request is for:

1. The Public Assistance (infrastructure Support) and Individual Assistance Programs as offered under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.
2. The Hazard Mitigation Program, as offered under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Redwood County Emergency Management Director is authorized to coordinate the damage survey teams with local government, and assist in the administration of the

AUDITOR-TREASURER

Consent Agenda

- On motion by Kokesch, second by Klabunde, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
 - Cash Balance Report.
 - Budget Reports.
 - March Disbursements in the amount of \$508,514.39.
 - Investment Summary.

ADMINISTRATOR

- The Snowmobile Trails and Assistance Program Maintenance and Grooming grant application request by the Minnesota Valley Snow Riders was tabled to the May 3, 2011 meeting.
- Knobloch presented the affidavit of publication for bids received and opened on April 12, 2011, for the elevator modernization project in the Courthouse, an alternate was bid to upgrade the car cab finishes. On motion by Schueller, second by Klabunde, the Board voted unanimously to approve the low quote of Everstrong Construction with a base bid of \$101,078 for the elevator modernization project and an alternate bid of \$7,060 for the cab finish upgrades. All bids received were as follows:

BIDDER NAME	ELEVATOR MODERNIZATION	ALTERNATE #1 CAB FINISHES
Everstrong Construction	\$ 101,078	\$ 7,060
Salonek Construction, Inc.	\$ 102,120	\$ 7,300
Chester Contracting	\$ 118,000	\$ 7,700
Sussner Construction, Inc.	\$ 139,800	\$ 4,000

- On motion by Schueller, second by Kokesch, the Board voted unanimously to approve Board Chairs' signature on the contract with Everstrong Construction for the Courthouse elevator modernization project with a base bid of \$101,078 and an alternate 1 bid of \$7,060.
- On motion by Schueller, second by Kokesch, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:

**Minnesota Accountable Government, Innovation and Collaboration (MAGIC) Act
Redwood County Board Resolution of Support**

WHEREAS, Minnesota is consistently placed at or near the bottom of national measures that assess the capacity for local government innovation in all 50 states,

WHEREAS, Minnesota and its counties face significant demographic trends that will require innovative approaches to program delivery in order to adequately meet the growing and changing needs of citizens;

WHEREAS, counties with innovative ideas should be provided the requisite opportunity and flexibility to successfully implement those ideas so as to best serve their communities,

WHEREAS, counties across Minnesota boast significant geographic, demographic and economic diversity that thus requires maximum flexibility in programmatic implementation,

WHEREAS, counties are willing and able to identify, implement and methodically verify increased programmatic efficiencies through a process that will cultivate and sustain a strong and trusting state-local partnership, and

WHEREAS, transitioning to an outcomes-based system of program evaluation is in the best interest of every Minnesota citizen and government that desires to maximize public resources and enhance the quality of life in their community to the fullest extent possible,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that Redwood County recommends that the Legislature and governor work cooperatively with all 87 counties to swiftly pass the MAGIC Act into law during the 2011 legislative session, thus implementing a system that will enhance and incent local government efficiency and innovation throughout Minnesota by:

1. Allowing counties to take any action not prohibited by state law to provide for the health, safety and general welfare of the public; and
2. Creating a measured, outcomes-based waiver process whereby counties, in partnership with the legislative and executive branch of state government, can implement efficiency-based, time-limited pilot programs that are subject to final review by the Legislature and governor and will create a repository of best practices so as to improve long-term policy decisions across the state.

Personnel Items

- On motion by Kokesch, second by Klabunde, the Board voted unanimously to accept the resignation of Administrative Assistant Jodi Bunting, effective April 22, 2011.
- On motion by Klabunde, second by Schueller, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request to hire Ryan Hansch as Assistant County Attorney, effective May 16, 2011, at Grade 16, Step 1 \$24.93.

Commissioner Items

- The Board reviewed the Committee Appointments for 2011 and Chair Walling made necessary changes.

HUMAN SERVICES

- On motion by Kokesch, second by Klabunde, the Board voted unanimously to approve the grant contract with the Minnesota Department of Human Services Disability Services Division in the amount of \$3,166 for the purchase of lap top computers.

Consent Agenda

- On motion by Schueller, second by Klabunde, 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 \$315,321.13 and Director's action expenditures subsequent to last month's Board meeting in the amount of \$34,477.85.
- By consensus, the Board agreed to direct Administration to submit a formal request to Southwest Health and Human Services to begin exploration and feasibility of entering into a Joint Powers Agreement between Redwood County Human Services and SWHHS.

CLOSED SESSION – REAL ESTATE

- At 9:33 a.m., on motion by Kokesch, second by Klabunde, the Board voted unanimously to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing real estate. Present were the four Commissioners, Knobloch and Collins. The closed session ended at 9:45 a.m.
- No action was taken.

COMMISSIONERS

- The commissioners reported on meetings they attended.

Kokesch

- Historical Society
- Nurse Family Partnership
- Clements Post Office Meeting

Walling

- STS

Klabunde

- Southwest Consortium
- Plum Creek Library
- Blueprint for Public Health

Schueller

- Extension
- RCRC

ADJOURN

- There being no further business, Chair Walling declared the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Lon Walling, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: _____
Vicki Knobloch
County Administrator