

## REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

March 8, 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, John Schueller, and Al Kokesch; Administrator Vicki Knobloch; Assessor Kathy Hillmer; Public Health Director Genie Simon; Nursing Supervisor Marie Meyers; Public Health Nurse Barb Billmeier; MN Valley Rail Coalition Finance Chair Scott Blumhoefer; WOLD Representative John McNamara; Maintenance Director Loren Gewerth; Drug Task Force Representative Jeff Hohensee; Sheriff Randy Hanson; Restorative Justice Coordinator Mark Triplett; and Justin Guggisberg.

### **COUNTY DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

- Hillmer updated the Board on the agriculture land sales, the local Board of Appeal meetings she will be attending, the addition of three townships added to the department, upcoming PACE Course conference and other activities in the Assessor's Office.

### **PUBLIC HEALTH – EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

- Simon, Meyers, and Billmeier updated the Board on the Emergency Preparedness program management transitioned from a previously contracted Bioterrorism Coordinator back into each core public Health agency as of August, 2010; seasonal flu clinics and other activities in the Public Health.

### **COURTHOUSE ELEVATOR UPGRADE**

- McNamara updated the Board on the status of the Courthouse Elevator Modernization project and informed the Board of the project schedule.

### **MINNESOTA VALLEY RAIL COALITION**

- Blumhoefer presented the status of the Railroad Rehabilitation; updated the Board on the future plans of the Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Coalition.

### **DRUG TASK FORCE**

- Hohensee updated the Board on the Brown-Lyon-Redwood-Renville Drug Task Force, noting the joining of Renville County in January 2011, and discussed the future funding needs of the Drug Task Force.

### **RESTORATIVE JUSTICE UPDATE**

- Triplett updated the Board on the four circles that are currently running; the status of circle participants; the many volunteer hours donated and the success of the overall program; introduced program development ideas for 2011.

### **MPCA CAPITAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM LEGISLATIVE DISCUSSION**

- The Board held discussion regarding the possible legislative bill being introduced under the MPCA Capital Assistance Program for the construction of a joint materials recovery facility.

**COMMISSIONERS**

- The commissioners reported on meetings they attended.

Walling

- Labor-Union Management sub-committee

Schueller

- Area II
- ARMER Sales Tax Exemption Legislative testimony
- Annual Township Meetings

**ADJOURN**

- There being no further business, Chair Walling declared the meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

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Lon Walling, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners

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Vicki Knobloch  
County Administrator