

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

July 12, 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, Priscilla Klabunde, Sharon Hollatz, John Schueller, and Al Kokesch; Administrator Vicki Knobloch, County Attorney Steve Collins; Auditor/Treasurer Jean Price; Assessor Kathy Hillmer; Sheriff Randy Hanson; Highway Engineer Willy Rabenberg; Land Use and Zoning Supervisor, Brian Balstad; Restorative Justice Coordinator, Mark Triplett; Drug Court Coordinator, Mahlon Mace; Mike P., Drug Court Participant; Veteran Service Officer Marty Caraway; Technology Specialist Josh Lueck; Loren Schmidt; Belview City Clerk Lorie Ryer; Emergency Management Coordinator Jim Sandgren; RADC Economic Development Specialist Julie Rath; Cheri Nelson, Redwood Area Schools Technology Coordinator; Leonard Runck, Red Rock Central Technology Coordinator; Bill Coleman, Community Technology Advisor; Chuck Robasse, Integrity Bank; Laura Olson

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

An open forum was held at which time Loren Schmidt presented concerns regarding noxious weeds. No action was taken.

RESOLUTION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY

- Sandgren updated the Board on recent storm damage.
- On motion by Hollatz, second by Klabunde, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution Declaring a State of Emergency

**WHEREAS the tornadic winds impacted the population of Redwood County and its cities; and
WHEREAS the tornadic wind event has caused a significant amount of public property damage; and
WHEREAS the Redwood County Department of Emergency Management requests the Redwood County Board of Commissioners to declare Redwood County in a STATE OF EMERGENCY for the July 1 event of 2011;**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Redwood County Board of Commissioners declares Redwood County in a State of Emergency for conditions resulting from the tornadic winds event of July 1, 2011.

Adopted by the Redwood County Board of Commissioners this 12th day of July, 2011.

- Hillmer updated the Board on assessment for disaster and destroyed properties. Damaged property of greater than 50% will need to be assessed. Discussion was held regarding driving to sites or possibly conducting a fly over by plane and related costs.
- Lorie Ryer, Belview City Clerk, reported on storm damage and emergency efforts. She expressed appreciation to Redwood County for their assistance.

COUNTY DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- Triplett updated the Board on the statistics of Circle Sentencing for the last year and other activities in the Restorative Justice Department.
- Mace updated the Board on activities of the Southwest Community Drug Court.

BROADBAND INITIATIVE

- Rath and Coleman (via teleconference) updated the Board on the Broadband Assessment of Redwood County.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

- Rabenburg updated the Board on ROW CSAH 2 Project. Research and appraisals to be completed for September Board Proposals.

- Rabenburg discussed Motor Grader Replacement of a 1989 model. Approval would be preferred in August to insure staff to be trained on new controls. Rabenburg stated the need to establish a rotating equipment replacement schedule.
- Rabenburg updated the Board on CSAH 1 Work; WSN Proposal Bridge Work; Sign Truck maintenance needed; and storm damage to the Redwood County Maintenance building roof.
- Rabenburg noted that DOT staff is being reduced. The state is suggesting that scales be purchased for State Patrol cars.

PLANNING AND ZONING

- Balstad reviewed the County Expedited Process, Chapter 394 Public Notice of ten days for public hearing and discussed proposed revisions to Wind Tower Ordinances.

VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE

- Caraway and Olson presented a Funding Request for the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Project, which provides assistance to past and present veteran families. On motion by Kokesch, second by Schueller the Board approval of \$2,500 from reserves for initial start-up funds for the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Project.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

- Anderson, Price, Hanson, and Collins held discussion with the Board on the present and future roles of Elected Officials with Redwood County.

OTHER ITEMS

- The Board reviewed the second quarter overtime report.
- Denise Kerkhoff was the winner of the drawing for a combination flagpole and American Flag donated by American Legion Post 38 for those who registered at the Redwood County Board of Commissioners booth at the Redwood County Fair.

ADJOURN

- There being no further business, Chair Walling declared the meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

Lon Walling, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: _____
Vicki Knobloch
County Administrator