

RED LAKE COUNTY
Regular Meeting Held April 9, 2019

Pursuant to adjournment of its regular meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in regular session at the courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on April 9, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Commissioners present: Dudycha, Flage, Remick, Simpson and Weiss. Chairman Weiss called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Flage moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dudycha and carried unanimously.

New hired County Engineer Eric Hove was in attendance to introduce himself to the County Board members. Hove began his employment with Red Lake County on Monday April 8, 2019. Hove informed that his previous experience was as an Assistant County Engineer with Clay County Highway Department in Moorhead, MN for two years, and prior to that Mr. Hove worked for a private engineering firm. Hove's contract with the county is for a 4 year period.

Sheriff Bernstein met with the board to request approval of a resolution for state emergency assistance funds for the spring flood damages incurred. Bernstein informed that the county has met the \$7,700.00 threshold to qualify for reimbursement of 75% of its incurred costs. However, if damages do exceed (7) seven million statewide then the federal government will provide 100% reimbursement to the affected counties. Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve **Resolution No. 04-01-19** "Declaring a State of Emergency" as follows:

WHEREAS, the overland and river flooding on 04/06/19 through 04/08/19 has caused roadway damage to several public roadways in Red Lake County and has caused significant damage to Old Treaty Crossing Park and this has impacted the population of Red Lake County, its Township and its cities; and

WHEREAS, the flooding event has caused a significant amount of public property damage; and

WHEREAS, the Red Lake County Department of Emergency Management requests the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners to declare the County in a STATE OF EMERGENCY for the overland flooding event of 2019;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners declares Red Lake County in a State of Emergency for conditions resulting from the overland flooding, causing roadway and public park damage on April 6, 2019 through April 8, 2019.

Al Page, the county representative to the Red Lake Watershed informed that the Watershed District will close the control gates on the Schirrick Dam on Wednesday April 10th to reduce the downstream flooding in the Crookston and East Grand Forks/Grand Forks areas.

Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on March 26, 2019 as presented.

MN Dot State Aid Engineer Lou Tasa was present to provide an update on the Towards Zero Death (TZD) program. TZD has been in operation for the past few years; its focus is on informing the public on seat belt usage and distracted driving while operating a motor vehicle. The program is an initiative of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety whom partners with several state and local agencies to provide for safer roadways. Tasa mentioned that MN Dot and counties do projects such as rumble strips, intersection lighting, slope grading, flashing stop signs, turning lanes, etc. to provide additional awareness and safety to drivers.

Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve the following expenditures for the period:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Auto Value Parts Store	\$ 2,287.11
City of Crookston	5,000.00
Counties Providing Technology	3,901.00
Inter County Nursing	5,614.25
K & K Trucking	19,152.50
Lafayette High School	10,000.00
M & R Signs Co, Inc.	6,654.74
Mactek Systems, Inc.	2,490.00
MN Counties Computer	2,227.15
Norman County Auditor/Treasurer	15,175.60
Northwest Regional Library	6,683.00
Red Lake County Co-op	28,882.97
Red Lake County Treasurer	3,017.50
Safety Compliance Service	4,200.00
Treasurer School District #2906	10,000.00
Tri County Corrections	46,490.75
University of MN Extension	19,496.61
45 vendors less than \$2,000	<u>12,471.44</u>
TOTAL	\$203,744.62

The motion includes the following additional bills: \$900.00 to MN IT Services; \$158.34 expenses and \$320.00 per diem to Chuck Flage; \$28.42 expenses and \$210.00 per diem to Allen Remick.

Wayne Violette, Red Lake Falls Ambulance representative, met with the County Board to present the ambulance income/expense report for 2018 and to discuss funding options for ambulance service operations. Currently the county allocates an annual amount of \$29,000.00 to the ambulance service. Violette mentioned some counties collect an annual assessment against each household in the county to fund ambulance operations. Several ideas were discussed such as: the amount of household assessment, how to assess apartment complexes, whether to assess a fee against an absentee landowner, and should the county tax levy be increased to provide the additional revenue. Violette is also looking into grant funding and other sources and will return at a later meeting to provide an update.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Meeting/Report</u>
Simpson:	None.
Flage:	Regional Development TAC meeting Warren.
Dudycha:	None.
Remick:	SWCD-reviewed proposed projects, etc. Attended annual County Safety training; a Compensation Study Committee meeting, and a NW Mental Health meeting in Crookston.
Weiss:	Participated in the Compensation Study Committee session and a Census 20/20 meeting. NW Regional Development-approved bills, reviewed equipment inventory, Grants, and the Aging Director duties. Tri County Community Corrections-reviewed jail usage reports and financials, and revenue was \$110,000 in March for jail bed space rental.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned to April 23, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest: _____
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Ron Weiss, Chair, Board of Commissioners