

PROCEEDINGS OF THE RED LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 22, 2023

Pursuant to adjournment of its last meeting, the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in regular session at the Courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on August 22, 2023, at 10:00 am.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Remick called the meeting to order. Commissioners present were Al Remick, Chuck Flage, Tony Gerardy, and Ron Weiss. Eric Mickelson was not present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Commissioner Weiss, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda.

MINUTES

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Commissioner Gerardy, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on August 10, 2023.

EXPENDITURES

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

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Davidson Construction	\$699,628.84
Polk County Highway Department	\$38,724.66
Red Lake County Co-op	\$2,385.00
Ryan’s Backhoe Service	\$2,890.00
Saber Shred Solutions Inc	\$2,096.50
12 Payments less than \$2000	<u>\$6,484.12</u>
TOTAL	\$752,209.12

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following commissioner/committee reports were shared:

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Meeting/Report</u>
Gerardy	Northwest Household Hazardous Waste Board, RLCSWCD
Flage	Intercounty Nursing
Weiss	Tri-County Community Corrections
Remick	Tri-County Community Corrections, Interviews with Extension Educator applicants

SHERIFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sheriff Mitch Bernstein met with the board to present the new police contracts for the four cities as well as discuss a proposed rate increase. Bernstein noted that a rate increase has not occurred within the last five years. Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Commissioner Weiss, and carried unanimously to approve the new policing contract.

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The board discussed the topic of a cannabis use ordinance that had been brought up at the previous meeting. County Attorney Tanner Holten informed the board that the next step would be to hold a public hearing on the proposed ordinance. It was decided that the hearing would be held at 9am on September 12th before the next regular board meeting.

HR ANNOUNCEMENTS

HR Manager Angie Lundeen met with the board to discuss holiday pay for part-time employees. Multiple part-time employees have voiced their concern over not being paid holiday pay while full-time employees are. The board decided to table the decision until more research can be done into the matter.

AUDITOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Auditor Kelsey Gervais met with the board to provide an update on the County’s application to the State for funding for the upcoming ventilation and cooling project at the courthouse. Gervais and Chief Deputy Auditor Kyle Thibert had met with members of the Senate Capital Investment Committee at UMC to advocate for state funding for the ongoing courthouse project. The House of Representatives members of the Capital Investment Committee will be coming to the courthouse on September 14th for a tour.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Gerardy, seconded by Commissioner Flage, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 12:12 p.m. The next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

Attest: _____
Kelsey Gervais, County Auditor

Allen Remick, Chairman
Board of Commissioners