

PROCEEDINGS OF THE RED LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 13, 2024

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 February 13, 2024, at 10:00 am.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gerardy called the meeting to order. Commissioners present were Eric Mickelson, Tony Gerardy, Ron Weiss, and Chuck Flage. Al Remick was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

HOSTING AGREEMENT

Social Services Director Kristi Nelson presented the board with a hosting agreement from Clay County to utilize their computer services for 2024. Commissioner Mickelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Flage, and carried unanimously to approve the agreement.

HIGHWAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Highway Engineer Taylor Amiot informed the board that 4 miles of CSAH 1 needs mill and overlay work done. MNDOT has approved the project, and the highway department will soon begin accepting bids.

Amiot informed the board that the rugs in both the highway department and the courthouse need replacement. Amiot presented the board with quotes for new rugs as well as monthly cleaning services. The board agreed that the most cost-effective option would be to purchase new rugs. Amiot will present the board with an updated quote later.

Amiot informed the board that the highway department's skid steer will need replacement soon. Amiot advised that since the skid steer has been recently repaired, the County should trade it in now before the value continues to depreciate. The board agreed and was in favor of Amiot getting quotes from Ziegler Cat and John Deere.

Amiot informed the board that he would like to pursue a \$300,000 grant through the Public Land Survey System for replacing surveying monuments in Red Lake County. The grant would cover the cost of only one township, so Amiot will determine which township is most in need of the service. The board was in favor of the grant and instructed Amiot to begin the application process.

Amiot requested that a license be purchased for software that would allow the County to add layers to the GIS system for county roads, ditch systems, etc. Amiot also suggested looking into training from AE2S Engineering of Grand Forks so changes to the GIS system could be made in house. The board was in favor and requested more information.

EMPLOYEE LONGEVITY

HR Director Angie Lundeen informed the board that Recorder Joyce Paquin is eligible for a longevity bonus increase after working 25 years for the County. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Commissioner Flage, and carried unanimously to approve the longevity bonus increase.

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MINUTES

Commissioner Mickelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Flage, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the meeting on January 23rd, 2024.

EXPENDITURES

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

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
City of Crookston	\$5,000.00
Lakehead Trucking, Inc.	\$3,899.00
Mactek Systems Inc.	\$12,607.50
Ziegler Cat	\$3,037.38
20 payments less than 2000	<u>\$9,983.60</u>
TOTAL	\$34,527.48

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Flage- Northwest Regional Transportation Coordination Council

Weiss- AFRAN

Gerardy- RLC Soil and Water Conservation District, Northern Counties Land Use Coordinating Board

AUDITOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Auditor Kelsey Gervais informed the board that Congresswoman Michelle Fischbach is planning a visit to Red Lake Falls on Thursday, February 22nd at 10am and would like to meet with the board to discuss any issues they would like to bring to her attention.

Gervais informed the board that the County will be receiving \$164,290.00 in affordable housing aid for 2023 and 2024 from the State. Gervais has reached out to the Northwest Minnesota Multi-County HRA and the Northwest Minnesota Foundation to see if any of the programs the County participates in are eligible to receive the funding.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Flage, seconded by Commissioner Mickelson, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 am. The next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Attest: _____
Kelsey Gervais, County Auditor

Tony Gerardy, Chairman
Board of Commissioner