

The Red Lake County Welfare Board met on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at 4:00 pm and adjourned at 4:50 pm.

The following Board members were present:

Ron Weiss
Eric Mickelson
Anthony Flage

General Business:

Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Mickelson moved to approve the amended agenda.

Commissioner Flage seconded the motion.

Upon being put to a voice vote, the motion prevailed all yeas and no nays.

Reading of the Minutes

Commissioner Flage moved that the January 17, 2024, minutes be approved as presented.

Commissioner Mickelson seconded the motion.

Upon being put to a voice vote, the motion prevailed all yeas and no nays.

Administrative Bills:

Commissioner Mickelson moved to approve the administrative bills as presented.

Commissioner Flage seconded the motion.

Upon being put to a voice vote, the motion prevailed all yeas and no nays.

Informational Items:

Director Nelson asked for constituent concerns to be brought forward. No concerns were raised.

Director Nelson provided a director's report of activities since the last board meeting.

Director Nelson reported that the county van was sold at auction for \$6750. A check minus fees in the amount of 6243.75 will be sent next Monday from McKercher Auctioneers.

Director Nelson reported that the Adult Protective Services MDT meeting had been scheduled to resume. The group was in place prior to COVID. Sarah Kollin, Adult Services Team Lead, is taking the lead on the project. Meetings will be held the third Thursday of the month from 1:30-3:00.

Director Nelson provided an update on the Clay County hosting agreement for Caseworks. Notice was received from Clay County that they are unable to continue hosting other counties past CY2024. RLCSS will be transitioning this service to NCT AZURE GovCloud Service. The cost is 20% greater than the previous cost through Clay County. After FFP, the cost differential will be \$1100 more annually. RLCSS is hoping to begin migration as of June 2024. Both entities (Clay County & NCT) have agreed that costs will be prorated for months of service provided if RLC migrates before the end of December.

Discussion/Decision Items:

Director Nelson requested a Department Head meeting to be scheduled to discuss prioritizing and updating county wide policies that have become outdated. Commissioners will request a meeting to be scheduled in March/April.

Peggy Nord, Eligibility Supervisor, presented an updated Emergency Assistance (EA) policy. Supervisor Nord was requesting a decrease in the total allowable amount per eligible family due to the overall decrease in funding received for CY2024.

Commissioner Flage motioned to approve the amended EA policy as presented.

Commissioner Mickelson seconded the motion.

Upon being put to a voice vote, the motion prevailed all yeas and no nays.

Director Nelson reviewed the quotes and examples provided by Salo Signs & More to replace the exterior signage in the front of the Social Service building. The total bid with installation was \$1200.

Commissioner Flage motioned to approved the bid and sign selection to replace the existing signage.

Commissioner Mickelson seconded the motion.

Upon being put to a voice vote, the motion prevailed all yeas and no nays.

Director Nelson requested to purchase an OWL Labs meeting equipment package to upgrade the agency's current microphone/video system that is no longer usable. The proposed new system cost is \$1049 and is a system that is widely used throughout other regional agencies.

Commissioner Flage motioned to approved the purchase of the OWL Labs meeting equipment package.

Commissioner Mickelson seconded the motion.

Upon being put to a voice vote, the motion prevailed all yeas and no nays.

Director Nelson discussed a bill received from the State of MN (DTC) that had been received. The agency will be discussing the total cost with MNDTC-DHS prior to payment as there is a dispute regarding the number of days billed.

Agency Unit Reports:

Handouts reviewed.

BE IT RESOLVED, the foregoing record is a true and accurate re-cording of the official actions and recommendations of the county welfare Board and as such, constitutes the official minutes thereof. Payment of assistance relief and claims indicated in those minutes is hereby ordered. The question was on the adoption of the resolution; and the roll being called there were 3 YEAS and 0 NAYS as follows:

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| Ron Weiss | YEA |
| Eric Mickelson | YEA |

Anthony Flage

YEA

Meeting Date: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Social Services Building.



Acting Chairperson



Secretary