

PROCEEDINGS OF THE RED LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 28, 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 February 28, 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. Others present were Kelsey Gervais, Kyle Thibert, Matt Swendra, Jeremy Johnson, Mike Lacoursiere, Mike Flaagan, and Angie Lundeen. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

County Highway Engineer Mike Flaagan met with the board to discuss the options for the upcoming joint highway project with the City of Red Lake Falls. Flaagan proposed a truck bypass to divert high speed traffic away from Hamilton Avenue and the elementary school. The board requested that Flaagan contact the current landowner of the proposed bypass before proceeding with a decision.

Flaagan also discussed the upcoming Brooks mill and overlay project that is scheduled to start in 2024. When the project is taking place, the City of Brooks would like to reconstruct a storm sewer that isn't draining properly. Flaagan mentioned that the Highway Department has enough state aid funds remaining to cover the cost of the additional work, although the City may need to pay for a portion of the new storm sewer.

Jeremy Johnson from the Highway Department met with the board to discuss the condition of the fuel dispensing system at the Red Lake Falls shop. The equipment is beginning to fail and will need to be replaced in the near future. The possibility of contracting with Red Lake County Co-op for fuel service instead of replacing the existing system was discussed. The board requested Red Lake County Co-op be contacted for pricing before a decision is made.

EXPENDITURES

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

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Moore Engineering	\$9,690.00
6 payments less than \$2000	<u>\$2,792.25</u>
TOTAL	\$12,482.25

MINUTES

Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Commissioner Flage and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the regular meeting February 28, 2023.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following commissioner/committee reports were shared:

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Commissioner

Meeting/Report

Gerardy

Highway Department, Extension Service

Weiss

Tri County Community Corrections, Red Lake Watershed District

Flage

Intercounty Nursing, MRC

Remick

Alluma

AUDITOR COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Auditor Kelsey Gervais met with the board to request a new computer for the Auditor's office. The computer is needed to replace the current system of handwriting receipts for the County. Commissioner Gerardy motioned, seconded by Commissioner Flage to approve the purchase of a new computer.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HR Manager Angie Lundeen met with the board to request approval for her own annual step increase from Step 7 to 8, as well as increase her longevity pay from \$20 to \$40 per pay period. Commissioner Gerardy motioned, seconded by Commissioner Weiss and carried unanimously to approve the step change and longevity pay increase.

It was also discussed with the board about replacing the 3rd floor fire exit door in the courthouse. Lundeen had requested a quote from Thief River Paint and Glass for materials and installation. Commissioner Flage motioned, seconded by Commissioner Weiss to approve the purchase and subsequent installation.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Flage, seconded by Commissioner Weiss and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m. The next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest: _____
Kelsey Gervais, County Auditor

Allen Remick, Chairman
Board of Commissioners