

RED LAKE COUNTY
Regular Meeting Held June 25, 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 June 25, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Weiss called the meeting to order. Commissioner Dudycha was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Al Page the County Representative to the Red Lake Watershed Board was present to provide an update of some of the activities of the Watershed District. Page mentioned that an individual installed a culvert and entrance without a permit from the Watershed District and was instructed to remove it, but to date has not followed directive. A certified letter is being mailed to the landowner to complete by July 24, 2019 or the Watershed District will hire a contractor to remove the culvert and entrance. The landowner will then be billed for all costs incurred.

Page also mentioned that Loren Sanderson will be retiring in October 2019; bid letting for the West Side Flood Damage Reduction Project will occur later in 2019, and the Black River Impoundment project did not receive funding during the recent legislative session.

County Engineer Erik Hove met with the board regarding the 5-year deficient bridge replacement list. Hove stated that staff have completed the required annual bridge inspections on the county and township roads within the county. A map was distributed listing the location of the deficient bridges. MnDot requires that the County Board approve a resolution prioritizing the removal, replacement, or rehab of bridge structures. Hove informed that the resolution is intended to show the bridge funding need for the county, and the order of work is not binding at this time and is subject to change. Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Remick and carried by unanimous vote to approve **Resolution No. 06-01-19** “Prioritized Bridge Replacement List” as follows:

WHEREAS, Red Lake County has reviewed the pertinent data on bridges requiring replacement, rehabilitation, or removal, supplied by local citizenry and local units of government, and

WHEREAS, Red Lake County has identified those bridges that are high priority and that require replacement, rehabilitation, or removal within the next five years;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following deficient bridges are high priority and Red Lake County intends to replace, rehabilitate, or remove these bridges as soon as possible when funds are available,

Old Bridge Number	Road Number or Name	Total Project Cost	Township or State Bridge Funds	Federal Funds	Local or State Aid Funds	Proposed Construction Year
93661	CSAH 12	\$200,000	\$0		\$200,000	2019
L6365	Twp 135	\$130,000	\$110,000		\$20,000	2019
L5702	Twp 179	\$130,000	\$110,000		\$20,000	2019
63501	CSAH 13	\$1,000,000	\$0		\$1,000,000	2020
L0818	CAR 126	\$200,000	\$180,000		\$20,000	2021
63J02	Twp 167	\$130,000	\$110,000		\$20,000	2022
5407	Mun 12	\$150,000	\$150,000		\$0	2023
L5700	Twp 49	\$130,000	\$110,000		\$20,000	2023

FURTHERMORE, Red Lake County does hereby request authorization to replace, rehabilitate, or remove such bridges; and

FURTHERMORE, Red Lake County does hereby request financial assistance with eligible approach grading and engineering costs on township bridges, as provided by law.

The Board Chairman and County Auditor are authorized to sign the document. A complete document is available at the County Highway Department.

SS Director Kristi Nelson met with the board regarding a resolution supporting the recommendation of Red Lake County Social Services to approve Blue Cross Blue Shield as the Managed Care Organization (MCO) to provide managed health care services in Red Lake County. Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Remick and carried by unanimous vote to approve **Resolution No. 06-02-19** "Procurement of Managed Health Care Services". The Board Chairman is authorized to sign the document. A complete copy is available at the County Social Services office.

County Assessor Nancy Amberson met with the board to present two requests from the City of Red Lake Falls for abatement of property taxes on Parcel No. 17-3067-000 (\$2,164.00) and Parcel No. 17-3100-000 (\$3,026.00) for the payable 2019 year. The homes were considered hazardous and unsafe to live in and were purchased by the city through a FEMA Grant Program. The City of Red Lake Falls acted as the fiscal agent. Amberson stated that in most cases a city is exempt from property taxes. The property transfer deadline per State Statute was July 1, 2018 to qualify for tax exemption by the city, but the transfer or closing from the owners to the city did not occur until October and was not recorded until November 2018, therefore property taxes were generated. There was a lengthy discussion. Commissioner Remick moved and seconded by Simpson to deny the City of Red Lake Falls requests for tax abatement for taxes payable in 2019 on Parcel No. 17-3067-000 and Parcel No. 17-3100-000 but to waive any penalties if the tax is paid by July 31, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

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

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Houston Engineering, Inc.	\$ 4,280.25
ReadiTech IT Solutions	2,523.50
University of MN Extension	19,496.61
Vendors less than \$2,000.	<u>6,554.68</u>
TOTAL	\$32,855.04

The motion includes the following added expenditures: \$180.82 to Dacotah Paper; \$335.35 to AT&T; \$799.39 to Garden Valley Telephone; \$137.25 to Richards Publishing; \$83.52 expenses and \$140.00 per diem to John Dudycha; \$18.56 expenses and \$140.00 per diem to Al Remick.

County Auditor Schmitz presented the County Board with information on a post-election review conducted May 15, 2019 by the Secretary of State's Office of one of the county's precincts. Wylie Township was randomly selected as one of the 32 precincts in the state to undergo a review. Schmitz commented the review went very well. The Secretary of State Office commended the County Auditor's Office for its exceptional knowledge, leadership and experience in conducting Red Lake County elections as documented by a review of the 2018 election materials, documents, procedures and forms.

Auditor Schmitz informed the board of a request from Attorney Stephan Larson of Reynolds, Harbott, Knutson, & Larson. Attorney Larson informed that he is working with a couple individuals in transferring title of some properties purchased from Red Lake County. Larson is requesting that a resolution be approved thereby ratifying that the County had the authority back in year 2010 to sell, transfer, or dispose of real property (abandoned railroad land) in Red Lake County to the landowners bordering the old railroad. The abandoned railroad, located in the townships of Lake Pleasant and Red Lake Falls, was donated to the County, and on August 24, 2010 the County Board approved sale of 21

parcels to adjacent landowners. Larson is recommending that all adjacent parcels/landowners be listed in the resolution thereby allowing for clear title transactions in the future. Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Remick and carried by unanimous vote to approve **Resolution No. 06-03-19** "Authorize Sale/Disposal of Real Property" by the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners thereby ratifying the transfers of the properties back in year 2010. A complete resolution is available at the County Auditor's office. The Chairman and County Auditor are authorized to sign the document.

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Simpson and carried by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on June 11, 2019 and the Board of Appeals and Equalization held on June 19, 2019.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Meeting/Report</u>
Simpson:	None.
Flage:	AMC District III meeting at Red Lake Falls City Hall.
Remick:	Red Lake River Corridor JP Board meeting discussing a grant between the partners for several projects along the river route; AMC District III, and NW Mental Health in Crookston.
Weiss:	Area Aging Agency-Land Dancing Sky discussing Pre-Admission Screening Grant, reviewed bills and programs update. Attended AMC District III.

Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Remick and carried by unanimous vote to close the regular board meeting at 11:14 a.m. to discuss Local 49 Union negotiations. The regular board meeting was reopened at 11:39 a.m. HR Director Lundeen mentioned that the next union negotiation meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned to July 9, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest: _____
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Ron Weiss, Chair, Board of Commissioners