

PROCEEDINGS OF THE RED LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 14, 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 March 14, 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, Jeremy Johnson, Mike Lacoursiere, Mike Flaagan and representatives from Olson Construction, Davidson Construction, Triple D Construction, Gladen Construction and RJ Zavoral. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

POPLAR RIVER TOWNSHIP PROJECT BIDS

Bids were collected until 10 a.m. for the upcoming culvert replacement project in Poplar River Township. Jeremy Johnson from the Highway Department opened and announced the bids as follows:

- Olson Construction- \$176,170.00
- Davidson Construction- \$169,860.00
- Triple D Construction- \$179,485.20
- Gladen Construction- \$163,740.00
- RJ Zavoral- \$181,482.00

Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Commissioner Gerardy, and carried unanimously to accept Gladen Construction’s bid for the Poplar River Township culvert project.

VICTIM SERVICES ANNOUNCEMENTS

Crime Victim Advocate Kelly Rogalla met with the board to discuss a grant that is being written to receive federal funding for her department, instead of utilizing county funds. The board voiced their approval for the grant.

LOCAL OPTION TO DISASTER

Assessor Shelly Nelson met with the board to discuss the two properties in the county that had recently experienced fires. Both properties are a total loss and will be torn down at a future date. Nelson recommended to the board that a local option to disaster be given to both property owners. This would reassess the property values to their current state and give the owners an abatement on their most recent taxes. Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Commissioner Flage, and carried unanimously to approve the local option abatement.

EXPENDITURES

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

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Brooks Auto	\$15,323.98

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Motorola Solutions Connectivity, Inc.	\$5,000.00
RDO Equipment Co.	\$79,906.85
Red Lake County Co-op	\$6,046.31
Thibert Chevrolet	\$3,454.75
16 payments less than \$2000	<u>\$7,626.37</u>
TOTAL	\$117,358.26

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following commissioner/committee reports were shared:

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Meeting/Report</u>
Gerardy	Soil and Water Conservation District
Weiss	Tri County Community Corrections, Northwest Regional Development Commission
Remick	Tri County Community Corrections, Northwest Emergency Communications Board

AUDITOR COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Auditor Kelsey Gervais met with the board to discuss the formation of a building committee. The committee will be responsible for overseeing projects relating to the courthouse building and all other county owned properties. The board voiced their approval of the committee.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Highway Engineer Mike Flaagan met with the board to discuss upcoming Hamilton Avenue project. A motion was made by Commissioner Gerardy, seconded by Commissioner Flage, and carried unanimously to proceed with turning the Hamilton Avenue/County Road 1 curve into a four way stop intersection.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Flage, seconded by Commissioner Weiss and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m. The next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest: _____
Kelsey Gervais, County Auditor

Allen Remick, Chairman
Board of Commissioners