

RED LAKE COUNTY
Regular Meeting Held March 26, 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 March 26, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Commissioners present: Dudycha, Flage, Remick, Simpson and Weiss. Chairman Weiss called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Remick and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on March 12, 2019 as presented.

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

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Bjorklund Compensation Consulting	\$4,500.00
Computer Information Systems, Inc	7,144.00
Five Star Flooring & Tile	9,172.95
Truenorth Steel	37,000.24
University of North Dakota	2,367.63
25 Vendors less than \$2,000.	<u>9,198.87</u>
TOTAL	\$69,383.69

The motion includes the following additional bills: \$27.84 expenses and \$70.00 per diem to John Dudycha.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Meeting/Report</u>
Simpson:	None.
Flage:	Information from the Nursing Service that a new Director was hired to replace Anita Cardinal.
Dudycha:	Inter County Community Council: review the budget and heard program reports.
Remick:	None.
Weiss:	Land of Dancing Sky thru NWRDC: discussed issues with bylaws covering the 21 counties that are now combined into 3 regions. A committee was formed with representatives from the 3 regions to review the issue.

Auditor Schmitz presented the Audit Engagement Letter from Hoffman, Philipp, & Knutson for the 2018 financial audit for the county. Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Flage and carried by unanimous vote to approve the 2018 Audit Engagement Letter as presented.

Auditor Schmitz informed that the annual Safety Training is scheduled for March 27, 2019 at Red Lake Falls City Hall and of the Township Officers meeting at the Plummer Hall on March 26th. Schmitz updated the board of the water damage at the Social Services building and the Courthouse due to the ice buildup on the roofs, squad damage due to a deer collision, current year tax statements have been mailed, delinquent tax list published, and that Eric Hove will assume his duties as County Engineer on Monday, April 8, 2019.

Tim Williamson, DNR Acquisition & Development Specialist from Bemidji, MN was present to provide an update on the Border to Border Touring Route being proposed by the Minnesota 4-Wheel Drive

Association. Williamson informed that the route was authorized by the Minnesota legislature back in 2016 and is designed as a scenic by-way touring route through the state used by highway licensed vehicles. The touring route is 850 miles running from Grand Marais, MN to St Vincent in northern Kittson County. Williamson provided a map of the tour route and explained that the DNR took public input from meeting in designing the route. The project has a lot of support in northwest Minnesota. There is an environmental review and an internal DNR review yet to complete before the project is implemented. Signage will be provided by the DNR to counties along the route. Williamson commented that there could be a significant infusion of tourism dollars for communities in the route area. Commissioner Dudycha mentioned that some of the townships are concerned over damages to the township roads. Chair Weiss asked that Williamson attend the Township Officers meeting later that evening in Plummer to review the project and address any concerns. Williamson informed that DNR Area Supervisor Jack Pellinen is scheduled to attend. Williamson will provide additional updates as the project advances.

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

Attest: _____
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Ron Weiss, Chair, Board of Commissioners