

The Red Lake County Welfare Board met on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 4:00 pm and adjourned at 4:30 pm.

The following Board members were present:

Anthony Flage
Allen Remick
Ron Weiss

General Business:

Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Flage moved to amend the agenda.

Commissioner Weiss seconded the motion.

Upon being put to a voice vote, the motion prevailed 3 yeas, 0 nays and 0 abstention.

Allen Remick	Yea
Anthony Flage	Yea
Ron Weiss	Yea

Reading of the Minutes

Commissioner Weiss moved that the March 18, 2020 minutes be approved as presented.

Commissioner Flage seconded the motion.

Upon being put to a voice vote, the motion prevailed 3 yeas, 0 nays and 0 abstention.

Allen Remick	Yea
Anthony Flage	Yea
Ron Weiss	Yea

Administrative Bills:

Commissioner Flage moved to approve the administrative bills as presented.

Commissioner Weiss seconded the motion.

Upon being put to a voice vote, the motion prevailed 3 yeas, 0 nays & 0 abstention.

Allen Remick	Yea
Anthony Flage	Yea
Ron Weiss	Yea

Informational Items:

Director Nelson asked the Board for any constituent concerns to be raised. No issues were discussed.

Director Nelson updated the Board on director's activities.

Director Nelson updated the board on financial reports.

Director Nelson reviewed changes to the federal waivers that affect the delivery of services.

Federal waivers were granted to allow for services to be delivered remotely.

Director Nelson updated the Board of Commissioners on internal changes being implemented to plan for re-opening. Discussion was held on the need to rotate smaller crews in to the office and not have all staff return to the office site to mitigate the possibility of staff needing to quarantine due to exposure.

Director Nelson reported that previously scheduled audits had been pushed back to July due to COVID 19. These will most likely be done via desktop audit.

Discussion/Decision Items:

Discussion was held on the vacant social services supervisor position. For an individual to be promoted internally to a lead position from the existing staff pool, it would cost \$3070.70 per year difference than we are currently allocating for salary and benefits. This would be a total cost savings of \$47,666.30 annually by not replacing the supervisor position at this time. While this is not a sustainable model for the foreseeable future, it would be a way to temporarily reduce costs to prepare for potential future deficits in the state due to COVID19 deficits.

Commissioner Flage moved to approve hiring the lead position in lieu of rehiring the supervisor position.

Commissioner Weiss seconded the motion.

Upon being put to a voice vote, the motion prevailed 3 yeas, 0 nays & 0 abstention.

Allen Remick	Yea
Anthony Flage	Yea
Ron Weiss	Yea

Personnel:

None.

Licensing/Contracts:

None.

Agency Unit Reports:

Handouts reviewed.

INCOME MAINTENANCE – MFIP, GA, GAMC, MA MA-NC, and MSA: Upon a motion made by Commissioner Flage and seconded by Commissioner Weiss, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the income maintenance agenda as it is shown in the County Social Service agenda file and the recipient case record.

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:

Anthony Flage	YEA
Allen Remick	YEA
Ron Weiss	YEA

Meeting Date: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Social Services Building.

Ron Weiss

Acting Chairperson

A. Lopez

Secretary