

PROCEEDINGS OF THE RED LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 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 November 14, 2023, at 10:00 am.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Remick called the meeting to order. Commissioners present were Al Remick, Eric Mickelson, Tony Gerardy, Chuck Flage, and Ron Weiss. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CITY OF PLUMMER

Mayor Jim Duchamp and Margaret Peterson from the City of Plummer met with the board to discuss the Plummer street improvement project. Duchamp requested clarification regarding the liquidated damages from Davidson Construction. Duchamp also informed the board that pavement work had been completed on the north side of the Plummer school and felt that the city should not be responsible for payment. The board requested Commissioner Weiss contact the school to see if they would be willing to split the cost three ways with the county and the city.

ALEX HINRICHS RE: BUFFER STRIP PENALTIES

Alex Hinrichs met with the board to discuss the penalties he has accrued over the past 5 years due to noncompliance with the State's buffer law. Hinrichs provided the board with evidence to show that he has been trying to correct the situation, but due to drought and flooding has been unable. The board tabled the decision until a representative from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources could appear to provide additional insight. That meeting will be scheduled for a later date.

COUNTY FEEDLOT WORKPLAN

Peter Curran with the Red Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District met with the board to receive approval of the 2024 and 2025 Delegated County Feedlot Workplan. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Commissioner Flage, and carried unanimously to approve the plan.

VIRGIL BENOIT RE: STATUE REPAIR

Virgil Benoit met with the board to discuss damage that occurred to the Native American statue at Huot Park and sought advice on how to go about repairing it. Benoit mentioned Charles Goodwin of Red Lake, Minnesota had offered his assistance in repairing the statue. The board advised Benoit to contact Goodwin to see if he has experience working with bronze and if he still has interest in assisting.

MINUTES

Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Commissioner Mickelson, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on October 24, 2023.

EXPENDITURES

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

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<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Equity Builders & Construction Services	\$137,817.00
Hoffman, Philipp & Martell, PLLC	\$14,860.00
Larson Helicopters, LLC	\$13,506.50
Little Falls Machine, Inc	\$3,634.27
Storage Pros	\$7,800.00
Nelson International	\$2,710.93
Thygeson Construction	\$66,141.82
Ziegler Cat	\$2,243.55
23 Payments less than \$2000	\$8,202.37
TOTAL	\$256,916.44

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following commissioner/committee reports were shared:

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Meeting/Report</u>
Gerardy	Red Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District
Mickelson	None
Flage	None
Weiss	Tri-County Corrections
Remick	Damage in County Treasurer's office, personnel committee

AUDITOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chief Deputy Auditor Kyle Thibert met with the board to request approval of the 2nd payment to Equity Builders for the courthouse roof project. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Commissioner Gerardy, and carried unanimously to approve the payment.

Thibert presented the board with the County's preliminary 2024 budget. Thibert also informed the board that proposed property tax notices would be mailed out to residents on Wednesday, November 22 and the County's proposed property tax meeting is scheduled for December 7th at 6pm.

Thibert informed the board that issues have arisen at Huot Park with garbage and stressed that the board continues searching for new Park Board members so that problems can be resolved as they come up.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Weiss, seconded by Commissioner Flage, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 12:28 p.m. The next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

Attest: _____
Kelsey Gervais, County Auditor

Allen Remick, Chairman
Board of Commissioner