

RED LAKE COUNTY
Regular Meeting Held October 22, 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 October 22, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Weiss called the meeting to order. Commissioner Flage was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Commissioner Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve the agenda with the addition of the Red Lake Falls Ambulance.

County Treasurer Nick Knott met with the board to provide a quarterly interest earnings report and to update on the county's investment portfolio.

Environmental Officer Kurt Casavan met with the board regarding the ongoing status of the two county demolition landfill sites at Red Lake Falls and Oklee and discussed a recent ITV meeting with Jon Buck, Heidi Kroenig and Lisa Moisje of MPCA, and Jon Steiner of Polk County. Casavan mentioned that some equipment would be needed to transfer demolition to Polk County if the MPCA does not re-issue permits for the two county demo landfills. Equipment needed would be: (4) 54-yard roll-off containers; a used Tracthoe with finger attachment; concrete pads for demo material, and a used truck. There was discussion regarding lengthening the frame of the 1999 Sterling truck from the Highway Department that the county kept for use by the Environment Department. The truck would be used to transport the roll-off containers. Casavan estimated costs at: \$40,000 for Roll-off containers; \$50,000 for Tracthoe; \$10,000 for used Highway Department truck, and up to \$50,000 for concrete pads. Casavan mentioned that State Grant funds for recycling might be available that require a 25-50% local county match. MPCA mentioned starting transporting demo in late spring 2020. Casavan informed the MPCA that he would meet with the County Board and discuss. Board members were uncertain how to proceed and advised Casavan to get more information and update them as new information is received.

Peggy Nord of County Social Services was in attendance to present the 2020/2021 MFIF Biennial Service Agreement and request its approval. The agreement explains how Red Lake County Social Services will be allocating the funding received by Department of Human Services to administer the MFIP/DWP Family Cash Programs and the Emergency Assistance/Employment Services programs. Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve the agreement as presented and authorize Chair Weiss to sign the document.

Wayne Violette representing the Red Lake Falls Ambulance met with the County Board to follow-up on discussion from an earlier meeting on the topic of increased funding for ambulance services. Auditor Schmitz informed that the state will not allow a special assessment for 2020 as proposed levies must be certified by September 30th on an annual basis. Another funding option for year 2020 is to increase the amount of ambulance funding by withdrawing from county reserves. There was additional discussion. Schmitz mentioned that he would contact Polk County to inquire on the funding mechanism used to help fund their county ambulance operations. Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried by unanimous vote to increase funding to Red Lake Falls Ambulance by an additional \$15,000 for a total of \$44,000 and increase Oklee Ambulance by \$5,000 for a total of \$17,500 for year 2020 using county reserves.

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

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ReadiTech IT Solutions	\$2,887.00
Vatthauer Farm Supply	2,006.92

38 Vendors less than \$2,000.	<u>9,722.53</u>
TOTAL	\$14,616.45

The motion also includes the following added expenditures: \$4,858.90 to ReadiTech; \$40.93 expenses and \$140.00 per diem to Allen Remick.

Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on October 22, 2019 as presented.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Meeting/Report</u>
Simpson:	Reported on an Economic Development Board meeting attended. Two business loans were approved.
Dudycha:	Tri County Corrections Board: reviewed the budget, inmate population numbers and various program operations.
Remick:	NW Radio Board meeting in Thief River Falls and a SWCD meeting discussing projects using the 1W1P funding.
Weiss:	Quin CHS meeting: discussed the financial report and WIC Program. Area Agency on Aging: reviewed the 2020 proposed funding sources, Aging Advisory Bylaws, 2020 area plan, Title 3 Requests for Proposals and the Continuity of Operations Plan.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until November 12, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest: _____
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Ron Weiss, Chair, Board of Commissioners