

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE RED LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 24, 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 October 24, 2023, at 10:00 am.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Remick called the meeting to order. Commissioners present were Al Remick, Eric Mickelson, Tony Gerardy, and Ron Weiss. Chuck Flage was not present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Commissioner Mickelson, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda.

## **NW MN MULTI-COUNTY HRA**

NW MN Multi-County HRA Executive Director Charity Brault met with the board to discuss the 2024 levy. Brault also informed the board of the beneficial services they provide to the residents of Red Lake County, as well as some of the upcoming funding opportunities.

## **HIGHWAY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Highway engineer, Taylor Amiot Re: CSAH 5 Easement was closed pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.05 subd. (3) (c) (3) to develop or consider offers or counteroffers for the purchase or sale of real or personal property.

Members present: Kelsey Gervais, County Auditor  
Kyle Thibert, Deputy County Auditor  
Taylor Amiot, County Engineer  
Tanner Holten, County Attorney  
Angie Lundeen, HR Director

Commissioners present:

Allen Remick  
Tony Gerardy  
Eric Mickelson  
Ron Weiss

## **SOCIAL SERVICES ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Social Services Director Kristi Nelson informed the board that she would like to make an offer to an applicant for the vacant child support position. Nelson requested the board approve starting the candidate at step 10 of the pay scale based off her previous experience. Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Commissioner Weiss, and carried unanimously to approve offering the applicant the child support position at step 10.

## **HR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

HR Manager Angie Lundeen met with the board to request approval for Auditor Kelsey Gervais's annual step increase. Commissioner Mickelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Gerardy, and carried unanimously to approve the step increase.

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Lundeen informed the board that the deductibles for 2024 county health insurance plans will be increasing and suggested the county increase the HAS/VEBA contributions for employees. Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Commissioner Weiss, and carried unanimously to approve increasing the county’s HAS/VEBA contributions from \$290 per month to \$325.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Commissioner Mickelson, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on October 10, 2023.

**EXPENDITURES**

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

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Avenu Holdings, LLC	\$6,731.15
Grand Trailer Sales	\$11,020.00
Little Falls Machine Inc.	\$3,634.27
Motorola Solutions Connectivity, Inc.	\$5,106.00
Pomp’s tire Service, Inc.	\$13,517.12
3 Payments less than \$2000	<u>\$2,550.62</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$42,559.16</b>

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following commissioner/committee reports were shared:

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Meeting/Report</u>
Weiss	One Watershed One Plan, NW Regional Development, Quin Community Health
Gerardy	Red Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District, Red Lake County Economic Development, annual township meeting
Mickelson	Social Services board meeting
Remick	Annual township meeting, Red Lake County Affordable Housing, Alluma, Association of Minnesota Counties regional meeting

**AUDITOR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Auditor Kelsey Gervais met with the board to request a credit card for Highway Engineer Taylar Amiot for use in making purchases for the highway department. Commissioner Mickelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Gerardy, and carried unanimously to approve the issuance of a credit card for Taylar Amiot with a limit of \$15,000.

Discussion was held regarding the Bottineau Trail and the grant the county received from the DNR for replacing the bridge over the Red Lake River. The City of Red Lake Falls and the county were both awarded grants for the project, but the remaining cost of replacing the bridge is substantial. No decisions were made at this time.

Chief Deputy Auditor Kyle Thibert presented the board with the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter budget review for 2023. The report showed the county had used approximately 75% of its budget at the end of September.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Gerardy, seconded by Commissioner Mickelson, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:53 a.m. The next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kelsey Gervais, County Auditor

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Allen Remick, Chairman  
Board of Commissioner