

RED LAKE COUNTY
Regular Meeting Held October 8, 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 8, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Weiss called the meeting to order. All Commissioners were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Commissioner Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the agenda with the addition of the County Assessor.

Social Service Director Kristi Nelson appeared before the County Board to request approval of two agreements. Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to authorize Kristi Nelson to execute the Child Support Program Interagency Cooperative Agreement for 2020-2021.

Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the Purchase of Service Agreement for the transportation of children and youth in Foster Care Placement with School District 630 Red Lake Falls and School District 2906 Red Lake County Central.

Tanya Hanson, SWCD was present to request approval of the Short Form Construction Permit for Wayne Vettleeson to expand the current manure pit storage-earthen basin. Hanson commented that the Permit Notice was published and that no public comments were received. Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried by unanimous vote to approve the permit as presented.

Hanson updated on the 1W1P document. Funding has been authorized for 15 projects with 8 of those projects in Red Lake County. The funding from the 1W1P will cover 90% of project costs with the Red Lake County SWCD providing 10% of any local project's costs.

County Engineer Hove met with the board to conduct a scheduled bid opening for two items of excess Highway Department equipment; one a Truck Box Sander and the other is a damaged 1983 Gravel Pup Trailer. There were no bids received for the Box Sander so board members decided to keep the sander instead of listing with an auction firm. One bid was received for the damaged gravel trailer in the amount of \$1,250.00 from Nathan Knott of Red Lake Falls. Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Simpson and carried by unanimous vote to accept the sole bid of \$1,250.00 submitted by Nathan Knott for the gravel trailer.

Hove presented a Resolution to waive the municipal and regular County State Aid Construction Allotment for 2020 and requested its approval. Hove mentioned that since the county has not been using its full allocation annually the amount has accumulated a significant balance; therefore, the county should seek approval to exceed limit needs and to carryover the unused balance to the 2020-2024 construction program. The extension request is for one year only through December 31, 2020. Commissioner Dudycha moved, seconded by Remick and carried unanimously to approve **Resolution No. 10-01-19** "Waive Municipal/Regular State Aid Construction Allotment Requirement". Chair Weiss was authorized to sign the document. A complete copy is available at the County Auditor's Office or County Highway Department.

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on September 24, 2019 as presented.

Wayne Violette representing the Red Lake Falls Ambulance was present to follow-up on discussion from an earlier meeting on the topic of increased funding for the ambulance. Violette mentioned that the ambulance would like to increase the on-call pay to volunteers from \$2.00 to \$4.00 hourly as an incentive

to encourage more people to join the organization, but the funding is insufficient to do so. The Oklee Ambulance is also in short supply of ambulance members. The board discussed whether to consider a special assessment against each household in the county as a way to provide the additional funding for both local ambulances. The other option is to increase the contribution by using county reserves. Auditor Schmitz informed that September 30, 2019 was the deadline for setting the proposed 2020 tax levy and only in certain instances will the state allow for an added levy after the certification date. Auditor Schmitz mentioned that he would contact the Department of Revenue for clarification. The board decided to postpone any decision until the next meeting.

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

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Counties Providing Technology	\$ 3,676.00
IdentiSys Inc.	3,914.24
Inter County Nursing	5,614.25
Red Lake County Co-op	7,383.06
Taggart Contracting Inc.	126,464.00
Titan Machinery	3,128.19
Tri County Corrections	46,490.75
University Minnesota Extension	19,496.61
University of North Dakota	2,367.63
44 Vendors less than \$2,000.	<u>15,056.08</u>
TOTAL	233,590.81

The motion also includes the following added expenditures: \$900.00 to Office of MNIT Services; \$13.92 expenses and \$20.00 per diem to Ron Weiss.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Meeting/Report</u>
Simpson:	None.
Flage:	Participated in an MRC ITV meeting. Topics were officer elections, administration contract with AMC, mental health issues and a presentation from the State Demographer.
Dudycha:	None.
Remick:	None.
Weiss:	Attended meetings of the 1W1P Committee, NW Private Industry Council, and the NW Regional Development discussing grant program funds, budget and the Aging Program contract.

HR Director Lundeen reported that the single Health Insurance rate increased by 4.76% for 2020. The county uses the single rate to determine the annual amount it contributes to county employees.

Weiss reported that 80 individuals from the county have applied for Census positions. Weiss was appointed by the County Board earlier in the year as a Census Liaison. Duties are to organize a Complete Count Committee (CCC), assist in the process of recruiting census workers and distribute census information, etc. A County Resolution is needed from the county to send to the Census Bureau Director in Chicago regarding the CCC. Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried by unanimous vote to approve **Resolution No. 10-02-19** "Creating A Complete Count Committee" as follows:

WHEREAS, April 1, 2020 is Census Day for the United States of America pursuant to Article 1, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, an accurate census is essential for the allocation of representatives with the legislative bodies of the U.S. House of Representative, the Minnesota State Legislature and within Red Lake County; and

WHEREAS, Correct apportionment of Federal dollars for health, education, transportation, child and elder care, emergency preparation and response, public and social support programs of all kinds depend on complete and accurate age, population and other ethnic and demographic information gathered every ten years; and

WHEREAS, Accurate census information is critical to planning for future growth, development and social needs of Red Lake County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Red Lake County has created a Census 2020 Complete Count Committee for the purpose of planning and conducting local initiatives and promotional activities to increase community participation in the 2020 Census.

The Census 2020 Complete Count Committee Guidelines are as follows:

Section 1. Census 2020 Complete Count Committee. There is hereby created the Red Lake County Census 2020 Complete Count Committee, hereinafter referred to as the “Complete Count Committee” which shall consist of up to seven (7) members. The Complete Count Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Commissioners and shall try to include representation from each of the flowing community groups: Business, Religious Groups, Education, Community Organizations, Media, Minority Groups.

Section 2. Term of Service. The committee chairperson and the committee members shall be appointed to serve for a term to continue through June 2020. For cause stated in writing, the Board of Commissioners may remove a member of the Complete Count Committee.

Section 3. Duties and Powers. The Complete Count Committee shall be a working committee charged with the responsibility of planning and conducting local educations initiatives, as well as publicity and promotional activities to increase community participation in the Census. Activities may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Handle the creation, printing and distribution of posters, flyers, handouts and printed material for use by the media and others.
- Prepare materials for public service announcements on radio and television.
- Speak at public forums and meetings, fraternal organizations, business organizations and schools for the purpose of promoting and informing people the census.
- Create census message on utility billing statements and insert informational invites in monthly billing statements and payroll checks.

Sheriff Bernstein presented a request from the Respect Minnesota Organization seeking support for its organization’s efforts to provide a safe environment for everyone during the planning, permitting and construction of infrastructure projects, such as the Line 3 Replacement Project. Commissioner Dudycha moved, seconded by Remick and carried unanimously to adopt **Resolution No.10-03-19 “Respect Minnesota Pledge”** as an offer of support from the county. The Board Chair and County Auditor were authorized to sign on county’s behalf. A complete document is available at the County Auditor office.

County Assessor Nancy Amberson met with the board to update on the proposed Public Utility Estimated Market Values (EMV) for payable year 2020. The Department of Revenue notified the county in July of a \$21,593,000 decrease in the EMV. The county was later notified on September 28 2019 that the initial values proposed are being decreased an additional \$8,179,900 for a total of \$29,722,900 amounting to a

decrease of 21.89% for payable 2020. The two taxing districts most affected are the City of Plummer (23.6% decrease) and Emardville Township a (19.63 % decrease).

Amberson announced that she will be retiring effective as of April 3, 2020. The transition to staff person Michelle Nelson is going as planned as Nelson is very knowledgeable in the duties of the office and in the program software. Amberson mentioned that Red Lake County must advance into the technology future and begin utilizing CAMA, a computer aided software used to value property, instead of doing by hand as is done currently. Amberson commented that the software is costly but it will be more equitable and efficient. Red Lake County is one of the few counties that have not yet converted over to the CAMA software.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until October 22, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest: _____
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Ron Weiss, Chair, Board of Commissioners