

PROCEEDINGS OF THE RED LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 26, 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 September 26, 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 Gerardy moved, seconded by Commissioner Mickelson, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda.

**ATTORNEY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Auditor Kelsey Gervais, on behalf of County Attorney Tanner Holten, provided the second reading of the proposed cannabis use ordinance to those in attendance.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Environmental Services Officer Kurt Casavan met with the board to discuss the ongoing study for the proposed nine county landfill. The counties involved are seeking funding from the State and to do so require the Commissioners from each county to provide written support for the project. The letters will be submitted along with the grant application to the Minnesota Management & Budget Department. Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Commissioner Mickelson, and carried unanimously to approve the grant letter of support.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Commissioner Mickelson, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on September 12, 2023.

**EXPENDITURES**

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

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Equity Builders & Construction Services	\$103,500.00
8 Payments less than \$2000	<u>\$3,249.59</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$106,749.59</b>

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following commissioner/committee reports were shared:

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Meeting/Report</u>
Mickelson	Inter County Community Council, Extension Committee
Weiss	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Remick	Extension Committee, Northwest Emergency Communications Board, Capital Investment Committee, Red Lake County Emergency Management, Red Lake County Affordable Housing, Alluma

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**AUDITOR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Auditor Kelsey Gervais met with the board to approve the liquor license requested by Daniel and Kelsey Stephens for The Landing at the Bend. Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Commissioner Mickelson, and carried unanimously to approve the liquor license.

Gervais presented the board with a payment request from Equity Builders for the first half of the roofing and painting project. Gervais informed the board that water damage had occurred in the attic as well as the Treasurer's office. The board advised that Gervais come to an agreement with Equity Builders regarding the damage before the payment is issued.

Gervais provided the board with an update from Equity Builders regarding the replacement of the large window between the second and third floor. It is estimated that the window will arrive sometime next spring and the labor will be subcontracted through Schmitz Builders of Red Lake Falls.

Gervais presented the board with the proposed 2024 budget and tax levy. The initial numbers showed an increase of 12.8%. The board advised that Gervais adjust the increase to 14% to account for any unexpected budgetary increases. Commissioner Mickelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Weiss, and carried unanimously to approve the proposed 2024 budget and tax levy.

**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, October 10, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

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

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Allen Remick, Chairman  
Board of Commissioner