

PROCEEDINGS OF THE RED LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 9, 2025

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 December 9, 2025, at 10:00 am.

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Commissioner Remick and carried unanimously to approve the agenda with the following addition:

-Auditor, Kelsey Gervais Re: 2024 Pennington County Joint Ditch Billing

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Chairman Flage presented several employees with awards recognizing their years of service with Red Lake County. Jayson Sletten-20 years, Jeremy Johnson-15 years, Jessica Jurina-10 years, Marcus Paradis-5 years, and Tyler Anderson-5 years.

HIGHWAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Highway Department Engineer, Taylor Amiot discussed ongoing maintenance issues with a county truck experiencing recurring emissions-related problems, resulting in frequent fault codes, power reductions, and significant annual repair costs. The truck is no longer under warranty, and staff noted that emissions components have been a major source of expense. A general discussion was held regarding whether any exemptions or allowances might exist for counties or public service vehicles to modify or remove emissions systems; however, no determination was made, and no action was requested. Amiot indicated they will conduct further research and consult with the county attorney before bringing any formal recommendation to the Board.

JPA PINE TO PRAIRIE VIOLENT CRIME TASK FORCE

Sheriff Mitch Bernstein provided the Board with an updated Joint Powers Agreement for the Prairie Violent Crime Task Force. It was noted that the County previously participated as a liaison member with a \$5,000 annual contribution. Under the updated agreement, the County is now classified as a half-time equivalent member, eliminating the requirement for an upfront payment and instead providing for reimbursement of expenses. The updated agreement also grants the County a voting position on the task force board. County Attorney Tanner Holten reviewed and signed the agreement prior to the meeting, and signatures from the Board Chair and County Auditor are required to finalize the document. Commissioner Mickelson moved to approve the Joint Powers Agreement with the Pine to Prairie Drug and Violent Crime Task Force, seconded by Commissioner Gerardy. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Commissioner Moran moved, seconded by Commissioner Mickelson, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the meeting on November 25, 2025.

EXPENDITURES

Commissioner Remick 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>
DDA Human Resources, Inc.	\$15,000.00
Eide Bailly LLP	\$ 3,884.96
Greenway Lawn Spraying	\$ 5,100.00
Larson Helicopters, LLC	\$17,985.00
Marshall County Environmental Services	\$ 3,700.00
Red Lake County Co-op	\$ 2,923.01
RJ Zavoral & Sons	\$26,904.91
Sanitary Service & Recycling Inc	\$ 2,230.02
26 Payments less than \$2000	<u>\$ 9,813.64</u>
TOTAL	\$87,541.54

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Remick- None

Mickelson- Red Lake County Fair Board

Gerardy- Red Lake County Soil & Water Conservation District

Moran- None

Flage- Northwest Regional Development Commission

PENNINGTON COUNTY JOINT DITCH BILLING

The Board reviewed a billing received from Pennington County for shared maintenance expenses related to joint county drainage systems. Commissioner Moran moved, seconded by Commissioner Gerardy, and carried unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$6,519.84 to Pennington County pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 103E.711, Subdivision 1.

AUDITOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Auditor Kelsey Gervais presented the Board with the County fund balances, noting that certain funds are designated for specific purposes and must be approved annually by the County as “committed funds” for financial reporting purposes. Commissioner Mickelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Moran, and carried unanimously to commit county funds in the 2026 financial statements in the following amounts: \$216,857 for Landfill Permitting and \$62,000 for the Courthouse Building Fund.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Mickelson, seconded by Commissioner Remick, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:33 a.m. The next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for Tuesday, December 23, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:

Kelsey Gervais, County Auditor

Anthony Flage, Chairman
Board of Commissioner