

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE RED LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 22, 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 July 22, 2025, at 10:00 am.

## CALL TO ORDER

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

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

## HIGHWAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Highway Engineer Taylor Amiot provided personnel and project updates for the board. The board was informed that five applications were received for the open operator position, and interviews were conducted with the top three candidates. An offer was extended to Cassidy Hruby Swenson, who accepted and will begin on September 2<sup>nd</sup> at a step one. Regarding projects, paving the bypass is tentatively scheduled for next week, with the MnDOT agreement finalized and ready for submission. The overlay from Highway 59 to County Road 5 is completed and striped, with rumble strips installed. A significant repair bill of approximately \$25,000 was reported for unit 15, which remains in use until a new plow truck is received later this year. The next truck purchase is planned for 2027, and staff have initiated early outreach to vendors. Culvert replacement on County roads was discussed; the Maintenance Foreman is keeping a list of deficient culverts for him and the Engineer to visit this year. Additionally, discussion was held about updating the County's culvert policy.

## HR ANNOUNCEMENTS

The board entered a closed session at 10:30 am pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.03, Subdivision 1(b), to discuss labor negotiation strategy. The following individuals were present: Commissioners Chuck Flage, Allen Remick, Eric Mickelson, Tony Gerardy and Andy Moran, County Auditor Kelsey Gervais and Human Resource Director Angie Lundeen. The closed session concluded at 11:30 am, and the board returned to the open meeting.

## MINUTES

Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Commissioner Mickelson, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the meeting on July 8, 2025.

## EXPENDITURES

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

<b><u>Vendor</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
EVCO Petroleum Products	\$ 2,968.91
Houston Engineering, Inc	\$29,982.20
Stantec Consulting Services Inc	\$ 9,548.75
20 Payments less than \$2,000	<u>\$ 5,847.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$48,346.86</b>

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Remick – Northwest Regional Emergency Board, Tri-County Corrections

Mickelson – None

Gerardy – Red Lake County Soil and Water, Red Lake County Economic Development

Moran – None

Flage – None

## AUDITOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Auditor Gervais presented information on the "Rental Assistance: Keeping Families Housed, Working, and Connected to their Community" initiative on behalf of the Northwest Minnesota Multi-County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA). Gervais outlined the potential impacts of proposed federal funding cuts, which could result in reduced access to affordable housing, and greater strain on local services.

## ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Gerardy, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m. The next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

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

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Chuck Flage, Chairman  
Board of Commissioner