

The Red Lake County Welfare Board met on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 4:00 pm and adjourned at 4:35 pm.

The following Board members were present:

Tony Gerardy  
Allen Remick  
Andy Moran  
Anthony Flage

**General Business:**

**Approval of Agenda:**

Commissioner Flage moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Moran seconded the motion.

Upon being put to voice vote, the motion prevailed all yeas and no nays.

**Reading of the Minutes:**

Commissioner Gerardy moved to approve January 21, 2026, Social Service's board meeting minutes.

Commissioner Flage seconded the motion.

Upon being put to voice vote, the motion prevailed all yeas and no nays.

**Administrative Bills:**

Commissioner Flage moved to approve the administrative bills as presented.

Commissioner Gerardy seconded the motion.

Upon being put to voice vote, the motion prevailed all yeas and no nays.

**Informational Items:**

Director Nelson asked for constituent concerns to be brought forward. No concerns were raised.

Director Nelson provided a director's summary since the previous board meeting.

Director Nelson reported that the agency was still awaiting further information about the UCARE transition. UCARE's letter to delegates dated 12/31/2025 was shared with members present.

Director Nelson reported that Red Lake County will be on their own CSP grant beginning January 2027. RLCSS will get two separate allocations (Jan & July) for a total amount of \$64,397. Funding will help purchase CSP services from area MH vendors. RLCSS will be able to retain 10% administration costs for managing the grant, in addition to other in-house services, the county lead agency may choose to provide that fall within the scope of approved grant brass codes. Going forward, we will receive our grant allocation on annual basis.

Director Nelson reported that RLCSS received 100% across all audited areas. The final audit is now closed. A letter from UCARE was provided to the members present.

Director Nelson reported that RLCSS was planning to host a mental health community training in May. Details are being finalized. A flyer will be going out early March to advertise the event.

**Discussion/Decision Items:**

Director Nelson presented a request to change the current burial policy and agreement with Johnson Funeral Home to a maximum amount of \$3513. Rates had not been adjusted in over a decade. Nelson reported that the requested amount falls in line with burial policies in surrounding counties. The detailed breakdown of costs received from Johnson Funeral Home was presented to the members present.

Commissioner Gerardy moved to approve the updated county burial policy to reflect the increase to \$3513.

Commissioner Moran seconded the motion.

Upon being put to voice vote, the motion prevailed all yeas and no nays.

Director Nelson reported that due to upcoming staffing changes, RLCSS would be looking to backfill vacant social work positions in the near future. This does not add any costs to the previously approved budget or create a new position.

Director Nelson requested that social services be approved to obtain a subdomain of the county's primary domain for email purposes. Primary reason being the need to have all members of a tenant (domain) on the same Microsoft subscription type. Social services is on a more secure type than the general courthouse due to FTI and HIPAA requirements. Additionally, changes to being on a combined tenant would cause problems with CaseWorks EDMS and server logins requiring major intervention by IT. Maintaining the separate tenant preserves our existing settings as well as SharePoint site and is the least labor intensive for IT. Subdomain for social services would be ss.redlakecounty.gov.

Commissioner Gerardy moved to approve the request as presented.

Commissioner Flage seconded the motion.

Upon being put to voice vote, the motion prevailed all yeas and no nays.

**Agency Unit Reports:**

Handouts reviewed.

BE IT RESOLVED, the foregoing record is a true and accurate recording of the official actions and recommendations of the county welfare Board and as such, constitutes the official minutes thereof. Payment of assistance relief and claims indicated in those minutes is hereby ordered.

The question was on the adoption of the resolution; and the roll being called there were 4 YEAS and 0 NAYS as follows:

Andy Moran	YEA
Anthony Flage	YEA
Allen Remick	YEA

Tony Gerardy

YEA

**Meeting Date:** The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Social Services Building.

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Acting Chairperson

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Secretary

Signed minutes available upon request.