

PROCEEDINGS OF THE RED LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 28, 2026

Pursuant to adjournment of its last meeting, the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners met in the Courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on July 28, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. Members present: Al Remick, Chuck Flage, Tony Gerardy, Andy Moran and Eric Mickelson. Members absent: None.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mickelson, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Chairman asked if there were any amendments to the agenda. County Auditor, Kelsey Gervais requested the addition of two Joint Power Agreements from the State of Minnesota for the Primary and General Recount be added to the agenda. Motioned by Commissioner Flage, seconded by Commissioner Remick to approve the agenda with the addition presented. Motion Carried

Taylor Amiot, County Engineer, Brian Ketring, MnDOT District Engineer, and Bill Pirkel, MnDOT Assistant District Engineer, met with the Board to discuss Highway 59 through the City of Plummer. Following discussion, the Board concurred with MnDOT's plan to install double centerline pavement markings on Highway 59 through the City of Plummer to discourage passing and encourage reduced vehicle speeds.

Richard Gervais and Matt Knutson met with the Board to discuss a failed culvert located beneath the Gervais driveway along CSAH 1. Following discussion, Commissioner Moran moved to approve replacement of the culvert, with Commissioner Flage seconding the motion. Motion carried.

Amiot presented a review of neighboring counties' culvert policies and applicable Minnesota statutes regarding access, maintenance responsibilities, and cost-sharing for approach culverts. Following further discussion, the Board directed the County Engineer to revise the proposed County Culvert Policy for future review. The revised draft is to include cost-sharing provisions for new approaches and updated maintenance responsibilities for existing culverts on state aid and county road systems.

Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Commissioner Moran, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the meeting on July 14, 2026.

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

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Eide Bailly LLP	\$ 2,446.36
Penguin Management, Inc.	\$ 3,864.00
Roger's Two Way Radio Inc.	\$ 3,778.10
Ryan's Backhoe Service	\$10,051.31
Sanitary Service & Recycling Inc	\$ 2,957.48
Tyler Technologies, Inc.	\$ 5,072.63
8 Payments less than \$2000	<u>\$ 3,003.77</u>
TOTAL	\$31,173.65

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Remick – None

Moran – Quin County Community Health

Flage – Pennington and Red Lake Public Health and Home Care, RLC Economic Development

Gerardy – RLC Economic Development

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Mickelson – NWMN Multi-County Housing and Redevelopment Authority, RLC Fair Board, Inter-County Community Council

Auditor Kelsey Gervais presented a letter of support urging the State of Minnesota and Enbridge to work together to establish a permanent solution that prevents rural communities from bearing the financial burden associated with pipeline valuation disputes. The letter addresses Enbridge's dispute of pipeline valuations established by the State of Minnesota. Commissioner Gerardy moved to approve the letter of support, with Commissioner Flage seconding the motion. Motion carried.

Gervais presented a Joint Powers Agreement between the State of Minnesota, acting through the Department of Public Safety on behalf of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, and Red Lake County, on behalf of its Prosecuting Attorney. The purpose of the agreement is to establish a method for Red Lake County to access systems and tools for which it is eligible and to outline the requirements for obtaining access and the limitations on such access. Commissioner Remick moved to approve the Joint Powers Agreement, with Commissioner Moran seconding the motion. Motion carried.

Gervais presented a **Resolution Approving State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements with the County of Red Lake on Behalf of its County Attorney**, designating Legal Assistant Missy Sletten as the authorized representative for the County Attorney's Office. Commissioner Flage moved to approve the resolution, with Commissioner Remick seconding the motion. Motion carried. A copy of the resolution is available in the Auditor's Office.

Gervais informed the Board that the County needs to replace its IBM AS400 server, as the current server has reached the end of its useful life. Gervais also noted that server prices were scheduled to increase by 10% effective August 1. The cost of the new server, including installation, is \$49,834. While exploring funding options, Gervais identified \$44,816 in the Ditch Fund that has belonged to the Revenue Fund since 2016. Commissioner Remick made a motion to transfer the \$44,816 to the General Fund to help offset the cost of the new server, with the remaining balance to be split among the Revenue, Social Services, and Highway Funds. Commissioner Moran seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Gervais presented two Joint Powers Agreements (JPA) with the State of Minnesota for election recount services related to automatic recounts of votes pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 204C.35, Subd. 1, and Minnesota Rules, Part 8235.020, for the 2026 Primary and General Elections, as necessary for state offices. Commissioner Gerardy moved to approve the JPA for the 2026 Primary Election, with Commissioner Moran offering a second. Commissioner Flage moved to approve the JPA for the 2026 General Election, with Commissioner Remick offering a second. Both motions carried.

Gervais presented a quote for the purchase and installation of a 3-ton mini-split unit in the courtroom. Due to the quote not including the necessary electrical work, consideration of the quote was tabled until the next meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Gerardy, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 1:10 p.m. The next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for Thursday, August 13, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

Attest: _____
Kelsey Gervais, County Auditor

Allen Remick, Vice Chairman
Board of Commissioner