

PROCEEDINGS OF THE RED LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 9, 2026

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 June 9, 2026 at 10:00 am.

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

- Highway Engineer, Taylor Amiot Re: Agreement Approval with CPKC Railroad
- District Manager RLC SWCD, Tanya Waldo Re: Annual Feedlot Report

HIGHWAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Taylor Amiot, Highway Engineer, presented a request to allow county employees to purchase asphalt millings at the same rate offered to municipalities, with employees also responsible for paying applicable hauling costs. It was noted that hauling would be provided only when convenient for Highway Department operations and billed at the standard rate of \$120 per hour. Following discussion, Commissioner Gerardy moved to approve allowing county employees to purchase millings at the municipal rate of \$15 per ton and pay all applicable hauling costs. Commissioner Flage seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Amiot reported receiving a request for “Children at Play” signage along a county road. After consulting neighboring counties, it was noted that such signs are not approved under the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), and counties generally do not install non-approved signs due to liability concerns. The board discussed the matter and expressed support for following MUTCD standards and not installing non-approved roadway signs, while noting that residents may use portable signs on private property outside of the county right-of-way.

Amiot presented an agreement with CPKC for the replacement of two railroad crossings in Plummer on CSAH 1. The total project cost is estimated at \$212,540.76, with CPKC covering labor costs and Red Lake County responsible for materials in the amount of \$88,260.76, as well as traffic control and pavement work. The crossings, currently consisting of aging timber and rubber panels, would be replaced with modern concrete crossing panels. Amiot noted the project is eligible for State Aid maintenance funding and would complement the upcoming CSAH 1 paving project. Commissioner Moran moved to approve entering into the agreement with CPKC, seconded by Commissioner Flage. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNUAL FEEDLOT REPORT

Tanya Waldo, District Manager, Red Lake County SWCD presented the annual feedlot report and informed the board that Red Lake County achieved 100% compliance with Minnesota Pollution Control Agency minimum program requirements, with all nine required program elements meeting standards. Waldo reported that there are currently 19 registered feedlots in the county and reviewed the program’s financial report and administrative requirements, including registrations, inspections, reporting, and continuing education.

COUNTY ATTORNEY RECRUITMENT

Human Resources Director, Angie Lundeen provided an update on the recruitment process for the County Attorney position, noting that advertisements have been published and applications are expected. The

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board discussed the interview process and agreed that, due to the County Attorney's interaction with all county departments, department heads and County Attorney office staff should be invited to participate in the interview process and provide input. The board expressed support for conducting interviews in an open forum format, with prepared questions and opportunities for department-specific questions, followed by board consideration and appointment of the selected candidate.

MINUTES

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Commissioner Remick, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the meeting on May 26, 2026.

EXPENDITURES

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

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Agassiz Asphalt, LLC	\$ 3,500.00
North Central International LLC	\$ 3,254.26
Red Lake County Co-op	\$ 4,100.07
Thibert Chevrolet, Inc.	\$ 2,595.10
15 Payments less than \$2000	<u>\$ 4,592.71</u>
TOTAL	\$18,042.14

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Remick – Red Lake County Affordable Housing, Association of Minnesota Counties, Enbridge Zoom, Tri-County Corrections

Flage – Northwest Regional Development Commission

Gerardy – None

Moran – Enbridge Zoom, Tri-County Corrections

Mickelson – Association of Minnesota Counties

AUDITOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Auditor Kelsey Gervais informed the board that a Joint County Ditch meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. to discuss illegal drainage into Joint County Ditch #66 and drainage concerns related to Joint County Ditch #60. Gervais also reminded the board that the Board of Equalization meeting will be held on June 16, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. Both meetings are scheduled to take place in the Commissioner Boardroom at the Red Lake County Courthouse.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Gerardy, seconded by Commissioner Remick, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m. The next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23rd, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

Attest: _____
Kelsey Gervais, County Auditor

Eric Mickelson, Chairman
Board of Commissioner