

AITKIN COUNTY BOARD

January 3, 2012

<p>County Administrator Patrick Wussow called the 2012 Board Meeting to order this 3rd day of January, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners J. Mark Wedel, Laurie Westerlund, Donald Niemi, Brian Napstad, Anne Marcotte, County Administrator Patrick Wussow, and Administrative Assistant Sue Bingham.</p>	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p>
<p>Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi to nominate Commissioner Wedel as Chairperson for the year 2012.</p>	<p>NOMINATION OF BOARD CHAIR</p>
<p>Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot in favor of Commissioner Wedel as Chairperson for the year 2012.</p>	<p>UNANIMOUS BALLOT</p>
<p>Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte to nominate Commissioner Westerlund as Vice Chairperson for the year 2012.</p>	<p>NOMINATION OF VICE CHAIR</p>
<p>Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot in favor of Commissioner Westerlund as Vice Chairperson for the year 2012.</p>	<p>UNANIMOUS BALLOT</p>
<p>Motion by Commissioner Westerlund seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting yes to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: A) Reaffirm Annual Code of Ethics; B) Reaffirm Out of State Travel Policy; C) Approve Commissioner Warrants: General Fund \$123,928.41, Road & Bridge \$26,802.03, Health & Human Services \$686.32, Trust \$52,679.70, Forest Development \$2,420.64, Long Lake Conservation Center \$2,166.81 for a total of \$208,683.91</p>	<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p>
<p>Senator Tom Saxhaug discussed legislative items with the Board.</p>	<p>SENATOR SAXHAUG</p>
<p>Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve a schedule of three meetings a month - 1st, 2nd, and 4th Tuesdays.</p>	<p>2012 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE</p>
<p>The County Board reviewed the bids submitted for the "Official Newspaper." Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution - 2012 Official Newspaper:</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED, that the <i>Aitkin Independent Age/Voyageur Press</i> is hereby designated by the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners as the newspaper in which all official business shall be published. The <i>Voyageur Press</i> is named second publication of Financial Statement.</p>	<p>RESOLUTION 010312-001 2012 OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER</p>
<p>Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution - 2012 Aitkin County Board of Commissioners Rules of Business & Meeting Procedures:</p>	

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WHEREAS, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners sees it prudent and necessary to review and adopt rules of procedure governing the conduct of County Board Meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Aitkin County Board has adopted and utilized rules of business, board procedures, and Robert's Rules of Order; and

WHEREAS, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners believes it is important to annually reaffirm the rules; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached "Aitkin County Board of Commissioners Meeting Procedures and Rules of Business" is hereby amended and reaffirmed.

Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve the following committee appointments:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners makes the following committee appointments for the year 2012:

Assessor for Unorganized Twps.
Fairgrounds Custodian
AMC Delegates (8)

Purchasing/Building Committee
Facilities Committee

Aitkin Airport Commission (2)

McGregor Airport Commission (2)

Tri-County Community Health Services Board
Arrowhead Regional Development Council
Aitkin County Water Planning Task Force
Snake River Watershed Management Board
NE MN Office Job Training

Mike Dangers
Kirk Peysar
County Board
County Auditor
HHS Director
County Administrator
Board
J. Mark Wedel
Brian Napstad
J. Mark Wedel
John Welle
Brian Napstad
William Bedor
Laurie Westerlund
Don Niemi
Mark Wedel
Don Niemi
Brian Napstad

Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve the following committee appointments:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that Board Chairperson Westerlund make the following committee appointments for the year 2012:

Aitkin County Growth, Board of Directors, Liaison

Anne Marcotte

**RESOLUTION
010312-002
2012 AITKIN
COUNTY BOARD
OF
COMMISSIONERS
MEETING
PROCEDURES &
RULES OF
BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION
010312-003
COMMITTEE
APPOINTMENTS**

**RESOLUTION
010312-004
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Aitkin Economic Development Administration Arrowhead Counties Association	J. Mark Wedel Don Niemi Anne Marcotte Brian Napstad Anne Marcotte Brian Napstad, Alternate John Welle Brian Napstad Anne Marcotte All Board Members Don Niemi, Primary Anne Marcotte, Primary Brian Napstad Anne Marcotte, Alternate	
Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency Arrowhead Emergency Management Services (1 + alternate)		
Arrowhead Regional Transportation Committee ATV Committee (2)		
Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Steering Committee		
Big Sandy Lake Management Plan (1 + Alternate)		
Central MN Corrections (2)	J. Mark Wedel Laurie Westerlund	
Development Achievement Center (liaison) (1 + Alternate)	Laurie Westerlund Don Niemi, Alternate Don Niemi Anne Marcotte Don Niemi Don Niemi Laurie Westerlund Anne Marcotte Brian Napstad	
East Central Regional Library Board Economic Development (2)	J. Mark Wedel J. Mark Wedel Laurie Westerlund Anne Marcotte Brian Napstad Laurie Westerlund	
Employee Recognition (2)	County Board Brian Napstad Mark Jacobs All Board Members J. Mark Wedel, Primary J. Mark Wedel Laurie Westerlund, Alternate	
Environmental Assessment Worksheet (2)		
Emergency Management Extension Committee (2)		
Forest Advisory Committee (2)		
H & HS Advisory Committee (Liaison)		
Historical Society (Liaison) Insurance Committee (2)		
Investment Committee Joint Powers Natural Resources Board		
Kinship of Aitkin County		
Labor Management Committee		
Lakes and Pines (1+ Alternate)		
Law Library MCIT Representative (1 + Alternate)	Don Niemi Anne Marcotte, Alternate Don Niemi Laurie Westerlund	

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Mille Lacs Watershed (2)	Kirk Peysar, Alternate Don Niemi Laurie Westerlund Brian Napstad Anne Marcotte Don Niemi, Alternate John Welle Don Niemi John Welle (Vacant)	2012 PRIORITY ITEMS & LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM
Mississippi Headwaters Board (MHB) MN Rural Counties Caucus (1 + Alternate)	Brian Napstad Laurie Westerlund, Alternate	PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
Northeast MN ATP Steering Committee Northeast MN ATP	Brian Napstad Anne Marcotte, Alternate	OPEN SOCIAL WORKER POSITION
Northeast MN ATP Township Representative Northeast Waste Advisory Committee (NEWAC) (1+Alternate)	Laurie Westerlund, Alternate	SNAKE RIVER WATERSHED
Northern Counties Land Use Coordinating Board (NCLUCB) (1 + Alternate)	Brian Napstad Anne Marcotte, Alternate	
Onanegozie (RCDC) (1 + Alternate)	Laurie Westerlund Anne Marcotte, Alternate	
Ordinance Committee (2)	Brian Napstad Anne Marcotte Don Niemi	
Personnel Committee (2)	J. Mark Wedel Laurie Westerlund Anne Marcotte Laurie Westerlund, Alternate	
Planning Commission Public Land Classification Committee (2)	Laurie Westerlund Brian Napstad	
Solid Waste Task Force (2)	Laurie Westerlund Brian Napstad Laurie Westerlund	
Park Commission		
Priority items for 2012 and the 2012 Legislative Platform were discussed by the Board.		
Bobbie Danielson, Human Resources Manager presented Personnel Committee recommendation to the Board.		
Tom Burke, Health & Human Services Director discussed the concerns and need to fill a vacant Social Worker position. Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve filling the position.		
Patrick Wussow, County Administrator and Steve Hughes, District Manager Aitkin County Soil and Water Conservation District reviewed and discussed the Joint Powers Agreement of the Snake River Watershed Management Board.		

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Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting that the Aitkin County Board as the Animal Control Authority finds that the evidence presented requesting to rescind the dangerous dog designation for "Mercedes" is sufficient. The Animal Control Authority therefore rescinds the dangerous dog designation. The designation is reduced to potentially dangerous dog.

**PUBLIC HEARING
DANGEROUS DOG**

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting that the Aitkin County Board as the Animal Control Authority finds that the evidence presented requesting to rescind the potentially dangerous for "Maggie" is sufficient. The Animal Control Authority therefore rescinds the potentially dangerous dog designation.

**PUBLIC HEARING
POTENTIALLY
DANGEROUS DOG**

Break: 11:14 a.m. to 11:34 a.m.

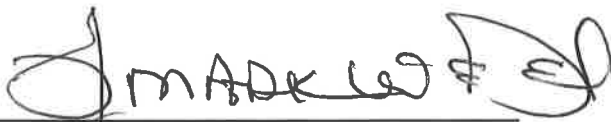
BREAK

During the meeting, the Board heard updates on the following committees: i) CMCC, ii) DAC, iii) HRA, iv) AEOA, v) EQB, vi) MAGIC Act, vii) NACO Public Lands Steering Committee, viii) RC&D, ix) Domestic Violence Courts

**COMMITTEE
UPDATES**

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 12:50 p.m. until Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURN



J. Mark Wedel, Chairperson
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners



Patrick Wussow, County Administrator