

# AITKIN COUNTY BOARD

January 24, 2012

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012 at 10:05 a.m. with the following members present: Chairperson J. Mark Wedel, Commissioners Laurie Westerlund, Don Niemi, Brian Napstad, Anne Marcotte, County Administrator Patrick Wussow, and Administrative Assistant Sue Bingham.

Chairperson Wedel closed the meeting at 10:05 a.m. under MN Statute 13D.05 subd. 3(b) Attorney-Client Privilege.

Aitkin County vs. Points North - No action was taken.

Aitkin County vs. Blandin Paper Company – No action was taken.

Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting to open the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

Break: 10:57 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve the January 24, 2012 agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: A) Correspondence File: January 10, 2012 – January 23, 2012; B) Approve Minutes: January 10, 2012; C) Approve Resolution – Committee Appointments – Amended; D) Approve 2012 Fire Protection Contract with City of McGrath; E) Approve 2012 Fire Protection Contract with Ball Bluff Township; F) Summary of Closed Session – County Administrator's Performance Evaluation; G) Approve Resolution – Recorder's Office Transfer of Funds; H) Approve Auditor Warrants December Sales & Use Tax: General Fund \$492.91, Road & Bridge \$993.53, State \$9,339.50, Trust \$10.55, Forest Development \$0.45, Long Lake Conservation Center \$113.96, for a total of \$10,950.90; I) Approve Auditor Warrants – Nov/Dec Tax Settlement Payments: Agency \$536,103.59; a) Approve Commissioner Warrants –General Fund \$321,330.30, Road & Bridge \$41,800.32, Special Revenue \$971.00, Health & Human Services \$43,951.70, State \$105.00, Trust \$42,631.55, Forest Development \$9,936.23, Long Lake Conservation Center \$20,421.21 for a total of \$481,147.31, b) Approve Out-of-State travel to Texas for three deputies

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution – Committee Appointments – Amended:

**WHEREAS**, at the January 10, 2012 Aitkin County Board meeting, the Board discussed the AMC Delegates for Aitkin County and appointed the Environmental Services Director in place of the County Auditor.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**AITKIN COUNTY  
VS. POINTS NO.**

**AITKIN COUNTY  
VS. BLANDIN  
PAPER COMPANY**

**OPEN MEETING**

**BREAK**

**APPROVED  
AGENDA**

**CONSENT  
AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION  
012412-005  
COMMITTEE  
APPOINTMENTS -**



**NOW THEN BE IT RESOLVED**, that we do hereby accept said completed projects for and in behalf of the County of Aitkin and authorize final payment to J. R. Ferche, Inc. in the amount of \$16,201.20 as specified herein.

**C.P. 01-241-01**

Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to authorize County Engineer John Welle to enter into an agreement with Widseth, Smith, Nolting for design of a replacement structure for the bridge on CSAH 4 over Rice River - \$23,600.

**CSAH 4 BRIDGE**

Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution – S.P. 01-603-12 Local Road Improvement Program Grant Application:

**WHEREAS**, during the 2011 legislative session, \$10,000,000 from the bond proceeds account in the state transportation fund was dedicated to the Local Road Improvement Program for the construction and reconstruction of local roads with statewide or regional significance, and

**RESOLUTION  
012412-008  
S.P. 01-603-12  
LOCAL ROAD  
IMPROVEMENT  
PROGRAM GRANT  
APPLICATION**

**WHEREAS**, grant applications are currently being solicited by the Minnesota Department of Transportation for eligible local projects, and

**WHEREAS**, S.P. 01-603-12 is an eligible local project on Aitkin County State Aid Highway No. 3 that is currently seeking funding for construction during the 2012 construction season, and

**WHEREAS**, CSAH 3 is on the Tier 1 10-ton system that provides a regionally significant freight corridor serving the north region of Minnesota.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Aitkin County hereby supports the submission of S.P. 01-603-12 for consideration for 2011 Local Road Improvement Program funding.

Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution – City of Tamarack Local Road Improvement Program Grant Application:

**WHEREAS**, during the 2011 legislative session, \$10,000,000 from the bond proceeds account in the state transportation fund was dedicated to the Local Road Improvement Program for the construction and reconstruction of local roads with statewide or regional significance, and

**RESOLUTION  
012412-009  
CITY OF  
TAMARACK  
LOCAL ROAD  
IMPROVEMENT  
PROGRAM GRANT  
APPLICATION**

**WHEREAS**, grant applications are currently being solicited by the Minnesota Department of Transportation for eligible local projects, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tamarack in Aitkin County is submitting a grant application for resurfacing of various streets within the City of Tamarack.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Aitkin County hereby supports the City of

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Tamarack in their grant application and commits to acting as project sponsor for this project in the event that it receives Local Road Improvement Program funding.

Lisa Hamilton, Executive Director AADA provided updates to the County Board on Advocates Against Domestic Abuse (AADA) and Remnica House, and informed the Board that they were awarded a \$344,822.00 federal grant.

Patrick Wussow, County Administrator and the Board discussed whether or not a sandbag policy is necessary for Aitkin County. No action was taken.

Bobbi Seibert, Aitkin High School Student and Bill Thompson, Building Maintenance Supervisor reviewed the 2011 Motor Pool Report with the Board.

During the meeting, the Board heard updates on the following committees: i) LMC, ii) EDA, iii) CMCC, iv) BTYR, v) HRA, vi) ACAT, vii) McElpatrick Mtg, viii) MRCC, ix) BSLWMP, x) EQB, xi) BWSR, xii) ATV Trail Towns, xiii) ACAT, xiv) Arrowhead, xv) Joint Powers NRB, xvi) McGregor Airport, xvii) MHB, xviii) Lakes & Pines, xix) ARDC, xx) Kinship

Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 12:59 p.m. until Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

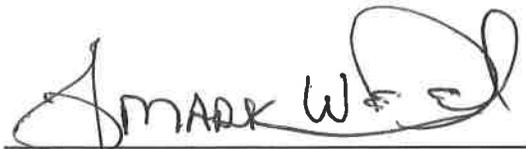
**AADA & REMNICA HOUSE**

**SANDBAGS**

**MOTOR POOL**

**COMMITTEE UPDATES**

**ADJOURN**



J. Mark Wedel, Chairperson  
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners



Patrick Wussow, County Administrator