

AITKIN COUNTY BOARD

February 7, 2012

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 7th day of February, 2012 at 9:01 a.m. with the following members present: Chairperson J. Mark Wedel, Commissioners Don Niemi, Brian Napstad, and Anne Marcotte. Commissioner Laurie Westerlund was absent. County Administrator Patrick Wussow, and Administrative Assistant Sue Bingham were also present.

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve the February 7, 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 24, 2012 – February 6, 2012; B) Approve Minutes: January 24, 2012; C) Approve Election Services Agreement with Synergy Graphics; D) Approve Lease Agreement for Aitkin County License Center; E) Approve Duplicate of Lost Warrant #38421 - K&M Signs \$1,275.00; F) Approve 2013 Fire Protection Contract – City of Palisade; a) Approve Commissioner Warrants: General Fund \$157,643.32, Road & Bridge \$55,027.29, Special Revenue \$136.10, Health & Human Services \$1,245.57, State \$23.78, Trust \$10,662.45, Forest Development \$3,890.71, Agency \$3,155.07, Long Lake Conservation Center \$63,514.17 for a total of \$295,298.46; b) Approve Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) in the amount of \$17,414.00 – Sheriff's Department

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve a five year lease agreement - January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2017, between the Aitkin County License Center and Patrick and Maryann Holder, at a monthly rate of \$750.00 which includes all utilities except telephone.

Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to approve Amended Aitkin County Highway Right-of-Way Plat No. 13.

Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution – Partial Vacation County Rd 85 Right of Way:

WHEREAS, Aitkin County acquired right-of-way on Aitkin County Road No. 85 as a Trunk Highway Turnback from the Minnesota Department of Transportation, and

WHEREAS, portions of excessively wide right-of-way can restrict a landowners ability to improve the property, and

WHEREAS, a landowner has requested the vacation of the outer 40 feet of way through his property to reduce the right-of-way width from 100 feet to 60 feet, measured from the centerline of County Road No. 85, and

CALL TO ORDER

**APPROVED
AGENDA**

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

**AITKIN COUNTY
LICENSE CENTER
LEASE
AGREEMENT**

**AMENDED
RIGHT- OF-WAY
PLAT NO. 13**

**RESOLUTION
020712-010
PARTIAL
VACATION
COUNTY RD 85
RIGHT OF WAY**

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the right-of-way is excessively wide in this area and therefore can be reduced to a width of 60 feet from the centerline of County Road No. 85.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the portion of Aitkin County Road No. 85 right-of-way hereinafter described is hereby vacated so that the property reverts to the owner of said property.

That part of the existing right-of-way for County Road 85 (also known as Pike Avenue) that is located in the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 6, Township 44, Range 27, Aitkin County, Minnesota, that lies southeasterly of and southwesterly of the existing southerly right-of-way line for Trunk Highway 169 and that lies between a line 60 feet northwesterly of and parallel with and a line 100 feet northwesterly of and parallel with the centerline of said County Road 85.

It is intended to extend or shorten the sidelines of said vacated right-of-way so as to intersect the south line of said Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and the southerly right-of-way line of said Trunk Highway 169.

John Welle, County Engineer discussed a petition for partial abandonment of portions of County Ditch 4 and 38 with the Board.

**COUNTY DITCH 4
AND 38**

John Welle, County Engineer reviewed the 2012-2016 Capital Road Improvement Program with the Board.

**2012 – 2016
CAPITAL ROAD
IMPROVEMENT**

Break: 10:31 a.m. to 10:41 a.m.

BREAK

Terry Neff, Environmental Services Director updated the Board on the Subsurface Sewage Treatment System (SSTS) rules.

SSTS RULES

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting to schedule the 2012 Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting on Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. in the boardroom at the Aitkin County Courthouse.

**BAE MEETING
SCHEDULED**

Lori Grams, Treasurer reviewed the 2011 4th Quarter Investment Report with the Board.

**4TH QUARTER
INVESTMENT
REPORT**

Kirk Peysar, Auditor discussed the 2011 Year End Report with the Board.

**2011 YEAR END
REPORT**

Scott Turner, Sheriff and Rey Freeman of GeoComm provided an overview of the ARMER migration project.

ARMER UPDATE

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Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting to appoint Joy Janzen the District 2 representative on the Extension Committee for a three-year term ending December 31, 2014.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT – EXTENSION

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting to appoint Janet Watson the District 4 representative on the Tourism Grant Advisory Committee for a three-year term ending December 31, 2014.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT – TOURISM GRANT ADVISORY

Patrick Wussow, County Administrator presented the Board with information from AMC about 2012 County Days at the Capitol. The Board decided Aitkin County would not participate this year.

AITKIN COUNTY DAY AT THE CAPITOL

Patrick Wussow, County Administrator discussed the upcoming Northeast Service Cooperative meeting scheduled for March 1, 2012 with the Board.

NORTHEAST SERVICE COOPERATIVE

During the meeting, the Board heard updates on the following committees: i) HHS – e-docs, ii) Mississippi Headwaters Board, iii) Aitkin Airport, iv) Economic Development, v) McGregor Airport Commission, vi) Elder Conference

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Break: 12:16 p.m. to 12:39 p.m.

BREAK

Chairperson Wedel closed the meeting at 12:39 p.m. under MN Statute 13D.03 Subd. 1(b) Labor Negotiations.

CLOSED SESSION

Chairperson Wedel reopened the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

OPEN MEETING

Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 p.m. until Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURN

J. Mark Wedel, Chairperson
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

Patrick Wussow, County Administrator