

# AITKIN COUNTY BOARD

May 22, 2012

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2012 at 10:26 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.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve the May 22, 2012 agenda.

**APPROVED  
AGENDA**

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: A) Correspondence File: May 8, 2012 – May 21, 2012; B) Approve County Board Minutes: May 8, 2012; C) Accept Application & Appoint Roberta Elvecrog to Snake River Watershed Citizens Advisory Committee; D) Accept STS Donation of \$150.00 from Riceland Chpt Deer Association; E) Accept Donations - \$100.00 to Boat & Water from Gun Lake Association, \$250.00 to Sheriff's Posse from Aitkin County Agricultural Society, and \$200.00 to STS from Round Lake Cemetery Association; F) Approve Out of State Travel – Sheriff's Dept.; G) Approve Resolution – County Engineer; H) Approve Commissioner Warrants: General Fund \$64,883.78, Road & Bridge \$52,852.84, Health & Human Services \$963.58, State \$195.00, Trust \$2,514.11, Forest Development \$4,970.63, Long Lake Conservation Center \$9,780.66 for a total of \$136,160.60; I) Approve Auditor Warrants – Sales & Use Tax: General Fund \$562.97, Road & Bridge \$1,208.35, Health & Human Services \$102.82, State \$6,959.00, Trust \$27.00, Forest Development \$9.70, Long Lake Conservation Center \$52.76 for a total of \$8,922.60; J) Approve Auditor Warrants – Remaining Gas Tax: Agency \$74,005.84; K) Approve Low Bid of \$11,045.85 for upgrading & expanding electric hook-ups at Berglund Park in Palisade – A&M Electric, Tamarack, MN; L) Approve Resolution – Set Public Hearing Date – Land Exchange

**CONSENT  
AGENDA**

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting to accept application and appoint Roberta Elvecrog to fill At Large opening on the Snake River Watershed Citizens Advisory Committee. This appointment is for a three year term.

**COMMITTEE  
APPOINTMENT  
SNAKE RIVER  
WATERSHED**

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund, and carried, all members voting yes to approve out of state travel request and lodging expenses of \$600.00 to \$700.00 for Sheriff Scott Turner - June 16, 2012 through June 20, 2012 at the National Sheriff's Association Summer Conference in Nashville, Tennessee.

**OUT OF STATE  
TRAVEL  
REQUEST**

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting to approve resolution – County Engineer:

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statute 163.07, requires that all of the county engineers in Minnesota serve four-year terms.

**RESOLUTION  
052212-046  
COUNTY**

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**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that John Welle is hereby appointed County Engineer of Aitkin County for a four-year term commencing January 1, 2013, pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statute, Section 163.07.

**ENGINEER**

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution – Set Public Hearing Date – Land Exchange:

**WHEREAS**, under Minnesota Statute 94.344, County Administered tax forfeited lands “Class B lands” may, by resolution of the County Board in which the land is situated and with the unanimous approval of the Land Exchange Commission, be exchanged for land of the United States or privately owned land in the same County, and

**RESOLUTION  
052212-047  
SET PUBLIC  
HEARING DATE –  
LAND  
EXCHANGE**

**WHEREAS**, a proposal for a Class “B” land exchange has been received from Jeff Hawkinson of 16045 478<sup>th</sup> Lane Tamarack, Mn 55787 and Greg Maas of 15048 472<sup>nd</sup> St. Tamarack, Mn. 55787 for exchanging the following Class “B” land: NE-NW and SW-SW Sec 14 Township 45 Range 22 for his property: W ½-NW Sec 22 Twp 45 Range 22, and

**WHEREAS**, before giving the final approval on any exchange of Class B land, the County Board shall hold a public hearing thereon to classify and approve the properties involved in the transaction.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that the date of August 14, 2012 at 10:00 AM be set aside for a hearing on the preceding Class B land exchange.

**TAX COURT  
UPDATE**

Mike Dangers, County Assessor discussed the 2012 Tax Court Update with the Board.

Sheriff Scott Turner and Rey Freeman from GeoComm reviewed the Motorola ARMER Radio System Proposal and Contract Award Recommendation with the Board. Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting yes to approve Motorola ARMER Radio Contract - \$1,579,705.40.

**MOTOROLA  
ARMER RADIO  
PROPOSAL**

Pat Scollard, Sentence to Serve Coordinator provided an update of the STS program to the Board.

**STS UPDATE**

Mike and Trish Olson of Chappy’s Golden Shores requested a Home and Community Based Contract with Aitkin County. Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried (4-1 Wedel), for Health & Human Services staff and two commissioners to meet with Mike and Trish Olson of Chappy’s Golden Shores sometime between June 6<sup>th</sup> through June 21<sup>st</sup> to create a written contract or a written list of why a contract could not be agreed to. A decision to grant or not grant a contract will be made at the June 26, 2012 Aitkin County Health & Human Services Board meeting.

**CHAPPY’S  
GOLDEN  
SHORES**

Break from 12:02 p.m. to 12:09 p.m.

**BREAK**

Commissioner Don Niemi left at 12:03 p.m.

**NIEMI LEAVES**

Mark Jacobs, Land Commissioner gave a Ten-Year Report on Long Lake Conservation Center to the Board.

**LLCC TEN-YEAR REPORT**

Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution – Award Bid SP 01-090-02:

**WHEREAS**, Eagle Construction of Little Falls, MN was the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$503,006.40 for SP 01-090-02.

**RESOLUTION  
052212-048  
AWARD BID  
SP 01-090-02**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Eagle Construction be awarded the contract for the Aitkin Multi-Use Trails.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chairperson of the Aitkin County Board and the Aitkin County Auditor are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract on behalf of Aitkin County with said low bidder upon presentation of proper contract documents.

Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution – Award Bid SP 01-603-012:

**WHEREAS**, Ulland Brothers, Inc. of Cloquet, MN was the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$2,030,345.39 for SP 01-603-12.

**RESOLUTION  
052212-049  
AWARD BID  
SP 01-603-12**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Ulland Brothers, Inc. be awarded the contract for the Bituminous Mill, Reclamation, Cold In-Place Recycle, Hot Mix Bituminous Pavement, Culvert and Sidewalk Replacement, and Concrete Curb and Gutter.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chairperson of the Aitkin County Board and the Aitkin County Auditor are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract on behalf of Aitkin County with said low bidder upon presentation of proper contract documents.

Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution – Award Bids CP 01-090-19, CP 01-614-01 & CP 01-636-01:

**WHEREAS**, Anderson Brothers Construction of Brainerd, MN was the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$1,052,727.66 for CP 01-090-19, CP 01-614-01, and CP 01-636-01.

**RESOLUTION  
052212-050  
AWARD BIDS  
CP 01-090-19,  
CP 01-614-01, &  
CP 01-636-01**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Anderson Brothers Construction be awarded the contract for the Bituminous Pavement at the McGregor Airport and Bituminous Pavement and Aggregate Shouldering on Aitkin County State Aid Highway No 14 and 36.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chairperson of the Aitkin County Board and the

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Aitkin County Auditor are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract on behalf of Aitkin County with said low bidder upon presentation of proper contract documents.

Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution – Award Bid SAP 01-605-09:

**WHEREAS**, Roth Construction of McGrath, MN was the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$669,719.85 for SAP 01-605-09;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Roth Construction be awarded the contract for the Grading, Aggregate Base, Turn Lane Construction and Plant Mixed Bituminous on CSAH No. 5.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chairperson of the Aitkin County Board and the Aitkin County Auditor are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract on behalf of Aitkin County with said low bidder upon presentation of proper contract documents.

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting yes to authorize the budgeted replacement of a 1996 Ford pickup truck – Unit #436 – Road & Bridge Department, by purchasing a used MnDOT pickup truck, at a cost up to \$14,000.

Break from 12:41 p.m. to 1:32 p.m.

Mark Jacobs, Land Commissioner introduced Paula Frings and Jane Bymark of Maven Perspectives, who provided the Board an update on their Long Lake Conservation Center marketing project. They will return July 10, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. to present their recommendations.

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting yes to approve the following Aitkin County Tourism Grants:

\$ 530.00 – Aitkin County Historical Society  
\$2,124.00 – Jaques Art Center  
\$3,500.00 – Aitkin Area Chamber of Commerce  
\$1,552.00 – McGrath 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee  
\$7,706.00

During the meeting the Board discussed: i) CMCC, ii) Park Board, iii) Wealthwood-Hazelton-Nordland BOE, iv) P&Z, v) LLCC Mgmt Team, vi) HRA, vii) Lake Improvement Districts, viii) Mille Lacs Watershed, ix) MCIT Training, x) Arrowhead Counties, xi) MHB, xii) Aitkin Airport, xiii) Sobriety Court, xiv) Fiscal Disparity

**RESOLUTION  
052212-051  
AWARD BID  
SAP 01-605-09**

**EQUIPMENT  
PURCHASE –  
ROAD & BRIDGE**

**BREAK**

**MAVEN  
PERSPECTIVES**

**TOURISM  
GRANTS**

**BOARD  
DISCUSSION**

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Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 3:12 p.m. until Tuesday, June 5, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

**ADJOURN**

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J. Mark Wedel, Chairperson  
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

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Patrick Wussow, County Administrator