The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012 at 9:02 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 Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve the August 7, 2012 agenda.

APPROVED AGENDA

James Bradley, Lake Minnewawa resident voiced his concerns about establishing a Lake Improvement District on Lake Minnewawa, and Roberta Elvecrog recognized the Aitkin County Fairboard, and 4-H participants.

CITIZENS' PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: A) Correspondence File: July 24, 2012 – August 6, 2012; B) Approve County Board Minutes: July 24, 2012; C) Approve July Manual Warrants: General Fund \$50,326.68, Road & Bridge \$467,999.63, Health & Human Services \$123.36, State \$15,109.55, Taxes & Penalties \$788.84, Long Lake Conservation Center \$4,556.90 for a total of \$538,904.96; D) Approve Repurchase Request – 17-44-23 Zortman; a) Approve Commissioner Warrants: General Fund \$83,585.01, Road & Bridge \$31,320.38, Health & Human Services \$633.45, Trust \$2,083.58, Forest Development \$23,962.41, Long Lake Conservation Center \$11,899.25 for a total of \$153,484.08; b) Approve Duplicate of Lost Warrant – Goble Sewer Service \$375.00; c) Approve Duplicate of Lost Warrant Health & Human Services – Sarah Friberg \$45.30; d) Approve Right of Way Easement – Pine County

CONSENT AGENDA

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

WHEREAS, Ryan Arthur Zortman, the owner at the time of forfeiture, has made and filed an application with the County Auditor for the repurchase of the hereinafter described parcel of tax forfeited land, in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 282.241, of amended, which land is situated in the County of Aitkin, Minnesota and

RESOLUTION 080712-083 ZORTMAN REPURCHASE

East One Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter Section Seventeen (17) Township Forty-four (44) Range Twenty-three (23).

**AND WHEREAS,** said applicant has set forth in his application that:

described as follows, to-wit:

a) Hardship and injustice has resulted because of forfeiture of said land, for the following reasons, to-wit:

I purchased the land from my father. The land has been owned by my family for years, previously being owned by my uncle. My family is very close. I do not want my family to be upset because of the loss of this land.

b) The repurchase of said land by me will promote and best serve the public