

# AITKIN COUNTY BOARD

August 7, 2012

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.

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve the August 7, 2012 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.

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

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 described as follows, to-wit:

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:

- 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

**CALL TO ORDER**

**APPROVED  
AGENDA**

**CITIZENS' PUBLIC  
COMMENT**

**CONSENT  
AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION  
080712-083  
ZORTMAN  
REPURCHASE**

interest, because:

I have planted and am taking care of two hundred trees, with plans to plant more on this property. There is also a creek running through this land requiring constant watch because beavers are always damming it up, flooding the neighbor's land.

**AND WHEREAS**, this board is of the opinion that said application should be granted for such reasons.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the application of Ryan Arthur Zortman for the purchase of the above described parcel of tax forfeited land be and the same is hereby granted and the County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to permit such repurchase according to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 282.241, as amended.

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve Pine County's request for a right-of-way easement on Aitkin County tax forfeited land in 1-44-22 for reconstruction of Pine CSAH 41.

Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution – Award Bid SAP 01-599-34:

**WHEREAS**, SAP 01-599-034 is a bridge replacement project on McGregor Township Road – 185<sup>th</sup> Place – over the Sandy River (County Ditch No. 42), and

**WHEREAS**, sealed bids were opened for this project at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, July 23, 2012 with a total of two bids received, and

**WHEREAS**, Gladen Construction of LaPorte, MN was the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$149,072.25.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Gladen Construction be awarded the contract for construction of SAP 01-599-034.

**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 Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution – Award Bid SAP 01-604-10:

**WHEREAS**, SAP 01-604-010 is a bridge replacement project on CSAH 4 over the Rice River, and

**WHEREAS**, sealed bids were opened for this project at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, July 30, 2012 with a total of five bids received, and

**RIGHT OF WAY  
EASEMENT**

**RESOLUTION  
080712-084  
AWARD BID  
SAP 01-599-34**

**RESOLUTION  
080712-085  
AWARD BID  
SAP 01-604-10**

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**WHEREAS**, Dallco Inc. of Finlayson, MN was the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$580,037.42.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Dallco Inc. be awarded the contract for construction of SAP 01-604-010.

**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.

Kirk Peysar, Auditor presented a petition to the Board requesting to establish a Lake Improvement District (LID) for Lake Minnewawa. James Bradley, Patrick Rath, Bill Pavlik, and Nancy Karjalahti voiced their concerns. It was also noted that a second petition has been presented to the County Auditor in opposition of the Lake Improvement District. Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting to schedule a public hearing, as required by state statute, at the McGregor Community Center on Thursday, September 6, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in order to hear comments about the petition and request for a Lake Improvement District. Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members authorizing the County Administrator work with the County Auditor to validate the second petition presented to the County Auditor, and to follow related state statutes.

Patrick Wussow, County Administrator reviewed the 2012 Second Quarter Revenues & Expenditures Report with the Board.

Patrick Wussow, County Administrator discussed with the Board the cost and potential benefits of a mobile recording system. The Board requested this be brought back at a future meeting with more information and options.

Mark Jacobs, Land Commissioner gave the Board a power point presentation on the flood related damages to ATV trails.

Patrick Wussow, County Administrator reviewed flood related expenditures with the Board.

Patrick Wussow, County Administrator discussed establishing a Lake Improvement District Policy with the Board. The Administrator was directed to work with staff and bring back a draft policy this fall.

Break: 10:45 a.m. to 11:02 a.m.

Patrick Wussow, County Administrator along with Kathy Brophy, Jake Carlson, Dale Johnson, and Adam Forsberg from Aitkin Airport, Ihleen Williams from C.A.R.E., and Jim

**SET PUBLIC HEARING – LAKE MINNEWAWA LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

**2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTER REVENUES & EXPENDITURES**

**MOBILE RECORDING SYSTEM**

**FLOOD RELATED DAMAGES – ATV TRAILS**

**FLOOD RELATED EXPENDITURES**

**LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT POLICY**

**BREAK**

**APPROPRIATIONS**

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Bright and Kirk Peysar from Ag Society/Fairboard discussed proposed 2013 appropriations, and other financial needs with the Board.

Scott Turner, Sheriff gave a flood update to the Board.

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve budgeted request to trade in existing handguns, and purchase new handguns from KEEPRS in the amount of \$2,594.00.

Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution - 2012 Federal Boating Safety Supplemental Equipment Grant Agreement:

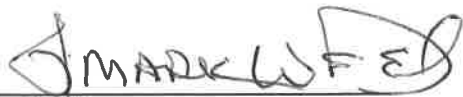
**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners approve the 2012 Federal Boating Safety Enforcement Supplemental Agreement – Equipment/Supplies Grant file in the Office of the County Auditor and authorize the Aitkin County Sheriff, County Board Chair and County Auditor to sign the agreement in the amount of \$49,500.00 for the term of July 1, 2012, through September 14, 2012

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve purchase of Duck Water Rescue Boat from Duck Water Boats Inc. in Dover, Ohio at a cost of \$52,000.00. The above mentioned grant will cover \$49,500.00. Forfeiture funds will cover the remaining \$2,500.00.

Break: 12:56 p.m. to 1:06 p.m.

During the meeting the Board discussed: i) Historical Society, ii) Aitkin Airport, iii) Onanegozie, iv) Lakes & Pines, v) MHB, vi) Prairie River Washout, vii) McGregor Airport Commission, viii) Flood Relief Committee, ix) ATV, x) American Legion Food Building

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 1:37 p.m. until Tuesday, August 14, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.



J. Mark Wedel, Chairperson  
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners



Patrick Wussow, County Administrator

**FLOOD UPDATE**

**UPGRADE  
HANDGUNS**

**RESOLUTION  
080712-0XX  
2012 FEDERAL  
BOATING SAFETY  
SUPPLEMENTAL  
EQUIPMENT  
GRANT  
AGREEMENT**

**DUCK WATER  
RESCUE BOAT**

**BREAK**

**BOARD  
DISCUSSION**

**ADJOURN**