

AITKIN COUNTY BOARD

September 4, 2012

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 4th day of September, 2012 at 9:01 a.m. with the following members present: Chairperson J. Mark Wedel, Commissioners Laurie Westerlund, Don Niemi, and Brian Napstad. Commissioner Anne Marcotte was absent. County Administrator Patrick Wussow, and Administrative Assistant Sue Bingham were also present.

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried (4-0 Marcotte absent), to approve the September 4, 2012 agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried (4-0 Marcotte absent), all members voting yes to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: A) Correspondence File: August 28, 2012 – September 3, 2012; B) Approve County Board Minutes: August 28, 2012; C) Authorize Signatures on Audit Engagement Letter – Office of the State Auditor; D) Approve Resolution – Newlin-Root Repurchase Application; E) Approve Auditor Warrants – 2011 2nd Half Taconite Production Distributions: Agency \$76,169.00

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried (4-0 Marcotte absent), all members voting yes to approve resolution – Newlin-Root Repurchase Application:

WHEREAS, Linda Kae Newlin-Root, the former owner 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:

Sheshebe Point Third Addition Lot Thirty-two (32) Block Twenty-one (21)

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

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

I was careless and irresponsible toward paying the taxes on this property that has been in our family for many decades. The resulting hardship is that of an emotional and personal one for myself and family. While it may seem like just a silly little piece of property to some, it was ours. Every season I drive my mom and my kids (when they were little) up to McGregor simply to see it. Sometimes we tromp around...had a picnic once...pick a flower – I have a big rock from the property that acts as a doorstep in my home. Simply, it was “ours” and I ruined that feeling of “We own a little piece of northern Minnesota”. Please allow me to repurchase it on behalf of my family and I will pay my respect and pay the taxes on time. Thank you.

- b) that the repurchase of said land by me will promote and best serve the public interest, because

it will remain a simple, serene piece of land. I have no interest in tearing down trees or digging up the earth...at the end of the day it's just a wooded and green place for squirrels and birds and a place of nature to buffer the

CALL TO ORDER

**APPROVED
AGENDA**

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION
090412-092
NEWLIN-ROOT
REPURCHASE
APPLICATION**

surrounding development.

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 Linda Kae Newlin-Root 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 to permit such repurchase according to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 282.241 as amended.

John Welle, County Engineer discussed the 2013 proposed Highway Department budget with the Board.

Commissioner Anne Marcotte arrived at 9:27a.m.

Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution – 2013 Unorganized Road & Bridge:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following sums of money be levied against the tax capacity of the Unorganized Townships of Aitkin County, for the year collectible 2013 for Road and Bridge purposes:

Unorg Township	
52-22	\$3000
45-24	\$2000
47-24	\$7500
52-24	\$1500
50-25	\$4000
51-25	\$0
52-25	\$4000
50-26	\$2000
48-27	\$4500
49-27	\$9000
50-27	\$0
51-27	\$0
52-27	\$3500

Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting to approve resolution – 2013 Unorganized Fire Protection:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following sums of money be levied against the tax capacity of the Unorganized Townships of Aitkin County, for the year collectible 2013 for Fire Protection purposes:

**2013 PROPOSED
HIGHWAY DEPT.
BUDGET**

**MARCOTTE
ARRIVES**

**RESOLUTION
090412-093
2013
UNORGANIZED
ROAD & BRIDGE**

**RESOLUTION
090412-094
2013
UNORGANIZED**

Unorg Township	
52-22	\$2000
51-22	\$100
45-25	\$400
47-25	\$1100
52-26	\$1500
50-28	\$1400
51-26	\$150
52-27	\$2500
50-29	\$1400
48-28	\$900
49-28	\$4500
50-30	\$250
51-27	\$2100
52-27	\$2300

FIRE PROTECTION

Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting to approve resolution – 2013 Unorganized Cemetery:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following sums of money be levied against the tax capacity of the Unorganized Townships of Aitkin County, for the year collectible 2013 for Cemetery (Revenue):

**RESOLUTION
090412-095
2013
UNORGANIZED
CEMETERY**

Unorganized Township Cemetery:

Shovel Lake Cemetery	
51-27	\$120
52-27	\$120

Hebron Cemetery	
50-25	\$1,500

Break: 10:33 a.m. to 10:42 a.m.

BREAK

Sheriff Scott Turner, Program Coordinator Karla White, and Rey Freeman from GeoComm reviewed the proposal from Granite Electronics for additional equipment and services necessary for the County's public safety radio communications system project. Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve Granite Electronics proposal of \$481,435.00. A grant of \$152,166.00 has been received by Aitkin County and will be used to reduce overall project cost, but is not reflected in the above amount.

**ARMER RADIO
PROJECT –
GRANITE
ELECTRONICS**

Scott Turner, Sheriff reviewed the 2013 proposed Sheriff's Department budget with the Board.

**2013 PROPOSED
SHERIFF'S DEPT.
BUDGET**

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Commissioner Anne Marcotte left at 12:00 p.m.

During the meeting the Board discussed: i) BWSR

Patrick Wussow, County Administrator discussed with the Board: i) Aitkin County C.A.R.E., ii) Veterans eagle monument, iii) Medica forms, iv) September 11th remembrance

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 12:17 p.m. until Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

**MARCOTTE
LEAVES**

**BOARD
DISCUSSION**

**COUNTY
ADMINISTRATOR**

ADJOURN

J. Mark Wedel, Chairperson
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

Patrick Wussow, County Administrator