

AITKIN COUNTY BOARD

October 2, 2012

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 2nd day of October, 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 Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and failed (2-3 Westerlund/Niemi/Wedel) to approve the October 2, 2012 agenda with two amendments: To move Item 6A2 Personnel Committee Recommendation for Health & Human Services Financial Worker to the first item on the regular agenda, and to remove Item 6A1 Personnel Committee Recommendation for Assistant County Attorney from the agenda until County Attorney Jim Ratz is able to give a presentation to the Board.

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting yes to approve the October 2, 2012 amended agenda: Item 6A2 Personnel Committee Recommendation for Health & Human Services Financial Worker moved to the first item on the regular agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: A) Correspondence File: September 11, 2012 – October 1, 2012; B) Approve County Board Minutes: September 11, 2012; C) Approve Duplicates of Lost Warrants: #24407 – Jeremy Paquette \$146.26, #33300 – Michael Moriarty \$5.60, #36474 – Pete Gansen \$7.60, #37698 – Robert Kangas \$13.84, Refund Check #6362 – Leslie Kinsworthy \$20.00, #6267 – Jeffrey Bunkert \$120.00, #6429 – Cecelia Locke \$140.00; D) Acknowledge Posse Donation of \$100 – McGregor Area Chamber of Commerce; a) Approve Aitkin County's Support for Class Action against Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac; b) Acknowledge STS Donation of \$250 – Garrison Commercial Club; c) Approve Public Auction of Vehicles – Sheriff's Department; d) Approve Resolution – Parks & Trails Legacy Grant Application; e) Approve Auditor Warrants - August Sales & Use Tax: General Fund \$1,002.55, Road & Bridge \$2,234.54, Health & Human Services \$57.63, State \$7,631.50, Trust \$8.14, Forest Development \$2.16, Long Lake Conservation Center \$49.92 for a total of \$10,986.44; f) Approve Commissioner Warrants: General Fund \$111,927.30, Road & Bridge \$58,834.34, Health & Human Services \$997.49, State \$495.00, Trust \$1,158.79, Forest Development \$15,926.77, Long Lake Conservation Center \$3,487.51 for a total of \$192,827.20; g) Approve Health & Human Services Warrants: Fund Totals - \$6,856.62, \$11,021.65, \$66,615.87, \$2,611.51, \$88,472.04, \$18,318.14, \$5,723.76, and \$24,232.41.

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to approve Aitkin County's support of Michael O. Freeman, Hennepin County Attorney, in Class Action - Minnesota Counties v. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to approve public auction of the following Aitkin County Sheriff's Office vehicles: 2008 Chevrolet Impala, (2) 2009 Chevrolet Impalas, 2003 Ford Taurus, 2002 Chevrolet Silverado; and vehicles seized under DWI forfeiture: 2001 Saturn, 1991 Buick Regal, 1998 Chevrolet Blazer, 1996 Ford Explorer, 2002 Jeep

CALL TO ORDER

**APPROVED
AGENDA**

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

**FANNIE MAE &
FREDDIE MAC**

**PUBLIC AUCTION
OF VEHICLES –
SHERIFF'S DEPT**

Cherokee, and 1997 Ford Pickup

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution – Parks & Trails Legacy Grant Application:

WHEREAS, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners supports the grant application made to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Parks and Trails Legacy Grant Program. The application is to improve access and support facilities on the Northwoods ATV and the Mississippi River trails, and

WHEREAS, after seeking public input the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners adopted the Aitkin County Comprehensive Recreation Plan on the 3rd day of August 2010. From this plan, specific recommendations included:

- The need to improve and maintain water accesses to the river and
- Improved camping facilities along the trails may be a key strategy for supporting the further development of Aitkin County as a destination

WHEREAS, Aitkin County has the financial capability to meet the \$20,000 match and ensure adequate construction, operation, maintenance and replacement of the proposed project for its design life.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, if Aitkin County is awarded the grant by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Aitkin County agrees to accept the grant award, and may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above referenced project. Aitkin County will comply with all applicable laws, environmental requirements, and regulations as stated in the grant agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Aitkin County Land Commissioner is hereby authorized to execute such agreements as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of Aitkin County.

Bobbie Danielson, Human Resources Manager presented Personnel Committee recommendation to the Board.

Tom Burke, Health & Human Services Director discussed the concerns and need to fill an Income Maintenance position, which is vacant due to a resignation. Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried (4-1 Napstad), to approve filling the budgeted position, and in the event this position is filled from within, authorization is given to fill in behind that person.

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to approve Ross Wagner, Economic Development & Forest Industry Coordinator's submission of (2) 2012 Outstanding County Economic Development Award applications after a few minor corrections are made: 1. Aitkin County Trail Towns, and 2. Aitkin County and Mille Lacs County Hawkins Sawmill Road Upgrade.

**RESOLUTION
092512-099
PARKS & TRAILS
LEGACY GRANT
APPLICATION**

**PERSONNEL
COMMITTEE**

**INCOME
MAINTENANCE
POSITION**

**2012
OUTSTANDING
COUNTY
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT
AWARD APPS**

Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution – Hazard Mitigation Planning Grant:

WHEREAS, the County of Aitkin is participating in a hazard mitigation planning process as established under the Hazard Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Act establishes a framework for the development of a county hazard mitigation plan; and

WHEREAS, the Act as part of the planning process requires public involvement and local coordination among neighboring local units of government and business; and

WHEREAS, the plan must include a risk assessment including past hazards, hazards that threaten the county, maps of hazards, an estimate of structures at risk, estimate of potential dollar losses for each hazard, a general description of land uses and development trends; and

WHEREAS, the plan must include a mitigation strategy including goals and objectives and an action plan identifying specific mitigation projects and costs; and

WHEREAS, the plan must include a maintenance or implementation process including plan updates, integration of plan into other planning documents and how the county will maintain public participation and coordination; and

WHEREAS, the draft plan will be shared with the State of Minnesota and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for coordination of state and federal review and comment on the draft; and

WHEREAS, approval of the all hazard mitigation will make the county eligible to receive Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program grants and other funding sources; and

WHEREAS, approval of the all hazard mitigation plan will make the county eligible to receive Hazard Mitigation Assistance Programs grants and other funding sources; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Aitkin County enter into a sub-grant agreement with the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management in the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for the program entitled Hazard Mitigation Assistance Programs for Development or update of the Aitkin County Mitigation plan. The Aitkin County Sheriff is hereby authorized to execute and sign such sub-grant agreements and any amendments hereto as are necessary to implement the plan on behalf of Aitkin County.

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve purchase of 2011 Cat CB24 Bituminous Pavement Compactor for \$26,000.00 – Road & Bridge Department, and to authorize selling a used 30-inch wide Ray-Go compactor, model year unknown.

**RESOLUTION
100212-100
HAZARD
MITIGATION
PLANNING GRANT**

**BITUMINOUS
PAVEMENT
COMPACTOR –
ROAD & BRIDGE**

AITKIN COUNTY BOARD

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Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting yes to approve purchase of 2012 3500 Chevrolet with a Palfinger 108D54VT service body and a Palfinger PSC 3216 4,000 lb. crane, at a cost of \$55,726.00 from Towmaster Truck Equipment in Litchfield, MN – Road & Bridge Department. This vehicle replaces the service vehicle involved in an accident on July 5, 2012. A \$32,465.00 reimbursement has been received by MCIT and will go towards the purchase.

John Welle, County Engineer reviewed the 2012 Construction/Maintenance Project Update with the Board.

Break: 10:19 a.m. to 10:29 a.m.

John Welle, County Engineer presented the 2011 Aitkin County Highway Department Annual Report to the Board. Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to approve the 2011 Aitkin County Highway Department Annual Report.

Break: 11:13 a.m. to 11:23 a.m.

Patrick Wussow, County Administrator and Bobbie Danielson, Human Resources Manager presented Personnel Committee recommendations to the Board.

Jim Ratz, County Attorney discussed the concerns and need to fill the Assistant County Attorney position which has been vacant due to a resignation since June. Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried (3-2 Napstad/Marcotte), to approve filling the budgeted position.

Patrick Wussow, County Administrator and Bill Thompson, Maintenance Supervisor discussed the concerns and need to fill a FT Courthouse Maintenance position due to a resignation. Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried (3-2 Napstad/Marcotte), to approve filling this budgeted position.

Lunch: 12:38 p.m. to 1:14 p.m.

During the meeting the Board discussed: i) CMCC, ii) Historical Society, iii) ARDC, iv) MHB, v) EQB, vi) Economic Development, vii) Grace Lutheran Church Community Appreciation, viii) Thief River Falls/Red River Board, ix) Diversion Channel, x) BWSR, xi) AMC Policy Committee Mtg, xii) Mississippi Northwoods, xiii) Round Lake, xiv) LID, xv) Township Mtg, xvi) Enbridge, xvii) Forest Advisory, xviii) ATV, xix) Ruttger's, xx) Long Lake, xxi) Lakes & Pines, xxii) Fairgrounds, xxiii) State Auditors Teleconference

**MECHANIC
SERVICE VEHICLE
ROAD & BRIDGE**

**2012
CONSTRUCTION
MAINTENANCE
PROJECT
UPDATE**

BREAK

**2011 AITKIN
COUNTY
HIGHWAY DEPT
ANNUAL REPORT**

BREAK

**PERSONNEL
COMMITTEE**

**ASSISTANT
COUNTY
ATTORNEY
POSITION**

**COURTHOUSE
MAINTENANCE
CUSTODIAN**

LUNCH

**BOARD
DISCUSSION**

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 2:35 p.m. until Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURN



J. Mark Wedel, Chairperson
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners



Patrick Wussow, County Administrator