

AITKIN COUNTY BOARD

October 23, 2012

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 23rd day of October, 2012 at 9:03 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 carried, all members voting yes to approve the October 23, 2012 amended agenda. Item 4A – Approve Social Host Ordinance was removed. This item will be placed back on the agenda in November, after final review by the Ordinance Committee.

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting yes to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: A) Correspondence File: October 9, 2012 – October 22, 2012; B) Approve County Board Minutes: October 9, 2012; C) Approve Resolution – Exempt Permit LG220 of the Jacobson Landing Recreation Area; D) Approve Resolution – Form LG230 of the Minnewawa Sportsmen's Club; E) Approve Auditor Warrants – September Sales & Use Tax: General Fund \$695.48, Road & Bridge \$2,084.93, Health & Human Services \$17.40, State \$14,009.50, Trust \$29.27, Forest Development \$552.93, Long Lake Conservation Center \$18.76 for a total of \$17,408.27; F) Approve Commissioner Warrants: General Fund \$83,164.05, Road & Bridge \$57,650.75, Health & Human Services \$1,057.75, State \$180.00, Trust \$7,132.33, Forest Development \$26,125.58, Long Lake Conservation Center \$8,637.32 for a total of \$183,947.78, G) Acknowledge Association of Minnesota Emergency Managers 2012 Certificate of Commendation – Shamrock Township; H) Approve Secretary of State Recount Agreement; I) Approve Resolution – Forslin Repurchase; J) Approve (2) Resolutions – Final Contract Payment S.A.P. 01-600-015, and Final Contract Payment S.A.P. 01-606-015, etc.

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution – Exempt Permit Form LG220 of the Jacobson Landing Recreation Area:

BE IT RESOLVED, The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners agree to approve the Application for Exempt Permit – Form LG220 – of the Jacobson Landing Recreation Area, at the following location – Forestry Station Bar & Grill, which has an address of 67807 State Hwy 65, Jacobson, MN 55752 – Ball Bluff Township. (Note: Date of activity for Raffle – February 16, 2013)

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution – Form LG230 of the Minnewawa Sportsmen's Club:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners agree to approve the Application to Conduct Off-Site Gambling - Form LG230 - of the Minnewawa Sportsmen's Club at the following location – 4 miles East of McGregor (Goshawk St.) on Lake Minnewawa, McGregor, MN 56431– Shamrock Township. (Note: Date of activity for Raffle – February 09, 2013)

CALL TO ORDER

**APPROVED
AGENDA**

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION
102312-101
EXEMPT PERMIT
LG220 OF THE
JACOBSON
LANDING
RECREATION
AREA**

**RESOLUTION
102312-102
FORM LG230 OF
THE MINNEWAWA
SPORTSMEN'S
CLUB**

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

WHEREAS, Alma A. Forslin c/o James Lang, 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:

.40 ac of Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE-SW) in Book 112 Dds page 59 Section Three (3) Township Forty-nine (49) Range Twenty-three (23)

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:
 - There was a lack of funds to pay at the time it was due. We thought that we had till August 31st to pay and was going to pay at that time. Enclosed is the notice, we are sorry we missed the date. Others also have an interest in the property.
- b) that the repurchase of said land by me will promote and best serve the public interest, because:
 - We will make all tax payments on time from now on. We will take care of the property and improve it. Thank you. We have owned this for a very long time!

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 Alma A. Forslin, c/o James Lang 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.

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution – Final Contract Payment S.A.P. 01-600-015:

WHEREAS, Contract No. 20119– Project Nos. SAP 01-600-15 – Culvert Replacement, Grading, Aggregate Base and Shoulder, and Bituminous Base has in all been completed, and the County Board being fully advised in the premises,

NOW THEN BE IT RESOLVED, that we do hereby accept said completed projects for and in behalf of the County of Aitkin and authorize final payment to Anderson Brothers Construction in the amount of \$7,968.43 as specified herein.

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution – Final Contract Payment S.A.P. 01-606-015, etc.:

**RESOLUTION
102312-103
FORSLIN
REPURCHASE**

**RESOLUTION
102312-104
FINAL CONTRACT
PAYMENT
S.A.P. 01-600-015**

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WHEREAS, Contract No. 20117– Project Nos. SAP 01-632-05, SAP 01-606-15, and CP 01-90-17 – Aggregate Base and Shoulder, Bituminous Base and Wear, Overlay, and Patching has in all been completed, and the County Board being fully advised in the premises,

NOW THEN BE IT RESOLVED, That we do hereby accept said completed projects for and in behalf of the County of Aitkin and authorize final payment to Anderson Brothers Construction in the amount of \$23,175.21 as specified herein.

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting to close the meeting under MN Statute 13D.03 Subd. 1(b) Labor Negotiations at 9:08 a.m.

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting to reopen the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

Break: 10:57 a.m. to 11:13 a.m.

Terry Neff, Environmental Services Director reviewed a draft Aitkin County Lake Improvement District policy with the Board. After revisions are made, it will be brought back to the Board for final approval.

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

County Administrator Patrick Wussow, Human Resources Manager Bobbie Danielson, and Land Commissioner Mark Jacobs discussed the concerns and need to hire LLCC Business and Marketing Manager. The position of Executive Director has been vacant due to a resignation since October 2011. This new position has been created to replace the Executive Director position. Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried (4-1 Napstad), to approve filling this position.

Commissioner Anne Marcotte left at 12:18 p.m.

Mike Dangers, County Assessor provided a flood reassessment summary and property tax relief update to the Board.

Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried (4-0 Marcotte absent), to approve resolution - Request for Reimbursement of Property Tax Relief:

WHEREAS, the County of Aitkin experienced a devastating flood in June 2012, and;

**RESOLUTION
102312-105
FINAL CONTRACT
PAYMENT
S.A.P. 01-606-015,
ETC.**

CLOSED MEETING

OPEN MEETING

BREAK

**PROPOSED LID
POLICY**

**PERSONNEL
COMMITTEE**

**LLCC BUSINESS
& MARKETING
MANAGER**

**MARCOTTE
LEAVES**

**FLOOD UPDATE –
ASSESSOR’S
OFFICE**

**RESOLUTION
102312-106**

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WHEREAS, said disaster caused extensive property damage to residential, agricultural, and seasonal properties in the County of Aitkin, and;

WHEREAS, the County of Aitkin has been declared a disaster area by a Presidential Disaster declaration, and;

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, sections 273.1231 – 273.1235 provide for property tax relief upon reassessment of properties damaged by disaster, and upon application to the Governor of the State of Minnesota and the Executive Council, and;

WHEREAS, the minimum requirements of the aforementioned statutes have been met as demonstrated in the attached damage assessment reports;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County of Aitkin that the County of Aitkin hereby requests that the property tax abatements and credits granted to property owners under sections 273.1231 – 273.1235 for the disaster that occurred in June 2012 be reimbursed pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, sections 273.1231 – 273.1235.

Penny Harms, Veterans Service Office discussed a \$2,298.00 Community Outreach grant from the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs, offered to the Aitkin County Veterans Service Office. Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried (4-0 Marcotte absent), all members voting yes to approve resolution – CVSO Community Outreach Grant Program:

BE IT RESOLVED by **Aitkin County** that the County enter into the **Grant Contract** with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) to conduct the following program: **County Veterans Service Office Community Outreach Grant Program**. The grant must be used for community outreach as defined in Minn. Stat. 197.608, to all eligible veterans regarding the availability of benefits they have earned and especially those relating to posttraumatic stress disorder for all veterans, including World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War era veterans, and should not be used to supplant or replace other funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by **Aitkin County** that the County Veterans Service Officer, **Penny Harms** be authorized to execute the Grant Contract for the above-mentioned program on behalf of the County.

Patrick Wussow, County Administrator reviewed 2012 Third Quarter Revenue and Expenditure report with the Board.

Patrick Wussow, County Administrator discussed with the Board whether or not to schedule a State Auditor's Exit Conference for the 2011 Aitkin County Audit. The Board requested the County Administrator schedule a teleconference at a future Board meeting.

Break: 12:41 p.m. to 12:49 p.m.

REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

RESOLUTION 102312-107 CVSO COMMUNITY OUTREACH GRANT PROGRAM

3rd QUARTER REVENUE & EXPENDITURES

2011 AITKIN COUNTY AUDIT

BREAK

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During the meeting the Board discussed: i) CMCC, ii) LMC, iii) Kinship, iv) DAC, v) HRA, vi) P&Z, vii) Mille Lacs Watershed, viii) BSLA, ix) LID, x) ARDC, xi) MHB, xii) Wetlands EO, xiii) MRCC, xiv) ACAT Hazelton Twp, xv) Snake River, xvi) Operation Community Connect , xvii) Budget

Commissioner Brian Napstad left at 1:29 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried (3-0 Marcotte/Napstad absent) authorizing County Board Chair to provide a carte blanche letter of support for Kinship of Aitkin grant applications.

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried (3-0 Marcotte/Napstad absent), to adjourn the meeting at 1:52 p.m. until Tuesday, November 6, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

**BOARD
DISCUSSION**

NAPSTAD LEAVES

**KINSHIP LETTER
OF SUPPORT**

ADJOURN



J. Mark Wedel, Chairperson
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners



Patrick Wussow, County Administrator