ADOPTED

March 12, 2013

By Commissioner: Niemi

031213-031

Transfer and Apportionment of 2012 Forfeited Tax Funds M.S. 282.08

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 282.08, County boards are authorized to set aside monies from the tax forfeited sale fund for timber and park development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in compliance with said law, that thirty (30) percent of the remaining receipts are to be used for forest development and twenty (20) percent of these receipts remaining are to be used for the maintenance and development of County Parks or recreational areas, as defined in Minnesota Statute Section 398.31 to 398.36 to be expended under the supervision of the County Board.

Commissioner Westerlund moved the adoption of the resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote

FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT

All Members Voting Yes

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
County of Aitkin) ss.
Office of County Auditor,)

I, Kirk Peysar, Auditor, of the County of Aitkin, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in my office on the 12th day of March A.D., 2013, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE at Aitkin, Minnesota, this 12th day of March A.D., 2013

KIRK PEYSAR, County Auditor

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Deputy

ADOPTED

March 12, 2013

By Commissioner: Niemi

031213-032

Transfer and Apportionment of 2012 Forfeited Tax Funds M.S. 282.09

WHEREAS, according to M.S. 282.09, Subdivision 1, the County Board does hereby determine that the \$3.00 fee from each certificate of sale, contract for deed, and each lease executed by the Auditor and the compensation for clerical help on tax-forfeited land matters in the County Auditor's office during the 2012 calendar year was \$30,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the county revenue cost for office space and maintenance for the Aitkin County Land Dept in the Courthouse for the 2012 calendar year is \$20,000.00, and

WHEREAS, a gravel pit rehabilitation account has been established, and \$.15 per yard of gravel taken out of county pits will be placed in this account, the 2012 amount to be placed in this account is \$1,185.60.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the amount of \$30,000.00 be transferred from the Forfeited Tax Sales Account (10-923-6901) to the County Auditor account (01-040-5590) to cover the costs of this clerical hire, AND that the amount of \$20,000.00 be transferred from the Forfeited Tax Sales Account (10-923-6901) to the County General Revenue Account (01-110-5840) for office rent and maintenance, AND that the amount of \$1,185.60 shall be transferred from the Forfeited Tax Sales Account (10-923-6901) to the Gravel Pit Account (11-936-5840).

Commissioner Westerlund moved the adoption of the resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote

FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT

All Members Voting Yes

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KIRK PEYSAR, County Auditor

Deputy

ADOPTED

March 12, 2013

By Commissioner: Napstad

031213-033

Support for Refund of Sales Tax Related to ARMER 800 Mhz Purchases

WHEREAS, the Aitkin County Board has authorized purchases of approximately \$2,000,000.00 to upgrade the County radio and dispatch equipment to be compatible with the 800 Mhz ARMER system, and

WHEREAS, when the seven county metro area made their upgrades they were exempt from paying sales tax, and

WHEREAS, if Aitkin County would have had the same benefit it would have saved more than \$100,000.00. Additionally the majority of greater MN counties would have had similar savings, had they been treated the same as the metro counties, and

WHEREAS, current legislation in the Senate (S.F. 472 and S.F. 63) supports refunding the sales tax for the mandated ARMER upgrades.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners supports S.F. 472 and S.F. 63 and future similar legislation in the MN House for a sales tax exemption for purchases made after June 30, 2005 for ARMER related equipment.

Commissioner Niemi moved the adoption of the resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote

FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT

All Members Voting

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County of Aitkin) ss.
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WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE at Aitkin, Minnesota, this 12th day of March A.D., 2013

KIRK PEYSAR, County Auditor
BY ________, Deputy

ADOPTED

March 12, 2013

By Commissioner: Westerlund

031213-034

Repeal MN Statute 276A

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Legislature enacted MN Statute 276A in 1996 without public hearings in the affected Counties that calls for the sharing of local property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the perceived intended purpose/benefits of the statute was that:

- a. Communities with low tax base must impose higher tax rates to deliver the same service as communities with higher tax bases. These high tax rates make poor communities less attractive places for businesses to locate or expand in, exacerbating the problem. Requiring part of the commercial industrial tax base to be shared can reduce this effort.
- b. Communities generally believe that commercial and industrial properties pay more taxes than it costs to provide services to them. This encourages communities to compete for these properties by providing tax concessions of special services. Tax base sharing can reduce the incentive for this competition.
- c. Tax base sharing spreads the fiscal benefit of business development attracted by regional facilities such as large shopping centers, airports, and freeway interchanges, or recreational facilities such as sports stadiums and arenas.

WHEREAS, the benefits did not occur, and

WHEREAS, from the years 2010 through 2013, the total net loss in local tax revenue for some of the cities and townships of Aitkin County is \$930,000 due to Fiscal Disparities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Aitkin County Board supports and recommends to the State of Minnesota legislature the repeal of MN Statutes 276A.

Commissioner Marcotte moved the adoption of the resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote

FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT

All Members Voting Yes

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WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE at Aitkin, Minnesota, this 12th day of March A.D., 2013

KIRK PEYSAR, County Auditor

, Deputy