

# AITKIN COUNTY BOARD

July 9, 2013

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013 at 9:01 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.

Chairperson J. Mark Wedel closed the meeting at 9:01 a.m. under MN Statute 13D.03 Subd.1 (b) Labor Negotiations.

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting to reopen the meeting at 9:59 a.m.

Break: 9:59 a.m. to 10:13 a.m.

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve the July 9, 2013 agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: A) Correspondence File: June 25, 2013 – July 8, 2013; B) Approve County Board Minutes: June 25, 2013; C) Approve Auditor Warrants – Real Estate Tax Settlement: Agency \$3,136,713.75; D) Approve Auditor Warrants – Real Estate Tax Overpays: Taxes & Penalties \$13,159.12; E) Approve June Manual Warrants: General Fund \$13,687.99, Road & Bridge \$413,775.18, Health & Human Services \$1,080.61, State \$114,633.11, Trust \$114.00, Forest Development \$270.00, Taxes & Penalties \$2,404.00, Long Lake Conservation Center \$562.82, Parks \$1,712.12 for a total of \$548,239.83; F) Approve Reappointment of Larry Turner to Housing & Redevelopment Authority (HRA); G) Approve Resolution – Form LG214 McGregor Fire Department Relief Association; H) Approve Personnel Committee Recommendations: 1. Approve Leave of Absence Extension – Jerry DeWitt, Road & Bridge, 2. Approve Creating and Filling FT Heavy Equipment Operator Position – Road & Bridge; a) Approve Commissioner Warrants: General Fund \$99,223.12, Road & Bridge \$122,924.68, Health & Human Services \$1,224.04, Trust \$7,281.30, Forest Development \$7,090.07, Long Lake Conservation Center \$9,868.29, Parks \$1,725.70 for a total of \$249,337.20

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution – Form LG214 McGregor Fire Department Relief Association:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners agrees to approve the following Premises Permit Application - Form LG214, of the McGregor Fire Department Relief Association, at Hillcrest Resort – Shamrock Township. This establishment has an address of 20612 498<sup>th</sup> Lane, McGregor, MN 55760

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve unpaid leave of absence extension to October 1, 2013 for Jerry DeWitt, Road & Bridge Dept., and to authorize the County Administrator to approve or deny any future leave of absence requests concerning

**CALL TO ORDER**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**OPEN MEETING**

**BREAK**

**APPROVED AGENDA**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION  
070913-062  
FORM LG214  
MCGREGOR FIRE  
DEPARTMENT  
RELIEF  
ASSOCIATION**

**LEAVE OF  
ABSENCE  
EXTENSION**

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Jerry DeWitt on behalf of the Board.

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve creating a new full-time Heavy Equipment Operator position and to authorize staff to fill the position.

**NEW FT HEAVY  
EQUIPMENT  
OPERATOR  
POSITION**

Judge John Solien thanked the Board for their support of the Sobriety Court program. Elizabeth DeRuyck, CMCC Associate Director gave a power point presentation on Sobriety Court. Dick McKenna, Probation Officer offered his opinion on the benefits of the program, and three Sobriety Court participants shared their personal experiences with the Board.

**SOBRIETY  
COURT UPDATE**

John Welle, County Engineer discussed with the Board two transportation funding programs, a \$10.00 wheelage tax and a 0.5% local sales tax, available to all Minnesota counties in 2014. The Board chose not to adopt either of these taxes at this time.

**WHEELAGE TAX**

Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting yes to approve 2011-2012 and 2013-2014 AFSCME Courthouse collective bargaining agreements, and to authorize signatures.

**AFSCME  
COURTHOUSE  
AGREEMENTS**

Penny Harms, Veterans Service Officer presented a verbal summary to the Board on two meetings she attended – Veterans Transit meeting, and Senator Franken’s Rural Veterans Health Care Improvement Act.

**VSO MEETING  
UPDATES**

Break: 11:46 a.m. to 11:56 a.m.

**BREAK**

Commissioner Marcotte left at 11:46 a.m.

**MARCOTTE LEFT**

The Board reported on the following:

**BOARD  
DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Brian Napstad

- **No Updates**

Commissioner Don Niemi

- **East Central Regional Library** – Preliminary Budget meeting on July 8<sup>th</sup>. At this time it does not look like a significant increase for 2014.

Commissioner Anne Marcotte

- **No updates**

Laurie Westerlund

- **Extension** – Met July 1<sup>st</sup>, discussed the budget.
- **Bridge out of Poverty** – Speaker talked about poverty, middle class, and upper class levels.

J. Mark Wedel

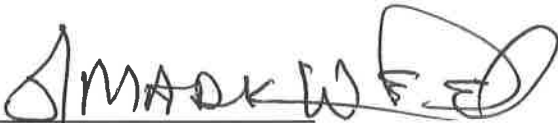
- **Aitkin Airport** – Will be meeting July 11<sup>th</sup>.
- **Historical Society** – Railroad property report is still in a state of limbo. Barns of Aitkin County moving forward. Over 700 barns. Restaurants of Aitkin County will be the theme at the Aitkin County Fair.
- **Kinship** – Will be doing an evaluation of the program.
- **MnDot** – Handed out a copy of a letter from Representative Joe Radinovich to MnDot about the speed limit on Hwy 169 south of Aitkin.

Sheriff Scott Turner provided handouts to the Board and gave a brief update on the radio system. More information will be provided at the July 23<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried (4-0 Marcotte absent), all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 12:24 p.m. until Tuesday, July 23, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

**800 Mhz RADIO  
UPDATE**

**ADJOURN**



J. Mark Wedel, Chairperson  
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners



Patrick Wussow, County Administrator