

AITKIN COUNTY BOARD – BUDGET HEARING

December 3, 2013

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 3rd day of December, 2012 at 6:11 p.m. in Courtroom One of the Aitkin County Courthouse with the following members present: Chairperson J. Mark Wedel, Commissioners Laurie Westerlund, Don Niemi, Brian Napstad, and Anne Marcotte. Also present were County Administrator Patrick Wussow, County Auditor Kirk Peysar, Environmental Services Director Terry Neff, Sheriff Scott Turner, County Treasurer Lori Grams, IT Director Steve Bennett, County Attorney Jim Ratz, Economic Development Coordinator Ross Wagner, County Recorder Diane Lafferty, County Engineer John Welle, and Administrative Assistant Sue Bingham.

CALL TO ORDER

Kirk Peysar, County Auditor presented information on Aitkin County's 2013 budget, including:

**BUDGET AND
LEVY
PRESENTATION**

- Programs and changes from 2013 to 2014
- Proposed revenues
- Proposed expenditures
- Proposed effects on fund balance
- Costs of wages and benefits
- Reasons why taxes vary from year to year
- Comparison of levies for pay 2013 and pay 2014 taxes

Galen Tveit, resident voiced his opinion on valuations and the complexity of the tax system.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kirk Peysar, County Auditor announced that the County Board will adopt the final levy at the December 17, 2013 County Board meeting.

**ADOPTION OF
FINAL LEVY**

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 pm.

ADJOURN

J. Mark Wedel, Chairperson
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

Patrick Wussow, County Administrator