

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2013 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 Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve the December 17, 2013 amended agenda. Item 3D) Approve Resolution – 2014 Liquor License Renewal Fisherman’s Bay, was added.

**AITKIN COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
December 17, 2013**

**I. Attendance**

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 17th day of December, 2013, at 9:07 a.m. as the Aitkin County Health & Human Services Board, with the following members present: Chairperson Commissioner Mark Wedel; Commissioners Anne Marcotte, Brian Napstad, Don Niemi, and Laurie Westerlund; and others present included: County Administrator Patrick Wussow; H&HS Director Tom Burke; H&HS; Kathleen Ryan, Fiscal Supervisor; and guests; Roberta Elvecrog and Cheryl Meld, H&HS Advisory Committee Members; Bob Harwarth, resident; and Nanci Sauerbrei, Aitkin Independent Age.

**II. Approval of Health & Human Services Board Agenda**

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi, and carried, the vote was to approve the Health & Human Services Board Agenda as presented.

**III. Review November 26, 2013 Health & Human Service Board Minutes**

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte, and carried, the vote was to approve the November 26, 2013 Health & Human Services Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

**IV. Review Bills -**

**Motion to approve Bills presented this date.** Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi, and carried, the vote was to approve the Bills as presented this date.

**Motion to authorize approval of 12/31/13 Bills by Patrick Wussow.** Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte, and carried, the vote was to approve and authorize the approval of the 12/31/13 Bills by Patrick Wussow.

**V. General/Miscellaneous Information**

**A. Approve appointment of Health & Human Services Advisory Committee Members as follows:**

1. Darlene Hlidek – Morrison Twp. – Comm. Dist. #4
2. Gayle Janzen – Spencer Twp. – Comm. Dist. #1
3. Kristine Layne – Spencer Twp. – Comm. Dist. #1
4. Joy Janzen – Nordland Twp. – Comm. Dist. #2

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi, and carried,

**CALL TO ORDER**

**APPROVED  
AGENDA**

**HEALTH & HUMAN  
SERVICES BOARD**

the vote was to approve the appointment of the following candidates to the Health & Human Services Advisory Committee for two year terms:

1. Darlene Hlidek – Morrison Twp. – Comm. Dist. #4
2. Gayle Janzen – Spencer Twp. – Comm. Dist. #1
3. Kristine Layne – Spencer Twp. – Comm. Dist. #1
4. Joy Janzen – Nordland Twp. – Comm. Dist. #2

**B. Approve re-appointment of Health & Human Services Advisory Committee Members as follows:**

1. Jim Carlson – McGregor – Comm. Dist. #4
2. Bob Lewis – McGregor – Comm. Dist. #4

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, the vote was to approve the re-appointment of the following candidates to the Health & Human Services Advisory Committee for two year terms:

1. Jim Carlson – McGregor – Comm. Dist. #4
2. Bob Lewis – McGregor – Comm. Dist. #4

**VI. Contracts - These are all renewals of established contracts expiring 12/31/13.**

**A. Letter of Agreement for the purpose of Public Health Medical Consultant between ACHHS and Mark Heggem, MD, for the period January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014.**

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte, and carried, the vote was to approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the Letter of Agreement for the purpose of Public Health Medical Consultant between ACHHS and Mark Heggem, MD, for the period January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014.

**B. Ambulance Service Contracts for the period January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014, between Aitkin County Board of Commissioners and:**

1. McGregor Area Ambulance Service, McGregor
2. Meds-1 Ambulance Services Inc., Grand Rapids
3. Mille Lacs Health System Ambulance, Onamia
4. North Memorial Medical Transportation

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Napstad, and carried, the vote was to approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the Ambulance Service Contracts for the period January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014, between Aitkin County Board of Commissioners and:

1. McGregor Area Ambulance Service, McGregor
2. Meds-1 Ambulance Services Inc., Grand Rapids
3. Mille Lacs Health System Ambulance, Onamia
4. North Memorial Medical Transportation

**C. Purchase of Service Agreements for the period January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 between ACH&HS and:**

1. New Pathways, Inc., Brainerd Site, (Services to homeless families)
2. Northern Psychiatric Associates, Baxter, MN (Diagnostic Assessments)
3. Northland Counseling Center, Grand Rapids, MN (Detox Services)
4. George Tetreault, Baxter, MN (Diagnostic/Parenting Assessments)
5. AEOA, Virginia, MN (MFIP Employment & Training Services)
6. NEMOJT, Virginia, MN (MFIP Employment & Training Services)
7. 2014 Family Planning Contract with Riverwood HealthCare Center

Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund, and carried, the vote was to approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the Purchase of Service Agreements for the period January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 between ACH&HS and:

1. New Pathways, Inc., Brainerd Site, (Services to homeless families)

- 2. Northern Psychiatric Associates, Baxter, MN (Diagnostic Assessments)
- 3. Northland Counseling Center, Grand Rapids, MN (Detox Services)
- 4. George Tetreault, Baxter, MN (Diagnostic/Parenting Assessments)
- 5. AEOA, Virginia, MN (MFIP Employment & Training Services)
- 6. NEMOJT, Virginia, MN (MFIP Employment & Training Services)
- 7. 2014 Family Planning Contract with Riverwood HealthCare Center

**D. Detoxification Services Contract between ACH&HS and Central MN Mental Health Center for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.**

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi, and carried, the vote was to approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the Detoxification Services Contract between ACH&HS and Central MN Mental Health Center for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

**Next Meeting – January 28, 2013**

Break: 9:34 a.m. to 9:42 a.m.

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: A) Correspondence File: December 4, 2013 – December 16, 2013; B) Approve County Board Special Meeting Minutes: December 3, 2013; C) Approve Budget Hearing Minutes: December 3, 2013; D) Approve November Manual Warrants: General Fund \$13,413.54, Road & Bridge \$621,704.54, Health & Human Services \$2,079.86, State \$69,500.60, Taxes & Penalties \$153,489.57, Long Lake Conservation Center \$744.53 for a total of \$860,932.64; E) Approve Auditor Warrants – Tax Overpays: Taxes & Penalties \$24,595.30; F) Approve Commissioner Warrants: General Fund \$153,541.33, Road & Bridge \$72,338.29, Health & Human Services \$1,415.03, Debt Service \$397,875.00, Trust \$12,965.24, Forest Development \$7,855.01, Long Lake Conservation Center \$2,832.57, Parks \$1,031.49 for a total of \$649,853.96; G) Authorize County Administrator to Approve Year-End Matters; H) Approve Reserving Budgeted Funds; I) Approve Resolution – 2014 Liquor License Renewals; J) Approve Affidavit for Duplicate of Lost Municipal Order or Warrant – AgStar Financial Service \$432.00 - Warrant #42110; K) Ratify Teamsters Non-Licensed Essential Unit Collective Bargaining Agreement, 2013 Reopener; L) Approve Policy Update 8.5 Job Classification; M) Approve 2014 Medical Examiner Contract

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting to approve resolution – 2014 Liquor License Renewals:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners agrees to approve the following liquor license for a period from January 1, 2014 thru December 31, 2014:

**“ON”, “OFF” and “SUNDAY” Sale:**

Bann’s Bar & Café Inc., d/b/a **Bann’s Bar & Café** – Shamrock Township  
 This establishment has an address of 18870 Goshawk St., McGregor, MN 55760

Barnacles Resort of MN, Inc., d/b/a **Barnacles** – Wealthwood Township

**HHS BOARD  
 ADJOURNED**

**BREAK**

**REGULAR BOARD  
 RECONVENED**

**CONSENT  
 AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION  
 121713-097  
 2014 LIQUOR  
 LICENSE  
 RENEWALS**

This establishment has an address of 36569 State Hwy 18, Aitkin, MN 56431

Cuddler Enterprises Inc., d/b/a **Big Sand Bar Resort** – Workman Township

This establishment has an address of 51866 224<sup>th</sup> Place, McGregor, MN 55760

Big Sandy Lodge & Resort, Inc., d/b/a **Big Sandy Lodge & Resort** – Shamrock Township

This establishment has an address of 20534 487<sup>th</sup> Street, McGregor, MN 55760

MacDonald Ent. of Malmo Inc., d/b/a **Castaways** – Lakeside Township

This establishment has an address of 32360 215<sup>th</sup> Lane, Isle, MN 56342

Stansberry LLC, d/b/a **Corner Club** – Macville Township

This establishment has an address of 60967 Highway 169, Hill City, MN 55748

Denny's Lakeview Inn LLC, d/b/a **Denny's Lakeview Inn** – Glen Township

This establishment has an address of 33592 300<sup>th</sup> Place, Aitkin, MN 56431

Eagle Point Lounge Inc., d/b/a **Eagle Point Lounge** – Shamrock Township

This establishment has an address of 49394 State Highway 65, McGregor, MN 55760

Fireside Inn Inc., d/b/a **Fireside Inn** – Jevne Township

This establishment has an address of 415 Meadows Dr., McGregor, MN 55760

C.A.T.L. Enterprises Inc., d/b/a **Growlers** – Shamrock Township

This establishment has an address of 19037 Goshawk St., McGregor, MN 55760

RIPS HLI Inc., d/b/a **Horseshoe Lake Inn** – Shamrock Township

This establishment has an address of 48493 Lily Avenue, McGregor, MN 55760

Pepera Properties Inc., d/b/a **Jackson's Hole** – Salo Township

This establishment has an address of 36232 Kestrel Ave., McGregor, MN 55760

MacDonald Enterprises Inc., d/b/a **The Landing** – Aitkin Township

This establishment has an address of 170 Southgate Drive, Aitkin, MN 56431

Liberty Beach Bar & Café LLC, d/b/a **McGrath Bar & Cafe** – Williams Township

This establishment has an address of 14072 State Highway 65, McGrath, MN 56350

Big Sandy Golf, Inc., d/b/a **Minnesota National Golf Course** – Workman Township

This establishment has an address of 23247 480<sup>th</sup> St., McGregor, MN 55760

Phil's Myr Mar Marina Inc., d/b/a **Phil's Myr Mar Marina** – Hazelton Township

This establishment has an address of 44033 Conifer St., Aitkin, MN 56431

D & G Marklund Inc., d/b/a **Pine Inn** – Malmo Township

This establishment has an address of 27805 State Highway 47, Aitkin, MN 56431

Dagen, Inc., d/b/a **Player's Sports Bar & Grill** – Hazelton Township

This establishment has an address of 26838 U.S. Hwy. 169, Aitkin, MN 56431

Red Rock Bar & Grill LLC, d/b/a **Red Rock Bar & Grill** – Shamrock Township

This establishment has an address of 49463 202<sup>nd</sup> Place, McGregor, MN 55760

Bodway Properties Inc., d/b/a **Prairie River Retreat** – Shamrock Township  
This establishment has an address of 51272 Lake Ave., McGregor, MN 55760

Jacque Saari, d/b/a **Whispering Pines** – Shamrock Township  
This establishment has an address of 16469 Goshawk Street, McGregor, MN 55760

“OFF” Sale:

KLOMAR, LLC, d/b/a **Cave Liquors** – Hazelton Township  
This establishment has an address of 22852 US Highway 169, Aitkin, MN 56431

DAM of Aitkin Lakes, Inc., d/b/a **Farm Island Store** – Farm Island Township  
This establishment has an address of 29037 US Highway 169, Aitkin, MN 56431

North Star Liquor of Glen Inc., d/b/a **Glen Store & Grill** – Malmo Township  
This establishment has an address of 31993 280<sup>th</sup> St., Aitkin, MN 56431

Gerald F. Olson, d/b/a **Olson’s Mississippi Landing** – Ball Bluff Township  
This establishment has an address of 68298 St. Hwy. 65, Jacobson, MN 55752

TJ’s Liquor Inc., d/b/a **TJ’s Liquor** – Malmo Township  
This establishment has an address of 22039 321<sup>st</sup> Ave., Aitkin, MN 56431

Minnewawa Partners LLC, d/b/a **Willey’s Sports Shop & Spirits** – Shamrock Township  
This establishment has an address of 46026 State Highway 65, McGregor, MN 55760

“ON” & “SUNDAY” Sale:

Zorbaz of Big Sandy Lake, Inc., d/b/a **Big Zandy Zorbaz** – Shamrock Township  
This establishment has an address of 48760 State Highway 65, McGregor, MN 55760

ON Sale – CLUB:

VFW 1727, d/b/a **Roberts-Glad Post** – Aitkin Township  
This establishment has an address of 36558 410<sup>th</sup> Ave., Aitkin, MN 56431

ON Sale – WINE:

Glen Store & Grill Inc., d/b/a **Glen Grill** – Malmo Township  
This establishment has an address of 31993 280<sup>th</sup> St., Aitkin, MN 56431

Frederick & Deborah Dally, d/b/a **The Red Door Resort** – Wealthwood Township  
This establishment has an address of 38421 State Highway 18, Aitkin, MN 56431

Steve Hughes and Dennis Thompson, Aitkin County Soil and Water District discussed the Sustainable Forest Incentive Program, and how it works for Aitkin County.

**SUSTAINABLE  
FOREST  
INCENTIVE  
PROGRAM**

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting to follow staff recommendations and make the following committee appointments: **Park Commission:** Judith Blomberg District 1, Carroll Janzen District 2, and Franklin Turnock District 3; **Forest Advisory:** Steven Pederson At Large representative. All Park Commission and Forest Advisory appointments are four year terms, beginning January 2014. **Board of Adjustment:** Bob Lake District 1, and Galen Tveit District 5; **Planning Commission:** Dave Lange District 5. All Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission appointments are three year terms, beginning January 2014.

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: PARK COMMISSION, FOREST ADVISORY, BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT & PLANNING COMMISSION**

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting to approve a schedule of two Board meetings a month in 2014, the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month.

**2014 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**

Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried (4-0 Napstad abstained) to approve resolution – 2014 Liquor License Renewal Fisherman’s Bay:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners agrees to approve the following liquor license for a period from January 1, 2014 thru December 31, 2014:

**RESOLUTION 121713-098 2014 LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL – FISHERMAN’S BAY**

**“ON”, “OFF” and “SUNDAY” Sale:**

N5 Corporation, d/b/a **Fisherman’s Bay** – Workman Township  
 This establishment has an address of 50933 State Highway 65, McGregor, MN 55760

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to authorize the Nurses gradual transfer to the S&P group starting January 1, 2011, with the conversion being fully implemented January 1, 2014 under the Non-Union Compensation Guidelines, and to authorize signatures to letter of intent.

**NURSES TO NON-UNION COMPENSATION GUIDELINES**

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting yes to adopt the 2014 Non-Union Compensation Guidelines, and to repeal the prior Aitkin County non-union compensation guidelines (also known as the “S&P opt out” language), and the LLCC compensation guidelines effective December 31, 2013, end of day.

**2014 NON-UNION COMPENSATION GUIDELINES**

Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund to follow staff recommendations for 2014 Elected Officials Salaries. Roll call vote. Motion failed (2-3 Napstad/Wedel/Marcotte).

**ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARIES**

Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Napstad to set the Elected Officials salaries following the 2014 Non-Union Compensation Guidelines, including a 1.5% merit increase and \$936 annual increase for each position. Roll call vote. Motion carried (3-2 Wedel/Niemi) to approve resolution – 2014 Elected Officials Salaries:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners set the 2014 salaries of Aitkin County Elected Officials at:

County Attorney, Jim Ratz	\$105,684.00
County Sheriff, Scott Turner	\$85,593.88
County Auditor, Kirk Peysar	\$78,199.32
County Treasurer, Lori Grams	\$67,089.03
County Recorder, Diane Lafferty	\$71,243.69

These salaries are based upon responsibilities of the office, duties, skills, qualifications, experience, and performance.

Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi to increase Sheriff's salary an additional \$3500.00. Motion rescinded.

Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution – 2013 Ditch Fund Budgets:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners, County of Aitkin, do hereby set the following fund budgets for 2013:

<u>Fund/Account</u>	<u>Fund/Acct</u>	<u>Revenues:</u>	<u>Reserves:</u>	<u>Expenditures:</u>
Judicial Ditch 2	7-350	\$4		\$0
Co Ditch 5	7-353	\$0		\$0
Co Ditch 21	7-365	\$0		\$0
Co Ditch 24	7-351	\$0		\$0
Co Ditch 28	7-356	\$0		\$175
Co Ditch 30	7-352	\$8		\$173
Co Ditch 34	7-357	\$0		\$0
Co Ditch 36	7-358	\$0		\$0
Co Ditch 37	7-359	\$0		\$0
St Ditch 63	7-362	\$10		\$1,523
St Ditch 66	7-363	\$0		\$0
Co Ditch 2	7-367	\$0		\$0
Diversion Channel	7-373	\$1		\$23,556
Co Ditch 23	7-354	\$0		\$0
Co Ditch 25	7-355	\$0		\$685
Co Ditch 42	7-360	\$0		\$0
Co Ditch 58	7-361	\$0		\$0
Co Ditch 20	7-364	\$0		\$9,222
Co Ditch 43	7-366	\$0		\$435
Co Ditch 29	7-371	\$0		\$0
Co Ditch 38	7-	\$0		\$0

Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution – 2014 Unorganized Township Budgets:

**RESOLUTION  
121713-099  
2014 ELECTED  
OFFICIALS  
SALARIES**

**SHERIFF'S  
SALARY**

**RESOLUTION  
121713-100  
2013 DITCH FUND  
BUDGETS**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following 2014 budgets be set for Unorganized Townships:

	<u>Revenues:</u>	<u>Reserves:</u>	<u>Expenditures:</u>
Unorganized Road and Bridge	\$41,000		\$41,000
Unorganized Fire Fund	\$25,100		\$25,100
Unorganized Cemetery	\$2,700		\$2,700

**RESOLUTION  
121713-101  
2014  
UNORGANIZED  
TOWNSHIP  
BUDGETS**

Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution – 2014 Non-Levy Budgets:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners, County of Aitkin, do hereby set the following fund budgets that are non-levy for 2014:

<u>Fund/Account</u>	<u>Revenues:</u>	<u>Reserves:</u>	<u>Expenditures:</u>
Law Library	\$30,000		\$30,000
County Development	\$205,000	\$130,324	\$335,324
Cons. For Tax Sales	\$0		\$0
Forfeit Tax Sales	\$1,205,000	\$1,823	\$1,206,823
Forest Resource	\$143,000	\$78,036	\$221,036
Reforestation	\$137,000	\$76,841	\$213,841
Memorial Forest	\$85,000	\$43,592	\$128,592
Forest Road	\$37,000	\$11,691	\$48,691
Gravel Pit	\$1,500		\$1,500
Missing Heirs	\$0		\$0
MCIT	\$150,000	(\$80,000)	\$70,000
Collaborative Grant	\$70,800	\$17,050	\$87,850
Environmental Trust	\$10,000		\$10,000
LLCC	\$673,360	\$1,315	\$674,675

**RESOLUTION  
121713-102  
2014 NON-LEVY  
BUDGETS**

Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution – 2014 Levy:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the final property tax levy for taxes payable in 2014 for the following funds:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>LEVY</u>
Revenue Fund	\$5,428,371
Road and Bridge Fund	\$2,402,125
Health & Human Services Fund	\$2,004,934
Debt Service Jail Bond	\$0
Operation or Maintenance Costs of Aitkin County Jail	\$1,890,266
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$11,725,696</b>

**RESOLUTION  
121713-103  
2014 LEVY**



Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution – 2014 Budgets:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following 2014 budgets be set for the leviable funds of Aitkin County:

<u>Fund/Account</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Reserves</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
General Fund	\$11,410,747	(\$79,375)	\$11,331,372
Road and Bridge	\$8,594,248	\$1,883,000	\$10,477,148
Health & Human Service	\$5,521,956	\$600,030	\$6,121,986
Debt Service	\$0	\$406,250	\$406,250
Parks	\$564,000	\$3,519	\$567,519
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$26,090,851</b>	<b>\$2,813,424</b>	<b>\$28,904,275</b>

**RESOLUTION  
121713-104  
2014 BUDGETS**

Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution – 2014 ECRL Levy:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the amount of \$232,137 be budgeted and levied for the year 2014 for the East Central Regional Library.

**RESOLUTION  
121713-105  
2014 ECRL LEVY**

Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution – 2014 Boat & Water Safety Budget:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners approves the 2014 annual Boat and Water Safety Agreement budget in file in the Office of County Auditor in the amount of \$79,833 for a term January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014.

**RESOLUTION  
121713-106  
2014 BOAT &  
WATER SAFETY  
BUDGET**

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Co Share</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
Misc. Receipts	\$500		
Boat & Water Grant	\$18,628		
Boat & Water Supply Grant	\$6,375		
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$25,503</b>	<b>\$54,330</b>	<b>\$79,833</b>

Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution – 2014 Appropriations to ASCS & Snake River:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the budget and appropriation in the amount of \$138,045 be set for 2014 for the Aitkin County Soil and Water Conservation District (\$98,034 from the General Revenue Fund and \$40,011 from County Development Funds) and \$10,079 be set for the Snake River Watershed District.

**RESOLUTION  
121713-107  
2014  
APPROPRIATIONS  
TO ASCS & SNAKE  
RIVER  
WATERSHED**

**RESOLUTION**

Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Niemi seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, (4-1 Wedel) to acknowledge resolution – 2014 Arrowhead Regional Development Commission Levy:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners acknowledges the Levy for the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission for 2014 in the amount of \$49,013.00.

Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution – Unorganized Road & Bridge Transfers:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County Auditor is hereby ordered to transfer the following sums of money from the Unorganized Road and Bridge account to the County Road and Bridge fund. Monies to be transferred from the individual accounts of the Unorganized Townships as given below. Purpose of this claim is to cover the expense of snowplowing and repairing of road in the Unorganized Townships with county equipment.

Unorg Township

52-22	\$15,011.21
45-24	\$4,174.58
47-24	\$13,412.77
52-24	\$7,742.16
50-25	\$6,219.75
51-25	\$117.50
52-25	\$44,166.99
50-26	\$4,432.44
48-27	\$8,012.71
49-27	\$8,748.73
50-27	\$456.25
51-27	\$793.03
52-27	\$15,831.89

Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution – County Ditch & County Development Transfers:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County Auditor is hereby ordered to transfer the following sums of money from the ditch accounts to the County Road and Bridge fund. Monies to be transferred from the individual accounts of the ditch as given below. Purpose of this claim is to cover the expense of Assessment and Maintenance of ditches.

County Ditch 30	\$172.50
County Ditch 63	\$1,523.30
Diversion Channel	\$2.54

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Auditor is hereby ordered to transfer the following sums of money from the County Development Fund to the County Road and Bridge fund to cover maintenance of the following County Ditches:

**121713-108  
2014 ARROWHEAD  
REGIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMISSION  
LEVY**

**RESOLUTION  
121713-109  
UNORGANIZED  
ROAD & BRIDGE  
TRANSFERS**

**RESOLUTION  
121713-110  
COUNTY DITCH &  
COUNTY  
DEVELOPMENT  
TRANSFERS**

County Ditch 20	\$9,222.00
County Ditch 25	\$685.00
County Ditch 28	\$175.00
County Ditch 43	\$435.00
Diversion Channel	\$23,553.31

John Welle, County Engineer discussed the draft 2014-2018 Road Improvement Plan with the Board.

Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution – Wetland Mitigation:

**WHEREAS**, impacts to wetlands in northeast Minnesota continue to create a high demand for compensatory wetland mitigation, and

**WHEREAS**, current state and federal compensatory wetland mitigation policies have resulted in large amounts of wetland impacts being replaced outside of the watershed boundary of the impacted wetland in low-priority areas of the state that have greater than 80% of their pre-settlement wetlands remaining, and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 11,000 acres of wetland credits have either been established or are in the process of being established in Aitkin County as mitigation for impacts in other drainage basins located outside of Aitkin County, and

**WHEREAS**, actual wetland impacts within Aitkin County total less than 100 acres since 1991, and

**WHEREAS**, the Interagency Northeast Mitigation Siting Team is a group of representatives of various state and federal regulatory agencies that have developed concepts for modifying current wetland mitigation requirements for impacts in the Lake Superior and Rainy River drainage basins, and

**WHEREAS**, comments regarding these concepts, dated November 20, 2013, have been solicited by the Interagency Northeast Mitigation Siting Team.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Aitkin County hereby comments as follows:

1. The Interagency Northeast Mitigation Siting Team needs to be expanded to allow representation by all stakeholders affected by wetland impacts in the Lake Superior and Rainy River drainage basins.
2. The following problem statement needs to be added to concept document: "Current state and federal compensatory wetland mitigation policies have resulted in large amounts of wetland impact being replaced outside of the watershed boundary of the impacted wetland in concentrated low-priority areas of the state that are not lacking in wetland functions and values."
3. The alternative options for compensatory mitigation including the expanded use of preservation, restoration/protection of riparian corridors and streams, stabilization of natural hydrology, peatland hydrology restoration, and watershed plan implementation projects should be clearly limited only to mitigation sites located within the Lake Superior and Rainy River drainage basins.

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4. Wetland impacts in the Lake Superior and Rainy River drainage basins that cannot practicably be mitigated within the same watershed should be required to be sited in high priority areas of the state that have less than 80% of pre-settlement wetland areas remaining. Mitigation for these impacts, even at higher replacement ratios, should not be allowed in the greater than 80% areas of the state.
5. Aitkin County is adamantly opposed to allowing the replacement of wetland impacts in the Lake Superior and Rainy River drainage basins in areas of the state that have greater than 80% of pre-settlement wetland areas remaining. Even at increased replacement ratios to discourage replacement in these areas, it will continue to be more economically feasible to replace impacts in these low priority areas of the state, which will only magnify the current problem with too many wetland impacts being replaced in areas of the state that have greater than 80% of pre-settlement wetland areas remaining.
6. To achieve more effective and efficient mitigation of wetland impacts in the Lake Superior and Rainy River drainage basins, mitigation should be based on a no-net loss of wetland functions and values rather than a no-net loss of wetland area. While this would potentially result in lower than 1:1 replacement ratios on an area basis, wetland functions and values would be maintained at greater than a 1:1 ratio.
7. Aitkin County continues to support the concept of the In-Lieu Fee Program for mitigation of wetland impacts in the Lake Superior and Rainy River drainage basins.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners hereby thank the Interagency Northeast Mitigation Siting Team for addressing this important issue and encourages strong consideration of the recommendations contained herein.

The Board reported on the following:

Commissioner Brian Napstad

- **AMC Annual Meeting**

Commissioner Napstad left at 12:43 p.m.

Commissioner Don Niemi

- **Library**

Commissioner Anne Marcotte

- **AMC Annual Meeting**
- **Ordinance**
- **MRCC**
- **Forest Advisory**

Commissioner Laurie Westerlund

- **AMC Annual Meeting**
- **Mille Lacs Watershed**
- **Mille Lacs Lake Area Tourism**

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Commissioner Mark Wedel

- **Airport**

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to cancel County Board meeting scheduled for December 24, 2013.

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 1:17 p.m. until Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at 9:00 p.m.

**BOARD MEETING  
CANCELLED**

**ADJOURN**

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J. Mark Wedel, Chairperson  
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

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Patrick Wussow, County Administrator