

AITKIN COUNTY BOARD

March 11, 2014

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 11th day of March, 2014 at 9:01 a.m. with the following members present: Chairperson J. Mark Wedel, Commissioners Laurie Westerlund, Don Niemi, and Brian Napstad. Commissioner Anne Marcotte was absent. Interim County Administrator Roxy Traxler, and Administrative Assistant Sue Bingham were also present.

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

Chairperson J. Mark Wedel reopened the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

Break: 10:06 a.m. to 10:16 a.m.

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried (4-0 Marcotte absent), all members voting yes to approve the amended March 11, 2014 agenda. (Item 6.5) Public Safety Request, was added.

Jane VanderMey asked the Board for help resolving flooding issues on her property.

Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried (4-0), all members voting yes to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: A) Correspondence File: February 25, 2014 – March 10, 2014; B) Approve County Board Minutes: February 25, 2014; C) Approve Commissioner Warrants: General Fund \$58,054.04, Road & Bridge \$95,374.75, Health & Human Services \$2,976.10, State \$180.00, Trust \$16,896.36, Forest Development \$899.24, Long Lake Conservation Center \$18,456.86, Parks \$55,482.40 for a total of \$248,319.75; D) Approve Auditor Warrants – Town Road Allotment Gas Tax: Road & Bridge \$340,030.80; E) Approve February Manual Warrants: General Fund \$41,765.81, Road & Bridge \$13,112.81, Health & Human Services \$9,184.92, State \$22,159.16, Trust \$-767.82, Forest Development \$262.48, Agency \$147,239.00, Taxes & Penalties \$4,916.79, Long Lake Conservation Center \$2,801.64, Parks \$28.78 for a total of \$240,703.57; F) Approve Fire Protection Contract with City of Palisade; G) Approve 2013 Audit Engagement Letter; H) Approve Affidavit of Lost Warrant – Health & Human Services: Lisa Wesaw, Warrant #90727 - \$350.00; I) Approve Vehicle Purchase – Sheriff's Dept.; J) Approve Springsted Contract; K) Approve Certificate of Support – City of Aitkin

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried (4-0), all members voting yes to approve Sheriff's Department purchase of one (1) 2014 Ford Interceptor Police Package SUV from Aitkin Motors for \$27,729.00, and three (3) 2014 Chevrolet Impalas from Ranger GM for \$20,730.20 each, for a total combined cost of \$89,919.60.

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried (4-0), all members voting yes to approve Springsted contract for executive recruitment services, not to exceed \$14,000.00, as accepted at the January 28th County Board meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

CLOSED SESSION

OPEN MEETING

BREAK

APPROVED AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSENT AGENDA

PURCHASE FOUR (4) POLICE VEHICLES

SPRINGSTED CONTRACT

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried (4-0), all members voting yes to authorize signature on Certificate of Support for City of Aitkin’s library expansion project and request for financial assistance with the USDA Rural Development. No financial support is required from Aitkin County.

Sheriff Scott Turner gave a Power Point presentation to the Board, giving an overview of all areas of service that fall within the Sheriff’s Office.

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried (4-0), all members voting yes to approve quote of \$37,270.85 from Viking Acoustical Furniture for Dispatch Workstation, using dedicated 911 funds.

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried (4-0), all members voting yes to approve quote of \$23,495.00 from Granite Electronics for bi-directional amplifier in the McGregor School. This will be funded using dedicated ARMER funds.

Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried (4-0), all members voting yes to approve resolution – Liquor License Glen Store & Grill:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners agree to approve the following liquor license for a period ending December 31, 2014:

“ON” and “SUNDAY” Sale:

Grill of Glen Inc., d/b/a **The Glen Store & Grill** – Malmo Township
This establishment has an address of 31993 280th Street, Aitkin, MN 5643

Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried (4-0), all members voting yes to approve resolution – JCNRB Resolution for \$300,000:

WHEREAS, Consolidated Conservation area lands provide diverse conservation, agricultural and infrastructure values for Minnesota and are critical assets for the economic stability of the state, and

WHEREAS, Counties, through their Ditch Authority, have responsibility to maintain ditch systems as well as assure financial viability of such ditch systems through assessments to all owners on the ditch system, and

WHEREAS, legislative annual appropriation of \$300,000, passed during the 2013 session is intended to pay for ditch assessments for DNR administered land in the Consolidated Conservation Area.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Counties containing Consolidated Conservation

CERTIFICATE OF SUPPORT – CITY OF AITKIN

SHERIFF’S OFFICE OVERVIEW

DISPATCH WORKSTATION

MCGREGOR SCHOOL BDA

RESOLUTION 031114-018 LIQUOR LICENSE GLEN STORE & GRILL

RESOLUTION 031114-019 JCNRB RESOLUTION FOR \$300,000

area lands hereby agree to a formula that provides a share of the \$300,000 payment as defined here: individual county assessment divided by the aggregate assessment of all involved counties, times \$300,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, each county agrees to submit DNR Ditch Assessments for lands in the Consolidated Conservation Area, and only in the Consolidated Conservation Area, to the Joint Powers Board for compilation and dissemination to the Department of Natural Resources on an annual basis, to be used for calculation and payment of each county's proportionate share.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Counties will settle the total payment received from the state to the ditches in the same proportion as the aggregate assessment of each ditch was to the DNR Con Con ditch assessment total. Counties will consider all current year State of Minnesota payments on said Con Con ditches completed upon receipt of the payment.

Roxy Traxler, Interim County Administrator updated the Board on the County Administrator search process. Dave Unmacht, Sr. Vice President Springsted will be on-site for the April 8th County Board meeting to present candidate resumes and to discuss the interview process.

Roxy Traxler, Interim County Administrator and the Board discussed special projects and tasks.

Commissioner Wedel presented a letter to the Board from Gene Pagels, Aitkin resident, asking for Board support to consider making the intersection of Highway 169 and 47 a four way stop. No action was taken.

The Board reported on the following:

Commissioner Brian Napstad

- **AMC**
- **MHB**

Commissioner Don Niemi

- **AMC**
- **Town Mtg. with Joe Radinovich**
- **ECRL**

Commissioner Laurie Westerlund

- **AMC**
- **Mille Lacs Fisheries Input Group**
- **Park Board**

Commissioner Mark Wedel

- **Airport**
- **Historical Society**

**COUNTY
ADMINISTRATOR
HIRING UPDATE**

**INTERIM COUNTY
ADMINISTRATOR
PROJECTS**

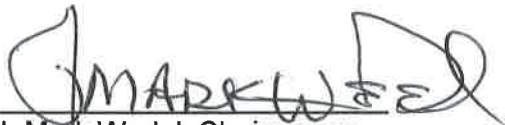
**PUBLIC SAFETY
REQUEST**

**BOARD
DISCUSSION**

- EDA

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried (4-0), all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 12:43 p.m. until Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURN



J. Mark Wedel, Chairperson
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners



Roxy Traxler, Interim County Administrator