

AITKIN COUNTY BOARD

August 12, 2014

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 12th day of August, 2014 at 9:02 a.m. with the following members present: Chairperson J. Mark Wedel, Commissioners Laurie Westerlund, Don Niemi, Brian Napstad, Anne Marcotte, County Administrator Nathan Burkett, and Administrative Assistant Sue Bingham.

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve the August 12, 2014 amended agenda. Item 7C - Set Public Hearing Date for Partial Ditch Abandonment, was added to the regular agenda.

Gordon Prickett, Nordland Township updated the Board on new lake level gauges and rain gauge readers.

Jane VanderMey asked the Board for help with ditch brush.

Dale Lueck discussed the Enbridge Pipeline and asked the Board to take a formal position.

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting yes to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: A) Correspondence File: July 22, 2014 – August 11, 2014; B) Approve County Board Minutes: July 22, 2014; C) Approve Commissioner Warrants: General Fund \$99,588.15, Road & Bridge \$85,899.07, Health & Human Services \$1,022.97, Trust \$2,403.68, Forest Development \$29,350.70, Long Lake Conservation Center \$12,765.17, Parks \$4,169.69 for a total of \$235,199.43; D) Approve Out-of-State Travel Request – Sue Tange, H&HS; E) Approve July Manual Warrants: General Fund \$53,123.11, Health & Human Services \$738.22, State \$6,593.07, Forest Development \$29.46, Agency \$62,694.00, Taxes & Penalties \$202.00, Long Lake Conservation Center \$941.99 for a total of \$124,321.85 F) Approve Utility Easement East Central Electric 1-43-22; G) Adopt Resolution: Repurchase Tax-Forfeited Property - Risvold

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting to approve out-of-state travel for Sue Tange, Social Services Supervisor to attend Safe Havens Mid-West Regional Conference in St. Louis, Missouri on September 8th and 9th. All expenses are covered by training dollars within the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) grant.

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting yes to approve Utility easement to East Central Electric 1-43-22. Approval is contingent on fees in the amount of \$2,523.19 being paid prior to construction.

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting yes to adopt resolution - Repurchase Tax-Forfeited Property – Risvold:

WHEREAS, Byron D. Risvold and Kimberly A. Risvold, the former owners have made and filed an application with the County Auditor for the repurchase of the hereinafter described

CALL TO ORDER

**APPROVED
AGENDA**

**CITIZENS' PUBLIC
COMMENT**

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

**OUT-OF-STATE
TRAVEL
REQUEST**

**UTILITY
EASEMENT TO
EAST CENTRAL
ELECTRIC**

**RESOLUTION
081214-050**

parcel of tax forfeited land, in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 282.241, of amended, which land is situated in the County of Aitkin, Minnesota and described as follows, to-wit:

Plat of Rosewood Lot 8 Block 2

and **WHEREAS**, said applicant has set forth in his application that:

- a) a hardship and injustice has resulted because of forfeiture of said land, for the following reasons, to-wit:
 Was buried in business debt due to being self employed for the period of which the property taxes went unpaid. After I closed my business, I was having a difficult time finding full time employment that wouldn't result in layoff which I incurred.
- b) that the repurchase of said land by me will promote and best serve the public interest, because
 the land has a septic mound system on it. I am no longer self employed, and am able to pay our taxes when they are due. Am a full time employee with an over the road trucking company.

and **WHEREAS**, this board is of the opinion that said application should be granted for such reasons with the following contingencies:

This repurchase is approved upon the receipt of the taxes in full on Lot 9 Blk 2 of the Plat of Rosewood by October 15th, 2014 and the combination of the two lots (Lot 8 and Lot 9) for tax purposes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the application of Byron Risvold and Kimberly Risvold for the purchase of the above described parcel of tax forfeited land be granted and the County Auditor is hereby authorized to permit such repurchase according to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 282.241 as amended upon the completion of the contingency.

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting that the Aitkin County Board as the Animal Control Authority finds that the evidence presented requesting to rescind the dangerous dog designation for the dog named "Brooklyn" is not sufficient. The Animal Control Authority therefore upholds the dangerous dog designation for the dog named "Brooklyn."

John Welle, County Engineer reviewed the 2013 Aitkin County Highway Department Annual Report with the Board. Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve the 2013 Aitkin County Highway Department Annual Report.

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to approve establishing a committee which will report back to the County Board with a proposed Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention Plan.

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

**REPURCHASE
TAX-FORFEITED
PROPERTY -
RISVOLD**

**PUBLIC HEARING
DANGEROUS
DOG**

**HIGHWAY DEPT.
ANNUAL REPORT**

**AIS PREVENTION
PLAN
DISCUSSION**

FIELD CARD FEE

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members voting yes to approve Assessor's Office Field Card Fee increase from 50 cents per parcel to \$4.00 per parcel.

Mike Dangers, County Assessor updated the Board on electronic Certificates of Real Estate Value (eCRV).

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to schedule a Special Meeting for 2015 Budget Presentations on Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Boardroom at the Aitkin County Courthouse, 217 2nd Street NW, Aitkin, MN.

The Board discussed options for hosting the October 24, 2014 District 1 Fall AMC meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting to schedule a Public Hearing for Partial Ditch Abandonment of a Drainage System pursuant to Minnesota Statute 103E.806, Subdivision 3, at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 in the County Boardroom located in the Courthouse at 217 2nd Street NW, Aitkin, MN.

Matthew Hill, Executive Director of CARE introduced himself to the Board and gave a brief overview of the program.

The Board reported on the following: NCLUCB, Joint Powers Natural Resources Board, Forest Advisory, Enbridge Pipeline, Veterans Transportation, ECRLB, HRA, Sobriety Court, Historical Society, Aitkin Airport, Cedarbrook Flooding.

Chairperson J. Mark Wedel closed the meeting at 12:37 p.m. under M.S. 13D.05 subd. 3(b) Attorney-Client Privilege - Mallak vs. Aitkin County.

Chairperson J. Mark Wedel reopened the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 1:02 p.m. until Tuesday, August 26, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

J. Mark Wedel, Chairperson
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

Nathan Burkett, County Administrator

eCRV UPDATE

**SPECIAL
MEETING
SCHEDULED**

**DISTRICT 1 FALL
AMC MTG**

**SCHEDULE
PUBLIC HEARING
FOR PARTIAL
DITCH
ABANDONMENT**

CARE

**BOARD
DISCUSSION**

CLOSED SESSION

**REOPEN
MEETING**

ADJOURN