

AITKIN COUNTY BOARD

March 10, 2015

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 10th day of March, 2015 at 9:03 a.m. with the following members present: Chairperson J. Mark Wedel, Commissioners Don Niemi, and Anne Marcotte. Commissioner Laurie Westerlund was absent. Commissioner Brian Napstad was not able to attend as he was in St. Paul testifying on Wetland Legislation. County Administrator Nathan Burkett, and Administrative Assistant Sue Bingham were also present.

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried (3-0), all members voting yes to approve the March 10, 2015 agenda.

**APPROVED
AGENDA**

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried (3-0), all members voting yes to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: A) Correspondence File: February 24, 2015 to March 9, 2015; B) Approve County Board Minutes: February 24, 2015; C) Approve 2016 Fire Protection Contract – City of Palisade; D) Approve Fire Protection Contract with McGregor Fire Department; E) Approve Out of State Travel Request – Sue Tange; F) Approve One Year Recycling Agreement Extensions; G) Adopt Resolution – Exempt Permit LG220 Dead Moose River Longbeards; H) Authorize Sale of Forfeited Vehicles – Sheriff’s Office; I) Accept \$72.50 Donation to STS from Riceland Chapter of Minnesota Deer Hunters Association; J) Approve Auditor Warrants – Town Road Auto Payments – Gas Tax: Road & Bridge \$363,906.54; K) Approve February Manual Warrants: General Fund \$29,298.07, Road & Bridge \$79.30, Health & Human Services \$980.75, State \$36,834.72, Trust \$0.00, Forest Development \$14,458.23, Agency \$151,136.00, Long Lake Conservation Center \$1,033.61 for a total of \$233,820.68; L) Approve Commissioner Warrants: General Fund \$73,117.45, Road & Bridge \$27,345.20, Special Revenue \$24,973.94, Health & Human Services \$267.97, Trust \$3,122.45, Forest Development \$796.68, Long Lake Conservation Center \$7,348.58, Parks \$3,001.57 for a total of \$139,973.84; M) Approve Window Film – Health & Human Services; N) Approve Out of State Travel Request – John Welle; O) Approve Request for 2nd Extension – Timber Permit #13193; P) Approve HR Director Salary; Q) Authorize Local 49 2015 Pay Rates

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried (3-0), all members voting to approve out of state travel request for Sue Tange, Social Services Supervisor to attend “Reflection Retreat” in Washington, D.C. on March 19 and 20, 2015. The only cost to the County is staff time and salary.

**OUT OF STATE
TRAVEL
REQUEST –
SUE TANGE**

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried (3-0), all members voting yes to approve one year recycling agreement extensions with Garrison Disposal and J&H Transfer, ending December 31, 2016.

**RECYCLING
AGREEMENT
EXTENSIONS**

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried (3-0), all members voting yes to adopt resolution – Exempt Permit LG220 Dead Moose River Longbeards:

**RESOLUTION
20150310-011
EXEMPT PERMIT**

BE IT RESOLVED, The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners agrees to approve the Application for Exempt Permit – Form LG220 – of the NWTF Dead Moose River

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<p>Longbeards, at the following location – Jackson’s Hole, which has an address of 36232 Kestrel Ave., McGregor, MN 55760 – Salo Township. (Note: Date of activity for Raffle – March 28, 2015)</p>	<p>LG220 DEAD MOOSE RIVER LONGBEARDS</p>
<p>Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried (3-0), all members voting yes to authorize sale of the following forfeited vehicles: 1998 GMC Sierra Club Cab Pickup, 1992 GMC Sierra Pickup, 2005 Ford F-150 Pickup, and 2007 Arctic Cat 400 ATV – Sheriff’s Office.</p>	<p>AUTHORIZE SALE OF FORFEITED VEHICLES</p>
<p>Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried (3-0), all members voting yes to approve purchase of window film from Aitkin Glass Service at a cost of \$2,693.00 for Health & Human Services.</p>	<p>WINDOW FILM</p>
<p>Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried (3-0), all members voting yes to approve out of state travel request for John Welle, County Engineer to attend the NACE Conference in Daytona Beach, Florida from April 19th through April 23rd. Costs to the County are \$625 for conference registration, \$725 plus taxes and fees for lodging, and approximately \$500 for transportation.</p>	<p>OUT OF STATE TRAVEL REQUEST – JOHN WELLE</p>
<p>Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried (3-0), all members voting yes to approve second one-year extension for Futurewood Corp. permit #13193 with conditions, as presented.</p>	<p>FUTUREWOOD PERMIT #13193 EXTENSION</p>
<p>Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried (3-0), all members voting yes to set HR Director’s salary at \$67,000.00 for 2015.</p>	<p>HR DIRECTOR 2015 SALARY</p>
<p>Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried (3-0), all members voting yes to approve 2015 Local 49 pay rates as presented.</p>	<p>2015 LOCAL 49 PAY RATES</p>
<p>Bryan Anderson, representative of MnDOT District 1 in Duluth, and Jarrett Valdez, ARDC representative, discussed their programs with the Board.</p>	<p>MnDOT PRESENTATION</p>
<p>Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried (3-0), all members voting yes to reject all bids for the Jacobson Shop Addition and to re-advertise.</p>	<p>JACOBSON SHOP ADDITION</p>
<p>Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried (3-0), all members voting yes to adopt resolution – Ice Heaving:</p>	<p>RESOLUTION 20150310-012 ICE HEAVING</p>
<p>WHEREAS, the winter of 2014/2015 has had a lack of snow and fluctuating temperatures, and</p>	

WHEREAS, many riparian properties have experienced extensive ice heaving along the shoreline, and

WHEREAS, many riparian properties will require excavating and placement of fill within the shore impact zone and some properties will need to exceed the 30 cubic yards of excavation or placement of material to reclaim the property to pre-ice heaving conditions, and

WHEREAS, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners have adopted a Shoreland Management Ordinance which contains provisions to regulate the use and development of the shorelands of public waters and thus preserve and enhance the quality of surface waters, conserve the economic and natural environmental values of shorelands, and provide for the wise use of waters and related land resources, and

WHEREAS, Section 5.32,D,(1) of the Aitkin County Shoreland Management Ordinance limits the amount of excavation and placement of material within steep slopes and shore and bluff impact zones to 30 cubic yards and within an existing or proposed recreational use area or access path, and

WHEREAS, the ice heaving from the recent lack of snow and fluctuating temperatures is a rare event that is an act of nature and not created or caused by any individual property owner.

THEREFORE, in order to preserve and enhance the quality of surface waters, conserve the economic and natural environmental values of shorelands, and provide for the wise use of waters and related land resources, riparian property owners who have sustained annual ice heaving during the 2014/2015 winter season may need to exceed the 30 cubic yards of excavation and placement of material to reclaim or restore the property to pre-ice heaving conditions.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners temporarily suspends the 30 cubic yard maximum amount of excavation and fill within steep slopes and shore and bluff impact zones for reclamation of the 2014/2015 winter ice heaving damage until December 31, 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, any land alteration permit required for the project reclamation will require a photo before, reclamation plan and a photo after construction. Land alteration permits issued for projects exceeding 10 cubic yards of excavation and/or fill will be \$50.00 versus the normal \$150.00.

Nathan Burkett, County Administrator reviewed the 2015 Administration Work Plan with the Board.

Nathan Burkett, County Administrator discussed long term financial planning with the Board.

The Board reported on the following: ECRL, AMC, Historical Society, AIS.


**2015
ADMINISTRATION
WORK PLAN**

**LONG TERM
FINANCIAL
PLANNING**

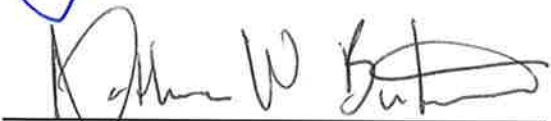
**COMMITTEE
UPDATES**

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried (3-0), to adjourn the meeting at 11:41 a.m. until Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURN



J. Mark Wedel, Chairperson
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners



Nathan Burkett, County Administrator