

# AITKIN COUNTY BOARD

November 10, 2015

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015 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 Nathan Burkett, and Administrative Assistant Sue Bingham.

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve the November 10, 2015 agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting yes to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: A) Correspondence File: October 27, 2015 to November 9, 2015; B) Approve County Board Minutes: October 27, 2015; C) Approve Commissioner Warrants: General Fund \$69,663.22, Road & Bridge \$31,012.54, Health & Human Services \$590.98, Trust \$16,671.79, Forest Development \$10,334.91, Long Lake Conservation Center \$8,988.99, Parks \$14,187.95 for a total of \$151,450.38; D) Approve Auditor Warrants – October/November School Advance: Agency \$1,216,717.08; E) Approve October Manual Warrants: General Fund \$81,190.05, Road & Bridge \$3,276,270.81, Health & Human Services \$14,726.56, State \$1,079,809.26, Trust \$378.12, Taxes & Penalties \$658.00, Long Lake Conservation Center \$753.70 for a total of \$4,453,786.50; F) Approve 2016 Newspaper Bid Specifications; G) Adopt Resolution: 2015-2017 State Snowmobile Safety Enforcement Grant; H) Approve Vehicle Purchase – Sheriff’s Office; I) Approve Medical Examiner Contract 2016; J) Adopt Resolution: Snowmobile Trail Easement 17-52-25’ K) Approve Out-of-Country Travel (Canada) – Land Dept.; L) Adopt Resolution: Abandoned Personal Property on Tax-Forfeited Land; M) Adopt Resolution: Form LG214 – Minnewawa Sportsmen’s Club

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting yes to adopt resolution – 2015-2017 State Snowmobile Safety Enforcement Grant:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners approve the 2015-2017 Snowmobile Safety Enforcement Grant file in the Office of the County Auditor and authorize the Aitkin County Sheriff, County Board Chair and County Auditor to sign the agreement in the amount of \$11,916.00 for the term of November 10, 2015 through July 1, 2017.

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting yes to approve purchase of a 2016 Ford F150 pickup from Aitkin Motors for \$29,727.00 – Sheriff’s Office.

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting yes to adopt resolution – Snowmobile Trail Easement 17-52-25:

**WHEREAS**, certain parcels of County-managed tax-forfeited land are needed for recreational purposes,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, pursuant to M.S. 282.04, Subd 4, that the Auditor is authorized and instructed to issue a perpetual easement for snowmobile trail purposes to Aitkin County over and across the following tax-forfeited lands:

**CALL TO ORDER**

**APPROVED  
AGENDA**

**CONSENT  
AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION  
20151110-063  
2015-2017 STATE  
SNOWMOBILE  
SAFETY  
ENFORCEMENT  
GRANT**

**VEHICLE  
PURCHASE –  
SHERIFF’S  
OFFICE**

**RESOLUTION  
20151110-064  
SNOWMOBILE  
TRAIL  
EASEMENT  
17-52-25**

1. Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE-NE) in Section Seventeen (17) Township Fifty-two (52) Range Twenty-five (25) as presently located

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting yes to approve out-of-country travel to attend a training in Thunder Bay, ON, Canada for Rich Courtemanche and possibly one forester/forest technician in the Land Department, on November 24 and 25, 2015. Total budgeted expenses will be approximately \$550-\$700.

**LAND DEPARTMENT OUT OF COUNTRY TRAVEL**

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

**WHEREAS**, certain tax forfeited parcels of lands forfeit with abandoned personal property located on them, and

**RESOLUTION 20151110-065 ABANDONED PERSONAL PROPERTY ON TAX-FORFEITED LAND**

**WHEREAS**, the interests of Aitkin County would be best served to clean up the parcels by removing the personal property from the parcels.

**THEREFORE**, the Aitkin County Land Commissioner is authorized to seize and sell any abandoned personal property located on tax forfeited lands in the manner dictated by the Minnesota Statute 504B.271 and/or MS 345.15 depending on the type of personal property. This process includes notification of the landowner at the last known address, consultation with the Sheriff/Co Atty/Co Auditor as to which process to use, and maintain an inventory list of the seized personal property.

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting yes to adopt resolution – Form LG214 – Minnewawa Sportsmen’s Club:

**RESOLUTION 20151110-066 FORM LG214 MINNEWAWA SPORTSMEN’S CLUB**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners agrees to approve the following Premises Permit Application - Form LG214, of the Minnewawa Sportsmen’s Club, at Eagle Point Lounge – Shamrock Township. This establishment has an address of 49394 State Highway 65, McGregor, MN 55760.

Nathan Burkett, County Administrator and Chuck Kandel, Jr. of the State Auditor’s Office reviewed the 2014 State Audit with the Board.

**2014 STATE AUDIT**

Nathan Burkett, County Administrator discussed the following with the Board:

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

- Creation of Aitkin County Financial Policies
- Aitkin County Third Quarter Finances
- Crow Wing County’s Withdrawal from Central Minnesota Community Corrections (CMCC) Joint Powers Agreement
- Broadband

Break: 10:28 a.m. to 10:39 a.m.

**BREAK**

The Board reported on the following: NCLUCB, ATV, Minneapolis Community Action, Forest Advisory, DAC, Mille Lacs Watershed, Mille Lacs Fisheries, and Aitkin Airport.

**BOARD  
DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Don Niemi left at 11:18 a.m.

**NIEMI LEFT**

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried (4-0 Niemi absent), all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 11:32 a.m. until Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

**ADJOURN**

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J. Mark Wedel, Chairperson  
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

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Nathan Burkett, County Administrator