

AITKIN COUNTY BOARD

June 13, 2017

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 13th day of June, 2017 at 2:03 p.m. with the following members present: Board Chair J. Mark Wedel, Commissioners Laurie Westerlund, Don Niemi, Bill Pratt, Anne Marcotte, County Administrator Jessica Seibert and Administrative Assistant Sue Bingham. Representative Dale Lueck was also in attendance.

Motion by Commissioner Pratt, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve the June 13, 2017 agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: A) Correspondence File: May 24, 2017 to June 13, 2017; B) Approve County Board Minutes: May 23, 2017; C) Approve 6-2-17 Commissioner Warrants: General Fund \$131,720.68, Road & Bridge \$40,870.52, Health & Human Services \$1,335.87, Trust \$7,059.13, Long Lake Conservation Center \$11,630.15, Parks \$974.38 for a total of \$193,590.73; D) Approve 6-16-17 Commissioner Warrants: General Fund \$66,087.74, Road & Bridge \$92,528.77, State \$540.00, Trust \$3,335.03, Forest Development \$2788.11, Long Lake Conservation Center \$6,680.68, Parks \$11,541.27 for a total of \$183,501.60; E) Approve Auditor Warrants - School Advance: Agency \$1,860,597.64; F) Approve Auditor Warrants - Real Estate Tax Overpays: Taxes & Penalties \$7,550.70; G) Approve May Manual Warrants: General Fund \$44,756.34, Road & Bridge \$39,921.13, Health & Human Services \$3,360.58, State \$1,457,835.83, Trust \$522.09, Taxes & Penalties \$1,144.00, Long Lake Conservation Center \$918.05, Parks \$163.74 for a total of \$1,548,621.76; H) Ratify Teamsters Non-Licensed Essential Unit 2017-2018 Agreement; I) Accept \$500 Donation to STS from Palisade Fire Department; J) Approve Blandin Grant Agreement; K) Adopt Resolution: Final Contract Payment - Contract No. 20163; L) Adopt Resolution: MnDOT Master Partnership Agreement; M) Adopt Resolution: Riparian Buffer Jurisdiction

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting to ratify the Teamsters Non-Licensed Essential Unit 2017-2018 Collective Bargaining Agreement and authorize the Board Chair, County Administrator, and HR Director to sign.

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting to approve Blandin Foundation Grant Agreement for Award 1-2017-07566 between Blandin Foundation and Aitkin County.

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to adopt resolution - Final Contract Payment - Contract No. 20163:

WHEREAS, Contract No. 20163 has in all been completed, and the County Board being fully advised in the premises.

NOW THEN BE IT RESOLVED, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept said completed contract for and on behalf of the County of Aitkin and

CALL TO ORDER

**APPROVED
AGENDA**

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

**TEAMSTERS NON-
LICENSED
ESSENTIAL UNIT
2017-2018
AGREEMENT**

**BLANDIN
FOUNDATION
GRANT
AGREEMENT**

**RESOLUTION
20170613-044
FINAL CONTRACT
PAYMENT -
CONTRACT NO.**

authorize final payment to Anderson Brothers Construction in the amount of \$154,511.78.

20163

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to adopt resolution - MnDOT Master Partnership Agreement:

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Transportation wishes to cooperate closely with local units of government to coordinate the delivery of transportation services and maximize the efficient delivery of such services at all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, MnDOT and local governments are authorized by Minnesota Statutes sections 471.59, 174.02, and 161.20, to undertake collaborative efforts for the design, construction, maintenance and operation of state and local roads; and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to be able to respond quickly and efficiently to such opportunities for collaboration, and have determined that having the ability to write "work orders" against a master contract would provide the greatest speed and flexibility in responding to identified needs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Aitkin County enter into a Master Partnership Contract with the Minnesota Department of Transportation, a copy of which was before the Board.
2. That the proper County officers are authorized to execute such contract, and any amendments thereto.
3. That the Aitkin County Engineer is authorized to negotiate work order contracts pursuant to the Master Contract, which work order contracts may provide for payment to or from MnDOT, and that the County Engineer may execute such work order contracts on behalf of the Aitkin County without further approval by this Board.

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to adopt resolution - Riparian Buffer Jurisdiction:

Affirming Aitkin County's jurisdiction to carry out the compliance provisions of Minnesota Statutes 103B.101, subdivision 12a and 103F.48

WHEREAS, during the 2015 First Special Session, the 89th Legislature adopted Chapter 4, creating the water quality buffer initiative; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 4 authorizes a county to assume jurisdiction over the compliance provisions of the water quality buffer initiative; and

WHEREAS, improved water quality is a statewide goal, but is best administered by local policymakers, whose familiarity with their home communities will ensure a cooperative and efficient implementation of the initiative; now, therefore,

**RESOLUTION
20170613-045
MNDOT MASTER
PARTNERSHIP
AGREEMENT**

**RESOLUTION
20170613-046
RIPARIAN
BUFFER
JURISDICTION**

BE IT RESOLVED, Aitkin County affirms its jurisdiction to carry out the compliance provisions of Minnesota Statutes 103B.101, subdivision 12a and 103F.48; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, county staff will draft a rule, ordinance, or official controls, to be approved by the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners, to carry out the compliance provisions of Minnesota Statutes 103B.101, subdivision 12a and 103F.48.

Board Chair J. Mark Wedel invited Representative Dale Lueck to give a legislative update to the Board. Representative Lueck provided an update, commended Commissioner Don Niemi for his years of hard work on State General Tax reform, and discussed Enbridge Pipeline 3.

**REPRESENTATIVE
DALE LUECK**

John Welle, County Engineer discussed and reviewed with the Board various items in the Highway Department, including:

**HIGHWAY DEPT
UPDATE**

- Calcium Chloride Applications
- Legislative Updates
- CSAH 37 Petition for Speed Zone Modifications
- Development of Pit on County Land Van Duse Lake Area
- Beaver Control Operations in Public Drainage Ditches
- Utility Permits for Placement of Fiber Optic Cable
- Public Complaints

Mike Dangers, County Assessor reviewed with the Board the process available through Minnesota Statutes Sections 273.1233 and 273.1235 for individual disaster abatements and credits. The consensus by the Commissioners is to consider each request for individual disaster abatement and credit individually.

**INDIVIDUAL
DISASTER
ABATEMENTS
AND CREDITS**

Jessica Seibert, County Administrator discussed the capital improvement bond structure and bond calendar with the Board.

**BOND
STRUCTURE**

Jessica Seibert, County Administrator and the Board discussed the upcoming AMC Spring District 1 meeting and Aitkin County's 2017 AMC Policy Committee Appointments. Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting to include Jessica Seibert, County Administrator as an AMC delegate, and to update the 2017 AMC Policy Committee Appointments as follows:

**ASSOCIATION OF
MINNESOTA
COUNTIES**

Environment & Natural Resources	Commissioner Anne Marcotte
General Government	Commissioner Don Niemi
Health & Human Services	HHS Director Cynthia Bennett
Public Safety	Commissioner Laurie Westerlund
Transportation	Commissioner Bill Pratt
Indian Affairs Advisory Council	Commissioner Laurie Westerlund

The Board discussed: Unorganized Townships, NCLUCB, MRC, ECRL, NEMOJT, DAC, Fair Board, CARE, ATV, Economic Development, and McGregor Airport.

**BOARD
DISCUSSION**

Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members voting to adjourn the meeting at 4:03 p.m. until Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURN



J. Mark Wedel, Board Chair
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners



Jessica Seibert, County Administrator