

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 27th day of June, 2017 at 9:02 a.m. with the following members present: Board Chair J. Mark Wedel, Commissioners Laurie Westerlund, Don Niemi, Bill Pratt, County Administrator Jessica Seibert and Administrative Assistant Sue Bingham. Commissioner Anne Marcotte was not present.

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Commissioner Pratt, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried (4-0 Marcotte absent), all members voting yes to approve the June 27, 2017 amended agenda. Item 3D, Approve Safe and Secure Courthouse Grant, and Item 3E, Adopt Resolution: Large Assembly License – The Glen Store & Grill, were added.

**APPROVED
AGENDA**

Commissioner Anne Marcotte arrived at 9:05 a.m.

**MARCOTTE
ARRIVED**

**AITKIN COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 27, 2017**

**HEALTH & HUMAN
SERVICES BOARD**

Attendance

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 27th day of June, 2017 at 9:03 a.m. as the Aitkin County Health & Human Services Board, with the following members present: Board Chair J. Mark Wedel, Commissioners Laurie Westerlund, Don Niemi, Bill Pratt, and Anne Marcotte was delayed due to road construction but arrived at 9:05 a.m. Others present included: County Administrator Jessica Seibert, Health & Human Services Director Cynthia Bennett, Fiscal Supervisor Kathleen Ryan, Financial Services Supervisor Jessi Goble, Social Services Supervisor Children’s Services Jessi Schultz, Social Services Supervisor Adult Services Kim Larson, Public Health Supervisor Erin Melz, Health & Human Services Administrative Assistant Shawn Speed, and Guests: Carole Holten and Marlene Abear/H&HS Advisory Committee Members.

Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Niemi , seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members voting yes to approve the June 27, 2017 Health & Human Services Board agenda.

Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund , seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve the May 23, 2017 Health and Human Services Board minutes.

Bills

Commissioner Marcotte requested more information related to mental health bills and treatment center payments. Kathy Ryan provided the information relating to each to Commissioner Marcotte’s satisfaction. Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members voting yes to approve the bills.

Legislative Updates

Cynthia Bennett, Health & Human Services Director, briefed the Board on recent legislative changes.

- Mental Health Innovative Grant was funded.
- There was no cut to funding for the METS system, however there also was no

additional funding granted for needed improvements to the system.

- SHIP Grant was funded.
- There was an increase in funding to Evidence Based Family home visits.
- The more concerning issue is the cost shift related to the MNChoices area. It is unknown at this time how this will impact operations on a county level.
- Commissioner Wedel asked about any speculation on changes that will come for the county with the new American Healthcare Act.
- Unknown how this will turn out, yet it looks like there will be significant cuts across the board for Health and Human Services. The Public Health funding will be cut and there will be significant impacts to Medicaid and MN Care.
- This will ultimately impact funding for people in nursing homes.
- Commissioner Marcotte asked about Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center and whether or not we were pushing for legislation to provide a step between the treatment center and being placed in a community?
- Cynthia Bennett provided information about her MACSSA Conference, discussions on the subject, and the need for transitional housing for persons needing to be discharged from Anoka to communities.
- Kim Larson added to the discussion about initiatives, Zero Reject Housing, and the SAMHSA Grant which helps to develop housing for people in transition.
- Kim Larson also provided information on a visit to an Itasca County facility by Region 5+ and how Region 5+ would like to eventually develop something similar to the Itasca County model but on a smaller scale.

New Personnel Introduction

Commissioner Wedel introduced Shawn Speed as the new Health and Human Services Administrative Assistant.

Financial Reports

Kathleen Ryan reviewed the financial statement for the board.

- We are on budget.
- Some out of home placement costs have been a bit higher.
- Child protection costs, related to court ordered assessments, have been higher but we are still within budget.
- Will be posting the first half of levy dollars this month which will be seen in next month's statement.

Fair Booth Update

Erin Melz provided the board with a Fair Booth update.

- Focusing on injury prevention.
- Had great participation from staff members, advisory board members, and commissioners that have signed up to staff the booth.
- Roth RV is again providing a Moms and Infants rest area RV.
- Lots of education and prizes this year.
- Sun protection always a big topic.

Joint Powers Board Reports

Erin Melz provided the board with information from the last meeting.

- Talked about a presentation by Ginger Parlanti, Public Health Supervisor for Itasca County and Healthy Families in America Coordinator on Healthy Families.
- Our H&HS Advisor Committee is our advisory committee for that program.
- Discussed SHIP program.

Committee Reports

H&HS Advisory Committee – Commissioner Westerlund and/or Pratt

- Committee Members Carole Holten and Marlene Abear provided details of last meeting.
- Explained that they have been getting reports from various groups explaining what they are doing and how much that is helping the committee members understand their role.
- Angels of McGregor have started working in McGrath area to help people stay in their homes and are working on possibly setting up a satellite location there.
- Committee was given a presentation on immunizations and the SHIP program.
- Commissioner Westerlund mentioned it was a great meeting for them.
- Commissioner Pratt added that the members are getting a better understanding of their role on the committee and becoming more active in it.

AEOA Committee Update – Commissioner Westerlund

- Financial audits.
- Rural Rides program.
- Resolutions update.
- Aitkin County Cares.
- Shortage of volunteer drivers.
- A larger discussion on the shortage of volunteer drivers was started by Commissioner Wedel and it was noted that it is a problem county wide.

Lakes and Pines Update – Commissioner Niemi

- Commissioner Niemi stated there were no new changes, but Commissioner Wedel opened up a discussion about Aitkin County’s status in the program and received feedback from Commissioner Niemi to his satisfaction.

Next Meeting – July 25, 2017

Break: 9:46 a.m. to 10:04 a.m.

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: A) Correspondence File: June 13, 2017 to June 27, 2017; B) Approve County Board Minutes: June 13, 2017; C) Approve BAE Minutes: June 13, 2017; D) Approve Commissioner Warrants: General Fund \$191,309.61, Road & Bridge \$31,677.67, Health & Human Services \$368.76, Trust \$13,143.23, Agency \$62,694.00, Long Lake Conservation Center \$6,178.36, Parks \$8,837.13 for a total of \$314,208.76; E) Approve Auditor Warrants - May Sales & Use Tax: General Fund \$623.42, Road & Bridge \$679.32, State \$8,167.00, Trust \$70.76, Forest Development \$0.24, Long Lake Conservation Center \$229.86, Parks \$225.00 for a total of \$9,995.60; F) Approve Auditor Warrants - Highway Department Contract Payment: Road & Bridge \$154,511.78; G) Approve Auditor Warrants - Tax Settlements: Agency \$3,337,084.45; H) Adopt Resolution: Public Hearing Set - Classification of Tax-Forfeited Lands; I) Accept \$200 Donation to STS from Round Lake Cemetery Association; J) Approve Temporary 3.2 Malt Liquor License - Aitkin Fire Department

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

**HHS BOARD
ADJOURNS**

BREAK

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

resolution - Public Hearing Set - Classification of Tax-Forfeited Lands:

WHEREAS, MN Statue 282.01 allows the County Board to classify tax-forfeited lands either to be retained in public ownership for public benefits or returned to private ownership, and

WHEREAS, MN Statute 282.01 requires that a public hearing be held to receive comments and recommendations about the pending classifications.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners hereby sets a public hearing for July 25th, 2017 at 11:00 AM at the Aitkin County Courthouse for the classification of the following parcels of tax-forfeited lands. The proposed classification is on each legal description.

**RESOLUTION
20170627-047
PUBLIC HEARING
SET -
CLASSIFICATION
OF TAX-
FORFEITED
LANDS**

Land Classification 2016 Forfeitures

Pin #	Legal Desc	Sec	Twp	Rge	Proposed Classification
02-1-068900	Thoes Subdivision of Lot 8 of Bridge Park Lot 2	9	52	23	Non-conservation
02-1-070600	Thoes Subdivision of Lot 8 of Bridge Park Lot 19	9	52	23	Non-conservation
17-0-008301	2.53 acres in SW corner of SW-SE less 1.10 acs r/w	7	46	24	Non-conservation
29-1-213600	Sheshebe Point 2 nd Addition W ½ Lot 96	22	49	23	Non-conservation
32-1-073801	Big Sandy Lake Highlands 5 th Addn Lot 154 less 171 x 100 ft & less N 220 ft	34	50	23	Non-conservation
32-1-073902	Big Sandy Lake Highlands 5 th Addn 100 x 200 ft Lot 155 in Doc 225796	34	50	23	Non-conservation
35-1-092000	Enchanted Acres Outlot B	7	49	26	Non-conservation
36-1-080701	Alfreda Addition Lot 6 Blk 1 In Doc 214407	24	45	26	Non-conservation
36-1-080702	Alfreda Addition Lot 6 less part in Doc 214407	24	45	26	Non-conservation
56-0-124900	Unplatted part of SW-NW in B 124 D P 51 less part in Doc 384632	25	47	27	Non-conservation
58-1-006400	McGrath Lot 1 Blk 6	5	43	23	Non-conservation
61-1-011600	Tingdales Original Townsite of Tamarack Lot 11 Blk 2	15	48	22	Non-conservation


Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve the following Temporary On Sale 3.2 Malt Liquor License for July 5 through July 8, 2017 (July 5, 6, 7, 8, 2017):

**TEMPORARY 3.2
MALT LIQUOR
LICENSE - AITKIN**

<p>On Sale: Aitkin Fire Department, d/b/a Aitkin Fire Department Relief Association - Aitkin Township</p>	<p>FIRE DEPARTMENT</p>
<p>Marcia Mehle, Community Transportation Manager and Jack Larson, Transit Director for Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency (AEOA) discussed the Rural Rides Program with the Board, shared the outcomes and successes of the program, and requested funding of \$20,000 for the program in 2018. The Board asked that a formal request be submitted for consideration at a future Board meeting.</p>	<p>RURAL RIDES PROGRAM</p>
<p>Caroline Larson and Sherry Shadley of Support Within Reach, a non-profit organization providing help for victims of sexual violence, gave an overview of the program to the Board and requested \$1,500 in funding for 2018. No action was taken at this time.</p>	<p>SUPPORT WITHIN REACH</p>
<p>Tom Suppes, MCIT Risk Management Consultant reviewed the 2017 MCIT Report to Aitkin County with the Board.</p>	<p>MCIT REPORT</p>
<p>Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to accept \$2500 Safe and Secure Courthouse Grant.</p>	<p>SAFE AND SECURE COURTHOUSE GRANT</p>
<p>Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting yes to adopt resolution – Large Assembly License – The Glen Store & Grill:</p>	<p>RESOLUTION 20170627-048 LARGE ASSEMBLY LICENSE – THE GLEN STORE & GRILL</p>
<p>BE IT RESOLVED, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners agrees to approve the following Application for Large Assembly:</p>	
<p>Chris Hagman d/b/a The Glen Store & Grill – Malmo Township</p>	
<p>This music entertainment is scheduled to take place July 1st and July 2nd, 2017 from 8:00 P.M. to 12:00 P.M. Midnight daily.</p>	
<p>The Board discussed: AMC, MHB, Mille Lacs Watershed, DAC, AEOA, P&Z, BSLWMP, AIS, NRAC, Grand Rapids/Diversion Channel, Big Sandy Lake Association, AMC Training/Challenging Conversations, EDA, Facilities, and Historical Society.</p>	<p>BOARD DISCUSSION</p>
<p>Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members voting to close the meeting at 11:57 a.m. under MN Statute 13D.05 Subd. 3 (a) Performance Evaluation of County Administrator.</p>	<p>CLOSED SESSION</p>
<p>Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting to reopen the meeting at 12:34 p.m.</p>	<p>REOPEN MEETING</p>

Motion by Commissioner Pratt seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting to adjourn the meeting at 12:34 p.m. until Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURN



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



Jessica Seibert, County Administrator