

<p>The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017 at 9:01 a.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.</p>	<p><b>CALL TO ORDER</b></p>
<p>Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members voting yes to approve the amended September 12, 2017 agenda. Agenda Item 4A) Adopt Resolution: Land Transfers / Splits was pulled from the agenda, and Agenda Item 5.1) Adopt Resolution: Award Contract No. 20175, was added to the agenda.</p>	<p><b>APPROVED AGENDA</b></p>
<p>Galen Tveit and Michael Kearney spoke in favor of the Application to Purchase Tax-Forfeited Land – Rick and Kelly Olson, and Bob Harwarth asked for information on the radon testing in the Health &amp; Human Services basement.</p>	<p><b>CITIZENS' PUBLIC COMMENTS</b></p>
<p>Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: A) Correspondence File: August 22, 2017 to September 11, 2017; B) Approve County Board Minutes: August 22, 2017; C) Approve Commissioner Warrants: General Fund \$41,767.23, Road &amp; Bridge \$51,369.84, Health &amp; Human Services \$1,107.34, Trust \$11,367.83, Forest Development \$1,473.62, Long Lake Conservation Center \$3,910.10, Parks \$4,181.99 for a total of \$115,177.95; D) Approve Auditor Warrants: Highway Department Contract Payment \$208,977.24; E) Approve Auditor Warrants – ISD #1 Taconite Payment &amp; Highway Department Contract Payment: Road &amp; Bridge \$1,898,642.91, Agency \$135,437.00 for a total of \$2,034,079.91; F) Approve August Manual Warrants: General Fund \$25,624.87, Road &amp; Bridge \$1,215,465.38, Health &amp; Human Services \$-7,219.76, State \$61,485.19, Trust \$130.00, Long Lake Conservation Center \$839.16, Parks \$460.66 for a total of \$1,296,785.50; G) Adopt Resolution: Application to Repurchase Tax-Forfeited Land – Rick &amp; Kelly Olson; H) Set Unorganized Township Levies for 2018 – 1. Adopt Resolution: 2018 Unorganized Road &amp; Bridge, 2. Adopt Resolution: 2018 Unorganized Fire Protection, 3. Adopt Resolution: 2018 Unorganized Cemetery; I) Adopt Resolution: EAW Record of Decision – Aitkin County Government Center Expansion Project; J) Adopt Resolution: County VSO Operational Enhancement Grant Program; K) Adopt Resolution: Large Assembly License – Northern Minnesota Draft Horse Association; L) Adopt Resolution: Extension of the Aitkin County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan; M) Approve (4) Affidavits for Duplicate of Lost Warrant; N) Accept \$952.00 Donation to Sobriety Court received during July 28, 2017 Brat Sale fundraiser.</p>	<p><b>CONSENT AGENDA</b></p>
<p>Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to adopt resolution - Application to Repurchase Tax-Forfeited Land – Rick &amp; Kelly Olson:</p>	
<p><b>WHEREAS</b>, Rick J and Kelly J. Olson, the former owner has made and filed an application with the County Auditor for the repurchase of the hereinafter described 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:</p>	<p><b>RESOLUTION 20170912-059 APPLICATION TO REPURCHASE</b></p>

Plat of Palisade – Lots 9 and 10 Block 5 Property ID – 60-1-008500

**TAX-FORFEITED  
LAND – RICK &  
KELLY OLSON**

and, **WHEREAS**, said applicants have set forth in their application that:

- a) a hardship and injustice has resulted because of forfeiture of said land, for the following reasons, to-wit:

The hardship and injustice are: While operating the business at 303 Main Street in Palisade there was an extreme financial collapse to the economy. While I (Kelly Olson) took day to day control of operating the business, my husband took care of our personal finances. He however lost his job and was laid off for two years. During this time our home went into default and we lost that. His only job opportunity came from the Twin Cities and we had no other choice of closing our business and relocating to the cities. It took almost two years for me to find a part-time position.

After 5 years of this property being on the market, and multiple times dropping the price down from the initial asking of \$235,000 to \$30,000. We were finally able to obtain a purchase offer. During the spring of 2013 we had an auction to pay our taxes; we sold on auction approx. (estimated value) of \$60,000 of equipment and only made approx. \$3,000 for this attempt to settle our debts. This was the last time we had any money to send towards our tax debt to Aitkin County.

We live day to day and paycheck to paycheck to afford our daily living expenses; and we will most likely never recover from this loss.

- b) that the repurchase of said land by me will promote and best serve the public interest, because

After 5 years of the building being on the market, we finally received a purchase agreement for the building and are paying cash.

The family who has made this offer would like to put an establishment into this location as they understand that a good business structure helps the whole community.

- c) Type of ownership you hold on the property:

At the time of this notice we are the owners of the property; originally we purchased it with a contract-for-deed on a 3 year term and satisfied this contract in 2008. We invested an additional \$75,000 in upgrades and equipment. The upgrades remain, the equipment does not as it was sold in previously noted auction.

And, **WHEREAS**, this board is of the opinion that said application should be granted for such reasons.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the application of Rick J and Kelly J Olson for the repurchase of the above described parcel of tax forfeited land be and the same is hereby 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.

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

resolution – 2018 Unorganized Road & Bridge:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following sums of money be levied against the tax capacity of the Unorganized Townships of Aitkin County, for the year collectible 2018 for Road and Bridge purposes:

Unorg Township	
52-22	\$3000
45-24	\$2000
47-24	\$10000
52-24	\$1500
50-25	\$4000
51-25	\$0
52-25	\$4500
50-26	\$2000
48-27	\$5000
49-27	\$9000
50-27	\$0
51-27	\$0
52-27	\$3500

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to adopt resolution – 2018 Unorganized Fire Protection:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following sums of money be levied against the tax capacity of the Unorganized Townships of Aitkin County, for the year collectible 2018 for Fire Protection purposes:

Unorg Township	
52-22	\$12000
51-22	\$150
45-25	\$650
47-25	\$2000
52-26	\$1400
50-28	\$1600
51-26	\$300
52-27	\$2700
50-29	\$1600
48-28	\$5000
49-28	\$5500
50-30	\$350
51-27	\$1200
52-27	\$3000

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to adopt resolution – 2018 Unorganized Cemetery:

**RESOLUTION  
20170912-060  
2018  
UNORGANIZED  
ROAD & BRIDGE**

**RESOLUTION  
20170912-061  
2018  
UNORGANIZED  
FIRE  
PROTECTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following sums of money be levied against the tax capacity of the Unorganized Townships of Aitkin County, for the year collectible 2018 for Cemetery (Revenue):

Unorganized Township Cemetery:	
Shovel Lake Cemetery	
51-27	\$600
52-27	\$600
Hebron Cemetery	
50-25	\$1,500

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to adopt resolution – EAW Record of Decision – Aitkin County Government Center Expansion Project:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners agrees to approve the Record of Decision for the Aitkin County Government Center Expansion Project, noting that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required for the project.

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to adopt resolution – County VSO Operational Enhancement Grant Program:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by **Aitkin County** that the County enter into the **Grant Contract** with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) to conduct the following project: **County Veterans Service Office Operational Enhancement Grant Program**. The grant must be used to provide outreach to the county’s veterans; to assist in the reintegration of combat veterans into society; to collaborate with other social service agencies, educational institutions, and other community organizations for the purposes of enhancing services offered to veterans; to reduce homelessness among veterans; and to enhance the operations of the county veterans service office, as specified in Minnesota Laws 2017, Chapter 4, Article 1, Section 38, Subdivision 2. This grant should not be used to supplant or replace other funding.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by **Aitkin County** that the County Veterans Service Officer, **Penny Harms**, be authorized to execute the Grant Contract for the above-mentioned program on behalf of the County.

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to adopt resolution – Large Assembly License – Northern Minnesota Draft Horse Association:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners agrees to approve the following Application for Large Assembly:

**RESOLUTION  
20170912-062  
2018  
UNORGANIZED  
CEMETERY**

**RESOLUTION  
20170912-063  
EAW RECORD OF  
DECISION –  
AITKIN COUNTY  
GOVERNMENT  
CENTER  
EXPANSION  
PROJECT**

**RESOLUTION  
20170912-064  
COUNTY VSO  
OPERATIONAL  
ENHANCEMENT  
GRANT  
PROGRAM**

**RESOLUTION  
20170912-065  
LARGE  
ASSEMBLY**

Northern Minnesota Draft Horse Exhibition – Malmo Township.  
This is scheduled to take place September 23rd, 2017  
(Back-up September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017)  
from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**LICENSE –  
NORTHERN MN  
DRAFT HORSE  
ASSOCIATION**

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to adopt resolution – Extension of the Aitkin County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan:

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statutes, 103B.301, Comprehensive Local Water Management Act, authorizes Minnesota Counties to develop and implement a Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan, and

**RESOLUTION  
20170912-066  
EXTENSION OF  
THE AITKIN  
COUNTY  
COMPREHENSIVE  
LOCAL WATER  
MANAGEMENT  
PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, Aitkin County currently has a state approved Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan through August 15, 2018, and

**WHEREAS**, Aitkin County is currently updating the Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 103B.301, and

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy (WRAPS) plans are a valuable resource in Aitkin County Watershed planning, and

**WHEREAS**, usable draft or complete WRAPS documents will be available for the four primary county watersheds by early 2022; Rum River, Upper Mississippi Grand Rapids, Upper Mississippi River-Brainerd, Snake River Watershed, and

**WHEREAS**, extending the current water plan through August 2022 will allow inclusion of WRAPS findings and recommendations for the four primary watersheds in Aitkin County into the updated Aitkin County Water Plan, to be effective September 2022, and

**WHEREAS**, Aitkin County assures continued effort toward completion of the Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan update, and

**WHEREAS**, the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources has authorization to grant extensions pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 103B.3367.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners requests from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources an extension of the effective date of the current County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan until August 15, 2022, in order to complete the update process in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 103B.301

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve (4) Affidavits for Duplicate of Lost Warrant: 1. LDA, Warrant #100693, dated 5-27-14, in the amount of \$30.00; 2. CU Companies, Warrant #57219, dated 12-26-13, in the amount of \$6.00; 3. Kameron Genz, Warrant #100018, dated 2-27-14, in the amount of \$35.00; 4. Stacy Durgin, Warrant #104674, dated 3-4-16, in the amount of \$3.00.

**AFFIDAVITS FOR  
DUPLICATE OF  
LOST WARRANT**

Sarah Hawkins, East Central Regional Library Resource Librarian gave a presentation to the Board outlining the variety of library resources available.

**ECRL  
PRESENTATION**

Motion by Commissioner Pratt, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to adopt Aitkin County Buffer Ordinance.

**AITKIN COUNTY  
BUFFER  
ORDINANCE**

Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members voting yes to adopt resolution – County Surveyor:

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statute 389 enables a County Board in Minnesota to appoint and employ a County Surveyor, and appointments are for four year terms.

**RESOLUTION  
20170912-067  
COUNTY  
SURVEYOR**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Randy Quale is hereby appointed County Surveyor of Aitkin County for a four-year term commencing September 12, 2017, pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statute, Section 389.

At 10:00 a.m. Mark Jacobs, Land Commissioner held a Public Hearing to classify tax forfeited lands. No public comment was given. Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to adopt resolution – Classification of Tax-forfeited Lands:

**WHEREAS**, MN Statute 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

**RESOLUTION  
20170912-068  
CLASSIFICATION  
OF TAX-  
FORFEITED  
LANDS**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing for the classification of the following parcels of tax-forfeited lands on Sept 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 10:00 am at the Aitkin County Courthouse.

**THEREFORE**, the following parcels of Aitkin County Tax-forfeited lands have been classified as required by MN Statute.

**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 <sup>nd</sup> Addition W ½ Lot 96	22	49	23	Non-conservation
32-1-073801	Big Sandy Lake Highlands 5 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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

Vicki Sellner from MN DNR Lands/Minerals gave the Board an update on mineral and other leases in Aitkin County.

**MN DNR LANDS / MINERALS**

Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Pratt, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to adopt resolution – Award Contract No. 20175:

**WHEREAS**, Contract No. 20175 is for construction of S.A.P. 001-599-039, and

**WHEREAS**, sealed bids were opened for this project at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, September 11, 2017 with a total of three bids received, and

**WHEREAS**, Gladen Construction, Laporte, MN was the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$99,477.60.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Gladen Construction, Laporte, MN is awarded Contract No. 20175.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the chairperson of the Aitkin County Board and the Aitkin County Auditor are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract on behalf of Aitkin County with said low bidder upon presentation of proper contract documents.

**RESOLUTION  
20170912-069  
AWARD  
CONTRACT  
NO. 20175**



Motion by Commissioner Niemi seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting to adjourn the meeting at 1:09 p.m. until Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

**ADJOURN**

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

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Jessica Seibert, County Administrator