

By Commissioner: Pratt

20170926-070

Off-Highway Vehicle Safety Enforcement Grant Fiscal Years 2018-2019

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners approve the Fiscal Years 2018-2019 Off-Highway Vehicle Safety Enforcement Grant Agreement on file in the Office of the County Auditor and authorize the Aitkin County Sheriff, County Board Chair and County Administrator to sign the agreement in the amount of \$24,462.00, amount being \$12,231.00 for each biennium, for the term of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019.

Commissioner Westerlund moved the adoption of the resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote

FOUR MEMBERS PRESENT _____ (4-0 Marcotte absent)

STATE OF MINNESOTA}
COUNTY OF AITKIN}

I, Jessica Seibert, County Administrator, Aitkin County, Minnesota do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in the Administration Office of Aitkin County in Aitkin, Minnesota as stated in the minutes of the proceedings of said Board on the 26th day of September 2017, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and seal this 26th day of September 2017



Jessica Seibert
County Administrator

CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION OF COUNTY BOARD OF AITKIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

ADOPTED September 26, 2017

By Commissioner: Pratt

20170926-071

Application for Repurchase of Tax Forfeited Property – Westphal

WHEREAS, Cynthia Westphal, a 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:

NE ¼ of NE ¼ less part in document 355255 Section 17 Township 45 Range 26

and, WHEREAS, said applicant has set forth in her application that:

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

I was under the impression that my taxes for 2013 and 2015 were paid. Due to lack of employment my funds were scattered in earnings I was just starting to do work on my easement to gain access to the said property. This event has been very stressful and don't feel that it's fair to take a \$50,000.00 piece of land without full notice.

b) that the repurchase of said land by me will promote and best serve the public interest, because I believe in keeping it as natural as possible. I don't do any construction during hunting season and am very mindful of the environmental footprint this land provides. I will never do any major development of this property, for it is prime hunting land that is conjoined with others property and will remain current on my taxes; promise.

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 Cynthia Westphal 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.

Commissioner Westerlund moved the adoption of the resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote

FOUR MEMBERS PRESENT

(4-0 Marcotte absent)

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ADOPTED September 26, 2017

By Commissioner: Pratt

20170926-072

2018 Preliminary Levy

BE IT RESOLVED, that the preliminary Aitkin County tax levy for payable 2018 be set at \$13,503,444.00.

Commissioner Westerlund moved the adoption of the resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote

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In support of the Line 3 Replacement Project and Enbridge's Proposed Route

WHEREAS, Enbridge has been operating safely and successfully in our state for more than 65 years, with hundreds of employees and contractors that live, work and raise their families here in Minnesota;

WHEREAS, significant improvements to the nation's energy infrastructure are desperately needed in order to increase national security and energy independence and to ensure safe energy transportation;

WHEREAS, Enbridge places safety and environmental protection at the forefront of all its daily operations and major projects, and constantly improves procedures, technologies and training to reduce the potential for spills as well as improve results from remediation;

WHEREAS, Enbridge is currently investing more than \$2 billion in the Line 3 Replacement Project in Minnesota;

WHEREAS, the Line 3 Replacement Project will bring an additional tax revenue to the county, which will ease the burden for property owners;

WHEREAS, as a pump station community, the existing Enbridge infrastructure in our area provides good jobs, a strong tax base, and a good corporate neighbor;

WHEREAS, Line 3 Replacement will create approximately 1,500 family-sustaining jobs in Minnesota; about 50 percent hired from local union halls;

WHEREAS, any delay in the Line 3 Replacement Project, or any significant reroute, will prevent Aitkin County from benefiting from the significant positive economic impact that will result from this project;

WHEREAS, construction delays will limit the availability of employment for skilled craft workers;

WHEREAS, Enbridge has worked with all state and local authorities to determine the proposed route of the Line 3 Replacement across the state of Minnesota, respecting all impacts to people and the environment while fulfilling all applicable regulatory requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Aitkin County extends its support for Enbridge's proposed Line 3 Replacement Project, their Preferred Route and their plan for deactivating the existing Line 3 and urges the Public Utilities Commission to adhere to an efficient permitting process for the Line 3 Replacement and to approve Enbridge's proposed route;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Enbridge be recognized for its longstanding performance and continual efforts to protect the environment, wildlife and habitats, as well as the people who live in the communities in which it operates.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no direct cost to Aitkin County resulting from the adoption of this resolution.

Commissioner Niemi moved the adoption of the resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote

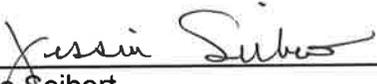
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(3-1 Marcotte absent, Pratt opposed)

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