

AITKIN COUNTY BOARD

October 10, 2017

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 10th day of October, 2017 at 9:04 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.

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members voting yes to approve the October 10, 2017 agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: A) Correspondence File: September 26, 2017 to October 9, 2017; B) Approve County Board Minutes: September 26, 2017; C) Approve Commissioner Warrants: General Fund \$126,249.23, Road & Bridge \$17,219.28, Health & Human Services \$1,205.54, Trust \$49,198.36, Forest Development \$25,086.99, Long Lake Conservation Center \$5,684.75, Parks \$2,675.49 for a total of \$227,319.64; D) Approve Auditor Warrants - Period 2 RE Tax Overpays: Taxes & Penalties \$1,564.28; E) Approve September Manual Warrants: General Fund \$18,691.92, Road & Bridge \$676,045.66, Health & Human Services \$2,551.30, State \$78,478.71, Trust \$5,766.10, Taxes & Penalties \$1,191.84, Long Lake Conservation Center \$4,116.21, Parks \$504.13 for a total of \$787,345.87; F) Accept \$100 Donation to Veterans Services from McGregor American Legion; G) Adopt (3) Resolutions: Application for Repurchase of Tax Forfeited Property – Weston; H) Approve Lions' Request to Replace Benches; I) Approve Appointment to Aitkin County Community Corrections Advisory Board

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 Property – Weston (1):

WHEREAS, Gary Weston, 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:

Part SW-NW as in Doc 326907 Sec 36 Twp 47 Rge 27

PIN # 56-0-177101

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:
 - Approximately 2 ½ years ago I received approximately \$70,000 for a work compensation claim. My wife took all savings account. She had money to pay taxes out of savings but did not.
- b) that the repurchase of said land by me will promote and best serve the public interest, because
 - Paid taxes on time in future.

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVED AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION 20171010-074 APPLICATION TO REPURCHASE TAX-FORFEITED PROPERTY – WESTON (1)

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 Gary Weston 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 – Application to Repurchase Tax-Forfeited Property – Weston (2):

WHEREAS, Gary Weston, 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:

North One Half of Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter West of Township Road Sec 15 Twp 50 Rge 24

PIN # 18-0-025901

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:
 Approximately 2 ½ years ago I received approximately \$70,000 for a work compensation claim. My wife, whom I am separated from withdrew large amounts of money from our joint checking account. I was not aware of this.
- b) that the repurchase of said land by me will promote and best serve the public interest, because
 Backtaxes will be paid in full. I will also be able to maintain and keep my taxes up to date.

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 Gary Weston 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 – Application to Repurchase Tax-Forfeited Property – Weston (3):

WHEREAS, Gary Weston, a former owner has made and filed an application with the

**RESOLUTION
20171010-075
APPLICATION TO
REPURCHASE
TAX-FORFEITED
PROPERTY –
WESTON (2)**

RESOLUTION

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:

Part NW-NW of river as in Document #306454 Sec 36 Twp 47 Rge 27

PIN # 56-0-180800

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:
 Approximately 2 ½ years ago I received approximately \$70,000 for a work compensation claim. My wife, whom I am separated from withdrew large amounts of money from our joint checking account. I was not aware of this.
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 Backtaxes will be paid in full. I will also be able to maintain and keep my taxes up to date.

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

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Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve the Aitkin Lions' request to remove the benches in front of the courthouse and replace them with new benches. There will be no cost to Aitkin County, and the work will be done by volunteer Lions.

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to appoint Gabrea Francis, Crime Victim Coordinator, to the Aitkin County Community Corrections Advisory Board.

The Board discussed: NACO/Washington DC, NCLUCB, Natural Resources Advisory Board, ATV Public Input Meetings, ECRL, ARDC, McGregor City Council Mtg., Personnel, Facilities, Aitkin Airport, and Historical Society.

Break: 10:00 a.m. to 10:13 a.m.

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all

**20171010-076
APPLICATION TO
REPURCHASE
TAX-FORFEITED
PROPERTY –
WESTON (3)**

**BENCH
REPLACEMENT**

**APPOINTMENT TO
ACCC ADVISORY
BOARD**

**BOARD
DISCUSSION**

BREAK

CLOSED SESSION

AITKIN COUNTY BOARD

October 10, 2017

members voting to close the meeting at 10:13 a.m. under MN Statute 13D.05 Subd. 3
(a) Performance Evaluation of County Administrator.

Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting to reopen the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

REOPEN MEETING

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members voting to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 a.m. until Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURN

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

Jessica Seibert, County Administrator