

**MONTHLY STATEMENT OF BUSINESS TRANSACTED IN
OFFICE OF COUNTY RECORDER, AITKIN COUNTY
September 2018**

NATURE OF BUSINESS TRANSACTED	FEES RECEIVED
COUNTY RECORDER FEES	
MISC RECEIPTS	
COPIES & C/COPIES	\$2,868.50
NOTARY	\$60.00
TORRENS	\$98.00
TORRENS ASSURANCE	*** 9.2031 \$9.00
COUNTY GENERAL FUND	\$7,795.00
STATE TREASURY GENERAL FUND	*** 9.2036 \$5,556.00
LAND RECORDS COMPLIANCE FUND (UNALLOC)	1-100-195-5529 \$5,708.00
RECORDER TECHNOLOGY FUND	1-100-196-5529 \$5,224.00
COUNTY WELL CERTIFICATE	\$472.50
STATE WELL CERTIFICATE	*** 9.2027 \$1,325.00
COUNTY DEATH CERTIFICATE	\$358.50
STATE DEATH SURCHARGE	*** 9.2022 \$436.00
COUNTY BIRTH CERTIFICATES	\$189.00
STATE BIRTH SURCHARGE	*** 9.2022 \$84.00
CHILDREN'S SURCHARGE	*** 9.2024 \$63.00
LEGISLATIVE SURCHARGE (144.226 SUBD 3 (b))	*** 9.2036 \$210.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT OF CASH OR CHECKS TO THE AITKIN COUNTY TREASURER	\$30,456.50

RECORDING DONE FOR WHICH NO PAYMENT WAS RECEIVED

VETERANS HONORABLE DISCHARGES	
AITKIN COUNTY	\$644.00
AITKIN CO ROAD & BRIDGE	
OTHERS	
TOTAL	\$644.00

Michael T. Moriarty
 Michael T. Moriarty, Aitkin County Recorder

By *Alan C. Hepp* deputy
 Deputy #####

Documents Recorded for Month: 533
 Documents Recorded for Year: 4370

Previous Year Statistics
Documents Recorded for Month: 564
Documents Recorded for Year: 4389
Last Year's Monthly Deposit: \$29,246.50

AITKIN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

Jessica Seibert, County Administrator

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October 4, 2018

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Krystyn Ness
13862 270th Ave.
Isle, MN 56342

Dear Ms. Ness:

Your request for a hearing to contest the determination of dangerous dog was received on Friday, September 28th.

A hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 9th at 1:00 p.m. at the Aitkin Public Library. At that time two County Commissioners and myself, as the Animal Control Authority, will hear your arguments. The complainant will also be invited to attend the hearing.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,



Jessica Seibert
County Administrator

cc: Sheriff

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September 27, 2018

Maureen Mishler, Executive Director
Aitkin County CARE
P.O. Box 212
Aitkin, MN 56431

Dear Maureen:

On September 11, 2018 the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners approved CARE's appropriation request of \$37,900 for 2019.

The County Board did not approve CARE's request for an additional \$16,000. The County Board appreciates everything CARE does for our community and has the utmost respect for the organization. They understand that CARE has gone through many changes in the past few years and they continue to offer their support. The Board is hopeful that CARE will be able to find other funding for the \$16,000 needed for the MNDOT grant.

Please remember to send a letter to my office in 2019 requesting your appropriation payment.

Regards,



Jessica Seibert
County Administrator

cc: County Board

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Mathew Nix, Administrator
Aitkin County Historical Society
PO Box 215
Aitkin, MN 56431

Dear Mathew:

On September 11, 2018 the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners approved an appropriation of \$16,500 for 2019 for the Aitkin County Historical Society.

Please know the County Board appreciates everything your organization does for our Community, but they are unable to increase your appropriation to \$18,500 as requested.

Regards,



Jessica Seibert
County Administrator

cc: County Board

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Curt Lugert, Executive Director
ANGELS
P.O. Box 35
McGregor, MN 55760

Dear Curt:

As you are aware, on September 11, 2018 the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners discussed appropriation requests and did not approve ANGEL's appropriation request of \$45,000 for 2019.

The County Board appreciates everything ANGELS does for our community and has the utmost respect for the organization. The Board is hopeful that ANGELS will find additional funding to maintain services.

Regards,



Jessica Seibert
County Administrator

cc: County Board

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Sandra Wheelecor, Supervisor Aitkin County Rural Rides
Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, Inc.
702 Third Avenue South
Virginia, MN 55792

Dear Sandra:

On September 11, 2018 the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners approved an appropriation of \$2,500 for 2019 for the Aitkin County Rural Rides Program.

The County Board appreciates everything your organization does for our Community.

A payment will not automatically be processed, so please be sure to send a letter to my office in 2019, at the address above, requesting your appropriation payment.

Regards,



Jessica Seibert
County Administrator

cc: County Board

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Caroline Larson
Support Within Reach
312 Minnesota Avenue, Suite 2009
Aitkin, MN 56431

Dear Caroline:

On September 11, 2018 the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners approved an appropriation of \$500 for 2019 for Support Within Reach.

The County Board appreciates everything your organization does for our Community.

A payment will not automatically be processed, so please remember to send a letter to my office in 2019, at the address above, requesting your appropriation payment.

Regards,



Jessica Seibert
County Administrator

cc: County Board



CERF/CERA REPORT

MEMBER UPDATE

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A Message from the Chair of CERA by Butch Cranford, CA

July 4th - Independence Day

This year as I watched the fireworks celebrating July 4th in our small community I began to think about and wonder how many of those watching around me understood the gravity of what happened on July 4th, 1776. July 4th, 1776 was the culmination of many days of debate and controversial ideas related to the primary idea that the thirteen colonies should be free, independent sovereign states not subject to the whims of a distant British King.

It took days of debate and hours of labor for the men of the 2nd Continental Congress gathered in Philadelphia to finally agree and vote on a resolution declaring independence from England on July 2nd. The thirteen colonies legally separated themselves from England on July 2nd and immediately took action to prepare a Declaration of Independence. The Declaration was prepared by a Committee of Five with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author. Two days later after some revisions the Declaration of Independence was approved on July 4th.

The beginning paragraphs from the Declaration are often quoted and well known;

"When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

The first few lines of the Declaration are just the beginning of an extraordinary document which every American should be knowledgeable of. Its explanation of why the States should be independent and the reasons given for their separation and independence were not simply words on paper. They were revolutionary and reflect the very essence of what America is and what Americans have fought for and defended since July 4th 1776. That we are a sovereign People free from oppressive government is something we should take time out for and enthusiastically celebrate

I now take you to the less well known end of the Declaration of Independence and draw your attention to specific portions of the ending.
(emphasis added)

*"We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, **appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these united Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States, that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. — And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor."***

Please note that the Founders appealed to the Supreme Judge of the world for the morality and

righteousness (rectitude) of their intentions. The Founding Fathers apparently believed in a higher authority for determining and upholding what is moral and right.

Next we see that the Declaration is done in the Name and Authority of the good People of these Colonies. The People are the foundation of representative government as the Founders well knew and this "People" language is included in the preamble to the U.S. Constitution; "WE THE PEOPLE of the United States....." Note the action taken is SOL-EMNLY published and declared. Not a sad event but a revolutionary event of enormous importance with severe consequences which the Founders did not include in the Declaration.

Lastly we find the Founders again relying on Divine Providence and with their signatures mutually pledging to each other their Lives, their Fortunes, and their sacred Honor. With their signatures each and every one of the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence were well aware that signing was treason against the King for which the punishment was death and yet they signed.

For those in this nation who choose to belittle the Founders as self interested rich white men I invite you to actually read the Declaration of Independence and then do some reading into how and why the Declaration came to exist and finally to know that most of the signers did in fact give their Lives, their Fortunes, and their sacred Honor in the struggle for freedom following the Declaration. It was indeed a Revolutionary War based on Revolutionary ideas first documented and declared by 56 men gathered in the name of the People in Philadelphia in July 1776 who pledged and then gave everything for freedom.

Those who denigrate the founders only expose their ignorance of the kind of men they were – men willing to risk everything and who pledged all they had and all they were for freedom.

The 4th of July 1776 was a day never before seen in the history of the world and we, as direct benefactors of the actions and faith of the Founders and the thousands of men and women who followed their example in the defense of freedom, should never forget why we celebrate the Birth of Freedom for the United States and the world. Hope you had a Wonderful 4th of July.

Thumping America with 'Yesterday Sticks'



By Elaine D. Willman, MPA

One of the most mean-spirited emotional weapons is what I call the *Yesterday Stick*. Here's how it works: A long-time married couple has survived a long-ago spousal affair, but one spouse never forgets and raises that *Yesterday Stick* as a power tool frequently in their marriage. Or a recovering alcoholic has successfully turned his/her life around with several years of sobriety, but relatives continually remember that "we knew you *when!*" Or a convicted felon who has paid the consequences and transformed his/her life is forever stained with the *Yesterday Stick*.

Yesterday facts are unfortunate events that cannot be changed. Slavery is one. Tribalism is another. Black Lives Matter radicals rely upon the *Slavery Stick* to continually demean all of America's ancestors and founders. Our country stopped this madness over a century ago, but weaponizing yesterday's flaws today works marvelously to spread false guilt and inferiority to our fellow Americans in this and future centuries. Until we stop it. Just stop it.

INDIAN TREATIES: A YESTERDAY STICK

The same can be said for long-ago dead Indian treaties. The legal industry thrives on conflict, so asserting ancient Indian treaty rights in the present creates instant conflict in light of contemporary demographics, towns and counties on reservations today. The Washington State "Culvert" case in front of the U.S. Supreme Court today is a prime example. The case asserts that old treaty rights are superior to state sovereignty. Yet, life has dramatically changed with predominantly non-Indian populations on reservations that include state, county and municipal jurisdictional authorities within reservation boundaries. Tribal constitutions limit their governance to their enrolled members and their Indian lands, only. That's likely why tribal governments and the legal industry are rapidly reclaiming old dead treaty rights for off-reservation and "aboriginal" rights.

RESERVATIONS' REALITY

On most reservations it is the non-Indian economy that provides abundant resources and quality of life to tribal and non-tribal reservation residents. And yet, the growing trend of reasserting treaty rights sends a message that all Congressional statutes and judicial rulings from the 1850's forward are irrelevant, and that only treaty rights are perpetual and cannot be supplanted. What a whopper of a lie is this *Yesterday Stick*.

Perhaps the remedy is to actually acknowledge these treaty rights and remove all *other* benefits that Congress and communities have provided to tribal governments for 200 years. Restore reservations to the 1850's – no more annual funding to tribes, no electricity, no flat screen TV's, no cell phones, no cars, no casinos, nothing that non-tribal Americans created for the benefit of all. Return reservations to their Old Life Ways under their old dead treaties. Yes, were we to succumb to the Treaty *Yesterday Stick*, the irony is that the resulting lifestyle would be one Native Americans truly would not want today. Instead, we have heavily rewarded tribal government with ongoing largesse while getting sand kicked in our teeth.

Justice Antonin Scalia in agreement with Justice Clarence Thomas, have clearly described America's racial problem in a 1995 Indian law Supreme Court ruling as follows:

"More than good motives should be required when government seeks to allocate its resources by way of an explicit racial classification system...the basic principle of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution protects persons, not groups... distinctions between citizens solely because of their ancestry are by their very nature odious to a free people." —*Adarand v. Peña*, USSC (1995)

We are clearly not a free and equal people while racial classifications exist in any form in America. We will never be a free people while American taxpayers are indentured to annually subsidize all the basic needs of just one ethnicity— 567 Native American tribal governments.

FEDERAL AGENCIES: YESTERDAY STICK IMPLEMENTERS

So how are these *Yesterday Sticks* implemented? Within Columbia Law Professor Philip Hamburger's acclaimed body of expertise on Administrative Law in America, we learn that the Executive Branch has created a powerful workaround that transfers power from Congress and the Courts to federal "regulatory" agencies.

There is no better example than the enormous Bureau of Indian Affairs, staffed by thousands of predominantly tribal employees, funding all basic needs of 567 tribal governments composed of a mere 0.06% of our country's population. Yet another example is the thuggery implemented upon landowners across the country by Environmental Protection Agency, the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Department of Agriculture, et al.

Each of these federal agencies has their own Administrative Law Courts. They make the rules, set the fines and penalties, impose and enforce their regulations upon persons and private properties (bypassing state authority), then stand as judge and jury when a citizen objects. The Interior Board of Indian Appeals is a prime example of an agency Administrative Law Court. Imagine any objectivity in such a court. Federal agency autonomy, coupled with their administrative law courts, is a debilitating system that far exceeds the intent of the balance of power between the three branches of government succinctly defined in the U.S. Constitution.

In addition to Administrative Law, there is the onslaught of The Diversity Principle, fueled by 156 separate ethnicities identified by the U.S. Census Bureau, each category of which sets the stage for racially-based funded programs. Diversity propaganda over the past decade has turned "Equality" into an undesirable term...now politically incorrect. Americans are consistently categorized by skin tone in a racial hierarchy that trumps our Constitutional Amendments and puts equality six feet underground.

THE RIGHT REMEDY: AMERICANISM

The entrenchment of these racial *Yesterday Sticks* is such that their removal from our American governance would be an earthquake shift among federal and state agencies, but it can and should be done. Just suppose that all federal funding were based solely upon one single and neutral requirement—annual household income. Period. Annual household income would not involve race, religion, marital status, sexual lifestyle; nothing except household income. It would simply be a calculation of the number of persons within an American household, and an established poverty income threshold level. That simple. Such fairness would collapse race-based programs throughout the maze of federal and state agencies, including the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The simplicity of Annual Household Income would eliminate most, if not all, of the *Yesterday Sticks*, and restore the principle of equality to its rightful place in this country. No American household in poverty would be ineligible.

Remedy will not come easily, but could begin with an Executive Order that requires elimination of all race-based federally funded programs within a reasonable time; perhaps two to three years. Congress could then follow the lead of the Executive Branch and ensure that America ceases its racial preference funding.

Tribalism is communalism based upon race, and was never contemplated as a governing system in the U.S. Constitution. Communalism is socialism, antithetical to the government our Founders provided. The federal government should return back to the tribes all lands acquired by tribes and donated to the federal government to be held in “trust” title by the United States on behalf of Indian tribes. Tribally owned lands should be restored to the authority and jurisdiction of the state, like all other lands ceded to the states upon statehood.

The severity of tribalism and diversity *Yesterday Sticks* is truly and incessantly thumping equality and individual civil rights in this country. It is not too late to end these debilitating forces, but if nothing is done, it soon will be too late.

David Price knows of what he writes. “The Second Civil War” is based on his personal experiences with treaty and jurisdictional issues in his home state of Minnesota and neighboring states. Although written 20 years ago David’s text comes alive to the reader today as pertinent and real as when David put pen to paper two decades ago. After, much research and study, David presented the following three scenarios as potential solutions to the problem of tribal sovereignty which continues to trouble individuals, corporations, Counties, and States who interact with tribes to the present day. His book is on CERA’s recommended reading list and will remain there as it remains a carefully crafted and thought provoking book on tribal sovereignty. I learn something each time I return to the pages of “The Second Civil War”
D.W. Cranford II CERA Chairman

Excerpt from *The Second Civil War* *Examining the Indian Demand For* *Ethnic Sovereignty* by David Price

Three Scenarios

There are three possible scenarios for future U.S. Policy toward Indians. First, all tribes could be given true sovereignty by allowing them to secede from the United States. This would, in all likelihood, be more traumatic for tribes than for the United States. All social services and other aid would be abruptly cut off, and tribes would have full financial responsibility for educating their youth, creating jobs, and providing basic municipal-type services like law enforcement and fire fighting.

This would be *real* tribal sovereignty in the full legal sense. However, both Indians and the U.S. Government are likely to fight such a scenario. In the long run Indians might prosper under such a governance model. But in the short-term, they would no doubt experience chronic poverty by being cut off from government grants and other programs, that constitute a significant part of reservation revenue. While gaming revenues might offset some of the hardship, one has to remember that many Indians currently struggle with poverty, gaming revenues notwithstanding. Experts on gambling say that we have nearly reached the saturation point for gambling

franchises, yet less than half of Indian reservations have casinos. Having little economic diversity, cutting off federal and state support would lay waste to the Indian economy. True Indian sovereignty would also remove large amounts of energy and mineral resources from U.S. Jurisdiction and Environmental Protection Agency monitoring, a situation that could cause serious problems in the future. In addition it would likely displace large numbers of non-Indians who currently own land on reservations, or if they chose to stay these people would lose all rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution.

A second possibility is to continue tinkering with the current “quasi-sovereign” status of tribes, which has been the default position of U.S. Indian policy making for the last 200 years. There is no shortage of suggestions for nibbling at the policy margins regarding Indian affairs. But we should harbor no hopes that any changes would offer a long-term, productive solution for either side. It would likely benefit Indians in the short-term, as they would gain additional authority to govern themselves as well as non-Indians owning land on reservations, while maintaining the federal pipeline of financial support. However, it would fail once again, to address the fundamental policy issue of tribal sovereignty.

The third option, and in my view the best solution, is the elimination of Indian sovereignty in all its forms. This would put Indians on par with the rest of Americans, nothing more, and certainly nothing less. It would entail phasing out special financial support for Indians, while retaining basic access to social services based on need – not race. It would also entail the end of special hunting and fishing rights by way of eminent domain, which would include financial compensation for Indians. Reservations would become townships in a legal sense, governed by state, and federal laws and the U.S. Court system.

To many this may sound harsh and authoritarian – a “punishment,” if you will. One needs to take a step back to consider this proposal in its real light. First and foremost, it would provide Indians with the rights and legal protection that other Americans receive, rights widely admired and desired the world over. Admittedly, such a proposal does ask Indians to forfeit some existing rights and privileges, but only those which Indians enjoy at the expense and

and exclusion of all other Americans.

The typical argument against this strategy is that Indians will lose their culture and traditions, and ultimately their identity. This is an amazingly weak argument, one that pays the ultimate insult to the proud and deeply ingrained heritage of Indian culture. Such an argument assumes that Indian culture, by its very nature, is extremely fragile, non-adaptive, and offers its members only a tenuous attachment that is easily dislodged by superficial outside influences. Aside from Indians no other race or culture is specifically targeted for “cultural protection” by U.S. law.

U.S. law does not preclude the collective gathering or geographic concentration of people of similar race or culture. It allows culture and tradition to be preserved by *choice* among its members, instead of by government edict. To say Indian culture could not – indeed, would not survive is to underestimate the Indians’ will to survive as a culture up to this point in American history, and to ignore the many distinct cultures that co-exist in American society today. Is there conflict in America among these different cultures? Of course, but arguably no more than the squabbles that would ensue in a collective Indian nation like that proposed by Ward Churchill.

Unfortunately, the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 did a great deal to destroy Indian culture. Before tribal constitutions, Indian tribes were governed by traditional tribal leaders. Today, power within this constitutional framework is often concentrated in the hands of a few because tribal constitutions did not include such necessities as checks and balances of power. Over the years, people who advocated changes to the system have held out hope that Indian constitutions would eventually mirror the U.S. Constitution. The end result has been the creation of 550 new sets of laws, none of which created any rights that were not already guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. Indeed, in many cases, tribal constitutions have impinged on the civil and property of Indians and non-Indians.

For this reason, I propose that tribal constitutions be abolished, and tribes be allowed to return to their traditional form of association with a council of elders if they so desire. These traditional Indian governments would fit into the American system of government without any conflicts with the U.S. or State Constitutions. The Amish offer a perfect example of

cultural preservation in the midst of a “modern” American society. Their dress, lifestyle and social structure are as different to today’s mainstream culture as any Indian tribe.

A better question is whether today’s Indian tribes really want to return to lifestyles of a bygone era. Certainly some do. One significant obstacle to returning to Indian life as it was 200 years ago is the practical elimination of hunting and gathering as a means of subsistence. This is not unique to America but has occurred virtually the world over. In a cultural sense, Indians today have every opportunity to practice the traditions and customs of their forefathers. Neither the U.S. government nor U.S. citizens stand in the way of this goal today, and all the sovereignty in the world will have little influence over whether Indians actually pursue this way of life.

As such, there are likely many layers of motivation behind the push for greater tribal sovereignty, with each layer satisfying the special interests of a different segment of the Indian population (not unlike our own system of governance, in fact). But continuing the quasi-sovereignty makes a mockery of the U.S. Constitution and the integrity of the 550 Indian tribes in this country. The result will be the continued disintegration of Indian tribes and the undermining of the fundamental rights of the American people.

In the United States we have popular sovereignty, also known as sovereignty of the people. Sovereignty by ethnic heritage, religion, or culture is illegal. In America, there are no Catholic governments, or Korean or Jewish or Polish governments. Indian governments are the one exception. The Civil War was fought to end ethnic sovereignty, and American federalism won. Now Indians are engaged in a struggle to re-invent ethnic segregation and race based government. That struggle is the Second Civil War.

Federal Indian Policy is unaccountable, destructive, racist and unconstitutional. It is, therefore CERF and CERA’s mission to ensure the equal protection of the law as guaranteed to all citizens by the Constitution of the United States.

Thomas Jefferson

Contributed by Charlotte Mitchell, New Mexico

Thomas Jefferson was a very remarkable man who started learning very early in life and never stopped. At 5, began studying under his cousin’s tutor. At 9, studied Latin, Greek and French. At 14, studied classical literature and additional languages. At 16, entered The College of William and Mary. Also could write in Greek with one hand while writing the same in Latin with the other. At 19, studied law for 5 years starting under George Wythe. At 23, started his own law practice. At 25, was elected to the Virginia House of Burgesses. At 31, wrote the widely circulated “Summary View of the Rights of British America” and retired from his law practice. At 32, was a delegate to the Second Continental Congress. At 33, wrote the Declaration of Independence. At 33, took three years to revise Virginia’s legal code and wrote a Public Education bill and a statute for Religious Freedom. At 36, was elected the second Governor of Virginia succeeding Patrick Henry. At 40, served in Congress for two years. At 41, was the American minister to France and negotiated commercial treaties with European nations along with Ben Franklin and John Adams. At 46, served as the first Secretary of State under George Washington. At 53, served as Vice President and was elected President of the American Philosophical Society. At 55, drafted The Kentucky Resolutions and became the active head of Republican Party. At 57, was elected the third president of the United States. At 60, obtained The Louisiana Purchase doubling the nation’s size. At 61, was elected to a second term as President. At 65, retired to Monticello. At 80, helped President Monroe shape the Monroe Doctrine. At 81, almost single-handedly created the University of Virginia and served as its first President. At 83, died on the 50th anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence along with John Adams.

Thomas Jefferson knew because he himself studied the previous failed attempts at government. He understood actual history, the nature of God, His laws and the nature of man. That happens to be way more than what most understand today.

A voice from the past to lead us in the future: John F. Kennedy held a dinner in the White House for a group of the brightest minds in the nation at that time. He made this statement: "This is perhaps the assembly of the most intelligence ever to gather at one time in the White House with the exception of when Thomas Jefferson dined alone."

Quotes from Thomas Jefferson:

"When we get piled upon one another in large cities, as in Europe, we shall become as corrupt as Europe."

"The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give it to those who would not."

"It is incumbent on every generation to pay its own debts as it goes. A principle which if acted on would save one-half the wars of the world."

"I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them."

"My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government."

"No free man shall ever be debarred the use of arms."

"The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government."

"The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants."

"To compel a man to subsidize with his taxes the propagation of ideas which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical."

"I believe that banking institutions are more dangerous to our liberties than Standing armies. If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their currency, first by inflation, then by deflation, the banks and corporations that will grow up around the banks will deprive the people of all property – until their children wake-up homeless on the continent their fathers conquered."

**TENTH AMENDMENT TO THE
U. S. CONSTITUTION:**

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

Ratified July 9, 1868

Section 1. All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States, and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any laws which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.



CERA Membership Dues-\$35

Send to: CERA

PO Box 0379

Gresham, WI 54128

We need your support!

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A student said to his Master, You teach me fighting, but you talk about peace. How do you reconcile the two?"The Master replied, It is better to be a warrior in a garden than to be a gardener in a war."

Anonymous

Howard Hanson was a tireless citizen warrior in the garden of his country. We mourn the passing of Howard Hanson on June 25, 2018 and remember his decades of service to Citizens Equal Rights Alliance. Howard was a prolific and productive Chairman of the CERA organization for several years, and after 2001 remained an active Board member for several years thereafter. Howard was a lifetime champion for equal rights, and very active in his beloved state of Minnesota. Howard was particularly helpful in initializing CERA's Reports and Journal articles that now include national distribution, and he was always available for lively debates among his colleagues. His energy and passion was an ongoing stimulus to CERA's education and policy research and development. We will miss that Warrior in the Garden.



Memorandum

TO: Aitkin County

FROM: Bruce Schwartzman, AIA, Partner

Reference: Government Center Construction Update

DATE: October 9, 2018

A. Current Status

Construction Percentage Completed to date: 14%

B. Schedule

Anticipated Completion of the Government Center Addition: August 2019

Anticipated Completion of the Courthouse Remodeling & Connection: April 2020

C. Budget

Project Budget	With Bid Totals	Under Budget
\$11,453,706	\$10,938,566	\$515,140

Construction Contract Totals: \$8,466,556

Total Construction Contingency	Total Change Orders to Date	Contingency Balance
\$491,128	\$6,215.81	\$484,912.19

D. Current Change Orders:

Proposal Request	Information	Initial Submit Quote	Final Quote
2	Roof drain modifications required by state codes	\$10,486.40	\$10,486
3	Plan roof drain changes	\$2,752.80	\$2,752.80
05R	Plumbing modifications required by state codes	\$45,000.00	\$42,583.28
8	Mechanical Changes and Additions	\$126,708.66	\$105,039.73

Total: \$160,861.81

Contingency Budget Utilized with current change orders noted above: \$167,077.62

Contingency Balance after current change orders: \$324,050.38

Percentage of total contingency utilized based on construction total: 1.97%

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Aitkin County - Government Center Addition

Date: September 20, 2018

Handout 7A



CATEGORY OF WORK	TRADE CONTRACTOR NAME	ORIGINAL CONTRACT	CHANGE ORDERS	ADJUSTED CONTRACT	PAID TO DATE	BALANCE TO FINISH	
1	Earthwork / Utilities / Improvements / Demo.	Eagle Construction	\$652,666.00	-\$7,639.05	\$645,026.95	\$302,027.80	\$342,999.15
2	Concrete	Thompson Construction of Princeton, Inc.	\$236,442.00	\$3,176.00	\$239,618.00	\$79,507.40	\$160,110.60
3	Masonry	Harbor City Masonry	\$690,990.00	\$5,328.60	\$696,318.60	\$0.00	\$696,318.60
4	Steel Erection	Roden Iron	\$220,000.00	-\$4,300.00	\$215,700.00	\$0.00	\$215,700.00
5	Carpentry	Gopher State Contractors	\$245,300.00	\$0.00	\$245,300.00	\$0.00	\$245,300.00
6 & 20	Roofing / HVAC	Thelen Heating & Roofing	\$720,000.00	\$0.00	\$720,000.00	\$19,950.00	\$700,050.00
7	Metal Wall Panels	Progressive Building Systems	\$226,000.00	\$0.00	\$226,000.00	\$4,514.40	\$221,485.60
8	Joint Sealants	Sunrise Specialties	\$51,750.00	\$0.00	\$51,750.00	\$0.00	\$51,750.00
9	Coiling Grilles	Garage Door Store	\$49,950.00	\$0.00	\$49,950.00	\$0.00	\$49,950.00
9A	Folding Panel Partitions	Skold Specialty Contracting	\$15,340.00	\$0.00	\$15,340.00	\$0.00	\$15,340.00
10	Aluminum Windows / Doors & Glazing	Anderson Glass Co.	\$315,100.00	\$0.00	\$315,100.00	\$0.00	\$315,100.00
11	Gypsum Board	Olympic Companies	\$889,350.00	\$5,602.00	\$894,952.00	\$15,163.43	\$879,788.57
12	Tile	Dorholt Tile	\$207,164.00	\$0.00	\$207,164.00	\$0.00	\$207,164.00
13	Acoustical Treatments	Twin City Acoustics	\$298,873.00	\$0.00	\$298,873.00	\$5,350.40	\$293,522.60
14	Flooring	Contract Tile & Carpet	\$134,768.00	\$0.00	\$134,768.00	\$0.00	\$134,768.00
16	Painting	Fransen Decorating	\$209,750.00	\$0.00	\$209,750.00	\$0.00	\$209,750.00
17	Elevator	MEI Total Elevator	\$258,232.00	\$0.00	\$258,232.00	\$0.00	\$258,232.00
18	Fire Protection	LVC Companies	\$244,800.00	\$0.00	\$244,800.00	\$0.00	\$244,800.00
19	Plumbing / Piping	Masters Plumbing & Heating	\$845,000.00	\$0.00	\$845,000.00	\$20,795.50	\$824,204.50
21	Controls	Honeywell (Allowance)	\$205,970.00	\$0.00	\$205,970.00	\$0.00	\$205,970.00
22	Testing / Adjusting & Balancing	SMB of MN	\$34,700.00	\$0.00	\$34,700.00	\$0.00	\$34,700.00
23	Electrical / Communications / Security	Holden Electric	\$974,350.00	\$0.00	\$974,350.00	\$41,752.50	\$932,597.50
24	Steel Supply - Material Only	Thurbeck Steel	\$419,600.00	\$4,048.26	\$423,648.26	\$237,595.00	\$186,053.26
25	Standard Doors / Frames / Hardware (material only)	Sell Hardware	\$106,785.00	\$0.00	\$106,785.00	\$0.00	\$106,785.00
26	Casework (material only)	Northwest Cabinets	\$163,676.00	\$0.00	\$163,676.00	\$0.00	\$163,676.00
27	Specialties (material only)	Allowance	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00
TRADE CONTRACTOR TOTAL:			\$8,466,556.00	\$6,215.81	\$8,472,771.81	\$726,656.43	\$7,746,115.38
	Contingency	Budget	\$491,128.00	-\$6,215.81	\$484,912.19	\$0.00	\$484,912.19
	General Conditions	Budget	\$662,367.00	\$0.00	\$662,367.00	\$153,557.16	\$508,809.84
	CM Fee	Contegrity Group, Inc.	\$235,750.00	\$0.00	\$235,750.00	\$90,370.86	\$145,379.14
	Permitting	Budget	\$62,500.00	\$0.00	\$62,500.00	\$62,500.00	\$0.00
	Architect & Engineer Fee	BKV Group	\$588,691.00	\$0.00	\$588,691.00	\$523,035.20	\$65,655.80
	Architect Reimbursables	BKV Group	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$18.92	\$19,981.08
CONSTRUCTION TOTAL:			\$10,526,992.00	\$0.00	\$10,526,992.00	\$1,556,138.57	\$8,970,853.43
Owner Items							
	Asbestos Abatement	Arrowhead / ACCT (Allowance)	\$65,000.00	\$0.00	\$65,000.00	\$17,900.00	\$47,100.00
	FF&E	Budget	\$206,990.00	\$0.00	\$206,990.00	\$11,759.13	\$195,230.87
	Historic Courthouse M&E	General Conditions	\$25,699.00	\$0.00	\$25,699.00	\$0.00	\$25,699.00
		Contingency	\$42,831.00	\$0.00	\$42,831.00	\$0.00	\$42,831.00
		BKV Group / Contegrity Group	\$71,054.00	\$0.00	\$71,054.00	\$0.00	\$71,054.00
	Historic Assessment	Summit Envirosolutions	\$7,297.60	\$0.00	\$7,297.60	\$7,119.05	\$178.55
	Finance Costs - Allowance ???	Springsted / Dorsey / Moody's	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$31,500.00	\$18,500.00
PROJECT TOTAL:			\$10,995,863.60	\$0.00	\$10,995,863.60	\$1,624,416.75	\$9,371,446.85

Aitkin County Board of Commissioners Board Meeting Attendance Record

Date: October 9, 2018

Name	Please check the boxes that apply.		
	Aitkin County Citizen	Aitkin County Employee	Company Representative – please list.
CHRIS PENCE			Board of Water & Soil Resources
Tim Terrill			Miss. Headwaters Board
Bob Naranjo	✓		MYSELF
Rich Courtemanche		✓	Land Dept.
TRAVIS FUECHTMANN			CONTEQUITY GROUP.
MARTY K.			" "
BRUCE SCHWARTZMANN			BKV GROUP.