

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 10th day of September, 2019 at 9:02 a.m., at the Aitkin Public Library, with the following members present: Board Chair Anne Marcotte, Commissioners J. Mark Wedel, Laurie Westerlund, Don Niemi, Bill Pratt, County Administrator Jessica Seibert and Administrative Assistant Sue Bingham.

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members voting yes to approve the September 10, 2019 agenda.

APPROVED AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: A) Correspondence File: August 27, 2019 to September 9, 2019; B) Approve County Board Minutes: August 27, 2019; C) Approve Electronic Funds Transfers: \$838,318.35; D) Approve Commissioner Warrants: General Fund \$387,277.08, Road & Bridge \$81,770.80, Health & Human Services \$4,753.95, Trust \$19,568.93, Forest Development \$14,868.31, Capital Project \$47.63, Long Lake Conservation Center \$8,610.47, Parks \$4,981.04 for a total of \$521,878.21; E) Approve Auditor Warrants – Period 2 Overpays: Taxes & Penalties \$3,633.21; F) Approve Auditor Warrants – 2nd Half 2018 Taconite: Agency \$132,243.00; G) Approve Auditor Warrants – Anderson Brothers Payment: Road & Bridge \$21,343.86; H) Approve NEMOJT Joint Powers Agreement; I) Approve Affidavit of Lost Warrant – Health & Human Services: Warrant #107042, issued June 2, 2017 to Earl Bakke in the amount of \$151.00; J) Approve (2) Affidavits of Lost Warrants – Treasurer: 1. Warrant #70842, dated April 21, 2017 to Sarah Winge in the amount of \$74.90, and 2. Warrant #69446, dated December 19, 2016 in the amount of \$5.00; K) Set Unorganized Township Levies for 2020 - Adopt (3) Resolutions: 1. 2020 Unorganized Road & Bridge, 2. 2020 Unorganized Fire Protection, and 3. 2020 Unorganized Cemetery

CONSENT AGENDA

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Wedel seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to adopt resolution – 2020 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 2020 for Road and Bridge purposes:

**RESOLUTION
20190910-069
2020
UNORGANIZED
ROAD & BRIDGE**

Unorg Township	
52-22	\$3000
45-24	\$2000
47-24	\$11000
52-24	\$1500
50-25	\$4000
51-25	\$0
52-25	\$4500
50-26	\$2000
48-27	\$5500
49-27	\$9000
50-27	\$0
51-27	\$0
52-27	\$3500

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to adopt resolution – 2020 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 2020 for Fire Protection purposes:

Unorg Township	
52-22	\$16000
51-22	\$150
45-25	\$600
47-25	\$2000
52-26	\$1300
50-28	\$1600
51-26	\$300
52-27	\$2700
50-29	\$1600
48-28	\$3000
49-28	\$5000
50-30	\$350
51-27	\$1250
52-27	\$6000

**RESOLUTION
20190910-070
2020
UNORGANIZED
FIRE PROTECTION**

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to adopt resolution – 2020 Unorganized Cemetery:

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 2020 for Cemetery (Revenue):

Unorganized Township Cemetery:

Shovel Lake Cemetery

51-27	\$600
52-27	\$600

Hebron Cemetery

50-25	\$1,500
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**RESOLUTION
20190910-071
2020
UNORGANIZED
CEMETERY**

Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members voting yes to adopt resolution – Conservation Partners Legacy Grant (CPL):

WHEREAS, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners supports the grant application made to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program. The application is to acquire two important landlocked properties, and

**RESOLUTION
20190910-072
CONSERVATION
PARTNERS**

WHEREAS, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners adopted Road Easement Policy (080106-112) where it states, "...there are instances involving property in remote areas adjacent to large blocks of Aitkin County tax forfeited lands, the County may consider purchase of a remote land locked property if an easement is not deemed advisable and an exchange is not desirable to the landowner," and

WHEREAS, the Aitkin County Land Department has been contacted by two landowners in need of remote easements that cross DNR public waters and easements are not practical or in the best interest of the public based on the said County Policy, and

WHEREAS, Aitkin County has the financial capability to meet the 10% match of non-state funds or in-kind resources.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, IF Aitkin County is awarded the grant by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Aitkin County agrees to accept the grant award, and may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above referenced acquisition. Aitkin County will comply with all applicable laws, environmental requirements, and regulations as stated in the grant agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Aitkin County Land Commissioner is hereby authorized to execute such agreements as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of Aitkin County.

Jessica Seibert, County Administrator discussed the following with the Board:

- 2nd Quarter Budget Review
- 2020 Proposed Capital Improvement Plan
- 2020 Proposed Budget Presentation
- 2020 Appropriations and Dues
- 2020 Public Budget Hearing
- 2020 Legislative Priorities

The following action was taken:

Motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to schedule the 2020 Public Budget Hearing at 6:05 p.m. on December 3, 2019 at Aitkin City Hall.

Motion by Commissioner Pratt, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve the 2020 Legislative Priorities with changes as discussed.

Break: 10:38 a.m. to 10:54 a.m.

The Board discussed: NRAC, ECRL, McGregor Airport, ATV Ride, HRA, CAE, Budget Committee, Facilities Committee, Historical Society, Aitkin Airport, MHB, and Northern Counties.

LEGACY GRANT (CPL)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

2020 PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING SCHEDULED

2020 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

BREAK

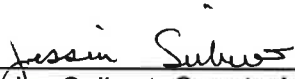
BOARD DISCUSSION

Motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 11:21 a.m. until Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at the Aitkin Public Library.

ADJOURN



Anne Marcotte, Board Chair
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners



Jessica Seibert, County Administrator