

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 12th day of November, 2019 at 9:07 a.m., at Aitkin City Hall, 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 Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Wedel and carried, all members voting yes to approve the November 12, 2019 amended agenda. Agenda Item 7.5 – Pictometry Aerial Photography was added, and Agenda Item 7B) Approve AIA Agreement – Aitkin County Highway Department Office, was changed to discussion only.

**APPROVED
AGENDA**

Motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members voting yes to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: A) Correspondence File: October 22, 2019 to November 11, 2019; B) Approve County Board Minutes: October 22, 2019; C) Approve Electronic Funds Transfers: \$4,412,112.44; D) Approve Commissioner Warrants: General Fund \$83,268.42, Road & Bridge \$80,418.01, Health & Human Services \$16,254.09, Trust \$3,792.27, Forest Development \$26,185.77, Taxes & Penalties \$268.00, Capital Project \$9,123.43, Long Lake Conservation Center \$8,510.28, Parks \$11,828.24 for a total of \$239,648.51; E) Approve Auditor Warrants – Anderson Brothers Payment: Road & Bridge \$1,513,752.99; F) Approve Auditor Warrants – October School Advances: Agency \$1,501,304.46; G) Approve Auditor Warrants – 10/24/19: General Fund \$1,834.23; H) Approve Auditor Warrants – 10/31/19: Road & Bridge \$45,718.89; I) Approve October Manual Warrants: General Fund \$8,729.59, Road & Bridge \$18,654.84, State \$982,034.46, Taxes & Penalties \$6,645.00, Capital Project \$91,299.63, Long Lake Conservation Center \$36.13, Parks \$130.00 for a total of \$1,107,529.65; J) Approve Manual Warrants – Elan: General Fund \$2,722.15, Road & Bridge \$120.00, Health & Human Services \$2,104.84, Trust \$123.77, Forest Development \$23.98, Long Lake Conservation Center \$1,983.12; Parks \$90.52 for a total of \$7,168.38; K) Approve Participation in Class Action Opioid Case; L) Approve Aitkin County SWCD Lease; M) Approve 2020 Newspaper Bid Specifications; N) Approve Medical Examiner Agreement 2020; O) Adopt Resolution: Accept Donation to STS; P) Adopt Resolution: Accept Donation to STS; Q) Adopt Resolution: Snowmobile Safety Enforcement Grant 2020-2021

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members voting yes to adopt resolution – Accept Donation to STS:

WHEREAS, Aitkin County is generally authorized to accept donations of real and personal property with a 2/3 majority vote pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 465.03 for the benefit of its citizens.

**RESOLUTION
20191112-087
ACCEPT
DONATION TO
STS**

WHEREAS, the following persons and entities have offered to contribute the cash amounts set forth below to the county:

McGregor Area Lions Club	\$1,500.00
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WHEREAS, the terms or conditions of the donations, if any, are as follows:

McGregor Area Lions Club	STS
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WHEREAS, all such donations have been contributed to the county for the benefit of its citizens, as allowed by law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners finds that it is appropriate to accept the donations offered.

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members voting yes to adopt resolution – Accept Donation to STS:

WHEREAS, Aitkin County is generally authorized to accept donations of real and personal property with a 2/3 majority vote pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 465.03 for the benefit of its citizens.

WHEREAS, the following persons and entities have offered to contribute the cash amounts set forth below to the county:

Disabled American Veterans Aitkin County Chapter No. 11	\$500.00
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WHEREAS, the terms or conditions of the donations, if any, are as follows:

Disabled American Veterans Aitkin County Chapter No. 11	STS
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WHEREAS, all such donations have been contributed to the county for the benefit of its citizens, as allowed by law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners finds that it is appropriate to accept the donations offered.

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members voting yes to adopt resolution – Snowmobile Safety Enforcement Grant 2020-2021:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners approve the Fiscal Years 2020-2021 Snowmobile 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 \$12,500.00, amount being \$6,250.00 for each year of the biennium, for the term of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021.

The Board honored the following Aitkin County Veteran employees:

Veteran	Branch Served
Babcock, David	US Army
Bochow, Aaron	US Army
Burton, Ashley	Army National Guard
Courier, Don	US Army
Curtis, Dee	Army National Guard
Derksen, Larry	Army National Guard

**RESOLUTION
20191112-088
ACCEPT
DONATION TO
STS**

**RESOLUTION
20191112-089
SNOWMOBILE
SAFETY
ENFORCEMENT
GRANT
2020-2021**

**HONORING
AITKIN COUNTY
VETERAN
EMPLOYEES**

Flier, Randy	US Army
Guida, Dan	US Army and Air Force Reserves
Harms, Penny	US Army and Army National Guard
Hicks, Jim	US Navy
Hines, Dustin	US Army Reserves
Hughley, Josh	Army National Guard, US Army
Johnson, Carter	US Army
Kazmerzak, Paul	US Army
Koonce, Crystal	US Army
Lundquist, Allen	US Army
Lystad, Kayla	Army National Guard
Malloy, Scott	Army National Guard
Novotny, John	US Air Force
Oftedahl, Jedediah	US Navy and US Navy Reserves
Olson, "Butch"	US Coast Guard
Speed, Shawn	US Air Force, MN Air National Guard
Sutch, Chris	US Air Force
Tierney, Tim	Army National Guard
Turnock Kevin	Army National Guard
Wilke, Gary	US Army

Motion by Commissioner Pratt, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve Teamsters Non-licensed Essential Unit MOA: MSRS HCSP, as presented.

**TEAMSTERS
NON-LICENSED
ESSENTIAL UNIT
MOA: MSRS
HCSP**

Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to adopt resolution – JPA MN Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force:

WHEREAS, the County of Aitkin on behalf of its County Attorney desires to enter into Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota, Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to utilize applicable state and federal laws to investigate and prosecute crimes committed against children and the criminal exploitation on children that is committed and/or facilitated by or through the use of computers.

**RESOLUTION
20191112-090
JPA MN
INTERNET
CRIMES
AGAINST
CHILDREN TASK
FORCE**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Aitkin County, Minnesota as follows:

1. That the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement by and between the State of Minnesota acting through its Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the County of Aitkin on behalf of its County Attorney are hereby approved. A copy of the Joint Powers Agreement is attached to this Resolution and made a part of it.

2. That the County Administrator Jessica Seibert, or his or her successor, is designated the Authorized Representative for the County Attorney. The Authorized Representative is also authorized to sign any subsequent amendment or agreement that may be required by the State of Minnesota to maintain the County's connection to the systems and tools offered by the State.

3. That Anne Marcotte, Chair of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Aitkin, and Jessica Seibert, the County Board Clerk, are authorized to sign the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement.

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members voting yes to approve request from Sheriff's Office to accept quote for fencing from Century Fence for secure outdoor vehicle storage, as presented.

**OUTDOOR
VEHICLE
FENCING**

Kathy Beatty, Frank Merry, and Bob Marcum gave the Board an update on ANGELS. No action was taken.

**ANGELS
UPDATE**

Jessica Seibert, County Administrator reported and updated the Board on the following:

- 2019 Third Quarter Budget
- Aitkin County Fund Balance
- Government Center
- MACA Meeting

**COUNTY
ADMINISTRATOR
REPORTS AND
UPDATES**

John Welle, County Engineer discussed the following items with the Board:

- Contract No. 20198 which includes S.A.P. 001-625-001, grading and aggregate base on 3.3 miles of CSAH 25 in Wagner Township. No action was taken.
- AIA Agreement with Widseth Smith Nolting & Associates for Aitkin County Highway Department Office Expansion/Renovation. This was remanded to the Facilities Committee and will be brought before the Board at a future Board meeting.

HIGHWAY DEPT.

**CONTRACT
NO. 20198**

**AIA AGREEMENT
WITH WSN**

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Pratt to approve the purchase of Pictometry as presented, using Recorder's Compliance Fund, and to authorize Mike Dangers to sign the contract on behalf of Aitkin County. Roll call vote. Motion failed (2-3 Niemi/Wedel/Marcotte). Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Wedel and carried, all members voting yes to remand to the Budget Committee and bring back to the Board at a future meeting.

**PICTOMETRY
AERIAL
PHOTOGRAPHY**

Break: 11:35 a.m. to 11:44 a.m.

BREAK

The Board discussed: ARDC, NEMOJT, Snake River, McGregor Airport, MHB, BSLA, McGregor City Council, Tamarack City Council, Historical Society, Facilities, Budget, Community Corrections, Dangerous Dog Hearing, Aitkin Airport, Mille Lacs Advisory, Mille Lacs Watershed, DAC, Extension, Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting, NCLUCB and Enbridge.

**BOARD
DISCUSSION**

Motion by Commissioner Wedel seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members present voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 12:31 p.m. until Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at the Aitkin Public Library.

ADJOURN



Anne Marcotte, Board Chair
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners



Jessica Seibert, County Administrator