

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020 at 9:02 a.m. at the Aitkin Public Library with the following members present: Board Chair William Pratt, Commissioners J. Mark Wedel, Laurie Westerlund, Donald Niemi, and Anne Marcotte, County Administrator Jessica Seibert, and H&HS Administrative Assistant Shawn Speed

**CALL TO ORDER**

Pledge of Allegiance was taken.

Motion made by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Wedel and carried, all voting yes to approve the February 25, 2020 amended agenda. Item 3B was added.

**APPROVED AGENDA**

**AITKIN COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
February 25, 2020**

**HEALTH &  
HUMAN  
SERVICES  
BOARD**

**Attendance**

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 25th day of February, 2020, at 9:03 a.m. as the Aitkin County Health & Human Services Board, with the following members present: Commissioners Anne Marcotte, J. Mark Wedel, Don Niemi, Laurie Westerlund, and Bill Pratt. Others present included: County Administrator Jessica Seibert, Cynthia Bennett ACH&HS Director, Carli Goble ACH&HS Accounting Supervisor, Jessi Schultz Children's Social Services Supervisor, Julie Herbst Childs Support Supervisor, Erin Melz Public Health Supervisor, Julie Herbst Child Support Supervisor, Stacey Durgin-Smith Public Health Educator, Assistant to the County Administrator Angie Sahr, H&HS Executive Assistant Shawn Speed, and Guests: Joel Hoppe ACH&HS Advisory Committee Member, Kari Paulsen ACH&HS Advisory Committee Member, and Jennifer Eisenbart, Aitkin Independent Age.

**Agenda**

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve the February 25, 2020 Health & Human Services Board agenda.

**Minutes**

Motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve the January 28, 2020 Health and Human Services Board minutes.

**Bills**

Carli noted that was nothing out of the ordinary for the monthly bills.

Motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting yes to approve the bills.

**Health & Human Services Director Report, Cynthia Bennett, ACH&HS Director**

**Directors Update**

Cynthia began by noting the start of the legislative session was on February 11 and that in the first two days there were 20 committee hearings. The main topic of five of those hearings was insulin. Both sides support a program to provide low income, uninsured or under insured individuals with access to insulin, however they do not agree on the funding source, how they will distribute it, or the specific people within those populations to distribute it to. The governor has said that if a bill related to insulin reaches his desk he will sign it.

Commissioner Niemi asked what the two funding sources were that they could not agree on and Cynthia offered to look into it for him but he replied he would find it out.

She went on to discuss the upcoming AMC conference and noted that she and most of the commissioners would be in attendance. She reviewed the AMC HHS legislative priorities and the MACSSA legislative priorities. Which are again to hold Counties harmless for state agency financial errors, to assure that Counties have a voice in procurement and to support County Based Purchasing, to improve Child Welfare specifically decrease out of home placements and eliminate disproportionality, and lastly to address the Substance Use Disorders and Mental Health reform.

In addition she noted that the LPHA day at the capitol was last week and she shared a handout with the members outlining LPHA's legislative priorities. The first priority was streamlining the state's food safety system which is, right now, monitored by the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Health the hope is to have one department overseeing this for better efficiency. The second is to enhance services for children with asthma with the hopes of reducing symptoms, the third is to prevent youth tobacco and nicotine addiction, and lastly to promote investing in the local public health grant to bring the levels of dollars received in counties back to the original rates established several years ago. This is flexible monies and would reduce the use of tax levy dollars to address community specific needs.

Erin added, as she was in attendance at the capitol, that they met with Representative Lueck and Senator Ruud where they discussed the local public health grant in depth and the tobacco work that public health has been working on locally and that she felt it was a very productive meeting.

Commissioner Wedel, referencing the handout, mentioned that 21% of the inspections were failed when it came to selling tobacco to minors but that it also referenced FDA inspections and that he wondered what those entailed.

Erin explained that those were separate compliance inspections done by the FDA, without anyone else's knowledge, which were basically a duplication of local public health's inspections.

Cynthia added that the state H&HS Policy Committee will hear two bills this week on tobacco restrictions. HF3032 would prohibit the sale of flavored tobacco products and HF3072 would prohibit smoking in a vehicle when there is a child present.

Erin added that the flavored tobacco bill passed by Congress failed to include menthol tobacco products and that the LPHA is asking that the state to include menthol to stop manufacturers from using that loophole to still sell flavored tobacco by simply adding

menthol to the flavoring.

Cynthia continued her update by bringing the members up to speed on the H&HS building redesign and relayed that Carli Goble, Shawn Speed, Jim Bright, and she had met with an architect from Architectural Resources Incorporated. A walkthrough of H&HS was conducted with him and further information was shared about functionality needs within HHS and workflow visions in the future.

Lastly she talked about conversations that have begun between H&HS, the Sheriff's Department, Aitkin city Police, and Riverwood Healthcare Center regarding secure transports of individuals with mental health issues. The program currently has many gaps in it. This is a statewide and nationwide problem but we feel the need to address this on a local level now. The group has started to look through the statutes and identify roles and responsibilities. This group is willing to think outside of the box to find solutions and is just laying the groundwork for moving forward.

Commissioner Pratt asked whether there was discussion on the physical characteristics of the transportation to which Cynthia responded that there was and that the ambulances, for instance, are not equipped to do secure transports in a way that would keep the individual from doing harm to themselves or others. She noted that the statute requires that the individuals be transported in a secure, unmarked vehicle with someone who is not in uniform as these people are not criminals they are simply mentally ill. Transporting them in a Sheriff's car is not fair to them.

Commissioner Wedel asked how the situation was being handled currently and Cynthia remarked that the way it works now is that the hospital calls either the Aitkin Police Department, the Sheriff's Office, or General Security Services Corporation (GSSC) and inquires whether any of them can transport the individual to their destination. The problem with GSSC is that they are several hours away and cannot always get here in a timely fashion, the hospital cannot keep the person for the extended period of time it might take GSSC to transport so it funnels down to the Aitkin Police or Sheriff's Department and that is not an appropriate long term solution.

Commissioner Marcotte inquired as to who pays for these and Cynthia told her that we get a minimum reimbursement from MA for them, but that it does not cover it all.

#### **Approval of Contracts/Agreements/Policies**

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting yes to approve the contract between Compass Counseling Partners and Aitkin County for January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Wedel and carried, all members voting yes to approve the contract for Clubhouse management between Northland Counseling Center and Aitkin County for January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

Motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve the contract between the Northeast Minnesota Office of Job Training (NEMOJT) and Aitkin County for January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve the contract between Northern Psychiatric Associates and Aitkin County for January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve the contract between the Presbyterian Family Foundation and Aitkin County for January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve the Family Planning contract between Riverwood Healthcare Center and Aitkin County for January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

**ACEs Presentation, Stacey Durgin-Smith, Public Health Educator**

Stacey began by explaining what ACEs, Adverse Childhood Experiences, is and what it is all about.

She then went through presenting the Board members her overview presentation on ACEs of which a copy was provided to the members prior to today's meeting.

Stacey ended her presentation by remarking that the change is up to us and noted that it is interesting to think that the largest public health discovery, probably, of our time is about family, about community, and children. That we can all help affect ACEs.

Commissioner Marcotte inquired what the schools were doing if we know that a child is growing up in that kind of environment and Stacey noted that now we have WIC, Home Visiting, Extended Home Visiting and in the schools when they see things that indicate these items they are mandated to report them to us.

Commissioner Marcotte also asked what are we teaching in the schools to develop those skills, to which Stacey was unsure at this time, but that she would relay what she learns to the commissioner.

Commissioner Niemi added that this is why he has always been a strong advocate for home visits with Headstart.

Commissioner Westerlund added that in the Duluth area they have three mental health professionals on staff with Headstart to deal with all of the mental health issues involving children in that area.

Commissioner Wedel asked Stacey to expand on the predictive versus preventive subject more and Stacey added that if we know, for example, that there is depression in a household and it is affecting a child, that if we treat that depression for whomever it is that we will prevent the disease from affecting that child's ACEs, which will in turn affect the predictive risks later in life.

Commissioner Pratt asked whether there was anything being done to impact younger children at schools versus the older kids who are already getting training on it. Stacey's response was that she was unaware of what exactly was being done in the schools but is planning on coordinating with them soon.

Jessi Schultz added that there are some services in place within the schools, Julie Jenson is a SW and counselor who works with children identified as needing some additional support.

**Committee Reports****Tri-County Community Health Services Board Update**

Commissioner Westerlund and Erin Melz gave an update on their last meeting.

Commissioner Westerlund started by stating they had received a presentation by Northern Minnesota Suicide Prevention on the Crisis Text Line, that they went through member terms, by-laws, election of officers, the community health improvement plan, financials, and the day at the capitol.

Erin added that the Community Health Plan should be ready soon so they should be looking forward to that coming out.

**HHS Advisory Committee Update**

Commissioner Wedel noted that this was a very moving meeting prior to yielding to Joel and Kari to give the update.

Joel noted that this was a workgroup meeting dealing with suicide prevention where they viewed a PowerPoint from Brea Hamdorf, Public Health Nurse, which detailed the mental health and suicide stats for the county.

He also added that Stacey Durgin-Smith had presented to them on the upcoming Statewide Medical Countermeasure Exercise that is taking place June 17, 2020 at the Journey North Church and that she was seeking volunteers from the committee to help fill some of the 50 spots she needs for participants.

Kari added that they welcomed Luke Christensen and Pastor Dawn Houser to the group and that Pastor Dawn was a great addition due to all of the experience she has dealing with suicide and suicide prevention.

**AEOA Update**

Commissioner Westerlund explained that they did a lot of board training at the last meeting.

**CARE Board**

Commissioner Westerlund stated that they went through some personnel items and were able to add a few staff as full time employees. Also the Community Connection on Aging is going to be held April 18 at the McGregor School and that there is also one planned for the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May in Aitkin and that the Hill City Health Fair is planned for March 5<sup>th</sup> at the Hill City School. She noted that finances for CARE are looking great this year.

**CJI Update**

Jessi Schultz commented that the sole agenda item was focused on the referral process to the visitation program at HOPE.

**NEMOJT Update**

Commissioner Niemi gave an update on their last meeting noting it was a short meeting where they elected officers and continue to do work with high schools on industrial art classes.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Next Meeting – March 24, 2020

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Break: 10:05 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Kirk Peysar informed the Board that he was selected to be a Board Member of the MCIT (Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust) Board.

Motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve the Consent Agenda as follows. A) Correspondence File February 11, 2020 to February 24, 2020; B) Approve February 11, 2020 County Board Minutes; C) Approve Electronic Funds Transfers \$768,102.84; D) Approve Auditor Vouchers: General Fund \$295.00; E) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections: General Fund \$5,342.86, State \$117,012.11, Taxes & Penalties \$5,839.49, Long Lake Conservation Center \$79.38 for a total of \$128,273.84; F) Approve Commissioner Warrants: General Fund \$140,882.54, Reserves Fund \$8,882.10, Road & Bridge \$231,225.86, Health & Human Services \$1,023.28, State \$6,790.00, Trust \$6,441.84, Forest Development \$1,703.52, Taxes & Penalties \$6,103.00, Capital Project \$229.64, Long Lake Conservation Center \$13,038.43, Parks \$8,872.11 for a total of \$425,192.32; G) Approve Auditor Warrant – City of Aitkin: Road & Bridge Fund \$57,500.00; H) Approve January Sales Tax and Diesel Tax Payments: General Fund \$473.76, Road & Bridge \$1,624.70, Health & Human Services 4.23, Trust \$915.78, Forest Development \$5.02, Long Lake Conservation Center \$55.64, Parks \$93.27; I) Approve Audit List – Elan 1/23/2020: General Fund \$2,766.40, Health & Human Services \$1,649.07, Trust \$35.72, Capital Project \$350.44, Long Lake Conservation Center \$481.91, Parks \$56.80; J) Approve Auditor Warrants for Contegrity payment for 2/10/2020: Capital Project \$128,538.72; K) Approval of Election Judges – Mail Ballot; L) Approve Affidavit of Duplicate for Lost Warrant- Treasurer: Warrant #77910, dated on March 12, 2019 to NW Carlton County Ambulance District in the amount of \$1,583.42; M) Set public Hearing Date for Land Classification April 28, 2020; N) Enbridge Donation; O) Approve Mille Lacs Health Systems Ambulance Contract; P) Approve Meds-1 Ambulance Service Contract; Q) Approve North Memorial Transportation Services Contract; R) Approve McGregor Ambulance Service Contract; S) Recycling Agreement Extensions; T) Approve Application to Make Retail Sales of Cigarette & Other Tobacco Products – Aitkin Marathon U) Approve Resolution Off Sale/Cave Liquor; V) Approve Consumption & Display Permit – Hidden Meadows Campground; W) 2019 MN Federal Boating Safety Supplemental Equipment Grant; X) Accept Veterans Office Donation

**BREAK**

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted yes to adopt resolution - Approval of Election Judges – Mail Ballot:

**WHEREAS**, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners appoints the following persons to serve as Election Judges for the Mail Balloting Precincts for the 2020 Presidential Nomination Primary, Primary and General Election:

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| Paulette   | Anderson  |
| Cathy      | Buhlmann  |
| George     | Carlberg  |
| Sharon     | Dotzler   |
| Nancy      | Eddy      |
| Roberta C. | Elvecrog  |
| Ron        | Fox       |
| Debra      | Goble     |
| Marcia     | Hills     |
| Carole     | Holton    |
| Betty Jo   | Johnson   |
| Kate       | LaClair   |
| Sara       | Math      |
| Beth       | McCusker  |
| Rebecca S. | Moore     |
| Mary Jo    | Newman    |
| Katherine  | Peterson  |
| Gail       | Pullis    |
| Kevin      | Pullis    |
| Becky      | Roden     |
| Todd       | Roden     |
| Sandra     | Shade     |
| Christine  | Springer  |
| Mary       | Swanson   |
| Karen Lynn | VanHatten |

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners grants the County Auditor the right to add or remove Election Judges when appropriate throughout the 2020 Election season.

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted yes to adopt resolution - Set public Hearing Date for Land Classification April 28, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, MN Statue 282.01 allows the County Board to classify tax-forfeited lands either to be retained in public ownership for public benefits or returned to private ownership, and

**WHEREAS**, MN Statute 282.01 requires that a public hearing be held to receive comments and recommendations about the pending classifications.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners hereby sets a public hearing for April 28, 2020 at 10:00 AM at the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners Meeting to be held at the Aitkin Public Library for the classification of the

**RESOLUTION  
#20200225-022  
ELECTIONS  
JUDGES – MAIL  
BALLOT**

**RESOLUTION  
#20200225-023  
SET PUBLIC  
HEARING DATE  
FOR LAND  
CLASSIFICATION  
APRIL 28, 2020**

following parcels of tax-forfeited lands.

**Land Classification - Forfeited 8/7/2019**

#	PIN #	NAME	LEGAL	Sec.	Twp.	Rge.	Classification Recommendation
1	08-0-058502	SANDBECK, MELVIN H & DEUNEECE H	S 568 FT OF W 460 FT OF SW OF SE IN DOC 174949	35	48	25	Non-Conservation
3	12-1-077200	JOHNSON, ADAM	QUADNA MOUNTAIN VIEW 1ST ADDITION, LOT 12, BLOCK 2	2	52	26	Non-Conservation
5	16-0-017600	CHRISTIAN, GREGORY	SW SW	12	44	25	Non-Conservation
6	16-1-095800	BAILEY, ERNEST & JUDITH C/O HERNANDEZ, RAYMOND	WILDHURST PLAT 22, LOT 12, BLK 1	20	44	25	Non-Conservation
7	21-0-009400	CHRISTIAN, GREGORY	S 1/2 NE	6	45	25	Non-Conservation
9	25-0-057901	TAGLIAPIETRA, JUDY ETAL C/O PENNY MYERS	W 1/2 OF NW SE	35	44	23	Non-Conservation
10	27-1-061400	TACKER, VIVIAN C/O CHARLES HALFORD	LAWLER, PLAT 1, LOT 12 BLK 2	19	47	22	Non-Conservation
11	27-1-061500	TACKER, VIVIAN C/O CHARLES HALFORD	LAWLER, PLAT 1, LOT 13 BLK 2	19	47	22	Non-Conservation
12	29-1-095600	CUNNINGHAM, FAY C & DOR	INDIAN PORTAGE PLAT 1, LOT 1 BLK 15	20	49	23	Non-Conservation
13	29-1-174900	SEGAL, HAROLD C/O SANDY SEGAL	SHESHEBE POINT PLAT 5, LOT 320	21	49	23	Non-Conservation
#	PIN#	NAME	LEGAL	Sec.	Twp.	Rge.	Classification Recommendations



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14	29-1-175000	SEGAL, HAROLD C/O SANDY SEGAL	SHESEBE POINT PLAT 5, LOT 321	21	49	23	Non-Conservation
15	29-1-175100	SEGAL, HAROLD C/O SANDY SEGAL	SHESEBE POINT PLAT 5, LOT 322	21	49	23	Non-Conservation
16	38-0-031905	ZAMBORY, JAMES R	N 1/2 NE OF NW SW DOC 369425	20	43	23	Non-Conservation
17	54-1-036200	MILES, SCOTT C	MCKINNEY LAKE SOUTH SHORE PLAT 1, LOT 4 BLK 1	26	51	27	Non-Conservation
18	57-0-002304	DAHLHEIMER, DARYL & CYRILLA	30 FT STRIP IN SW NE DOC 175875 LESS PART IN DOC 403753	14	52	26	Non-Conservation
19	57-1-044700	LATHROP, KATHRYN J CHASE	HILL CITY REALTY COS ADD 3, PLAT 3, LOT 4, BLK 1	14	52	26	Non-Conservation
20	57-1-044800	LATHROP, KATHRYN J CHASE	HILL CITY REALTY COS ADD 3, PLAT 3, LOT 5, BLK 1	14	52	26	Non-Conservation
21	57-1-048600	BOATMAN, MARY E & WESLEY A	HILL CITY REALTY COS ADD 2, PLAT 4, LOT 7 BLK 4	14	52	26	Non-Conservation
22	57-1-091000	QUADNA FOUR SEASONS, INC	QUADNA MOUNTAIN LODGE CONDO NUMBER 4, PLAT 22, AU 145		52	26	Non-Conservation
23	58-1-018800	WALTERS, PAMELA & DALLAS	OCONNORS SUBDIV OF NW 1/4; PLAT 2, LOT 6 LESS 1.5 AC IN NW CORNER	5	43	23	Non-Conservation
24	61-0-006802	BUSHNELL, GORDON & CLARA	W 33 FT OF E 414.25 FT OF NE SE N OF HWY LESS THE N 62 FT (HWY 210 EASE)	16	48	22	Non-Conservation

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted yes to adopt resolution - Enbridge Donation;

**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

**RESOLUTION  
#20200225-024  
ENBRIDGE  
DONATION**

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:

Enbridge (Line 3) \$5,000.00

**WHEREAS**, the terms or conditions of the donations, if any, are as follows:

Enbridge (Line 3) Aitkin County Sheriff's Office

**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 by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted to approve – Mille Lacs Health Systems Ambulance Contract;

**MLHS  
AMBULANCE  
CONTRACT**

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted to approve – Meds-1 Ambulance Service Contract;

**MEDS-1  
AMBULANCE  
SERVICE  
CONTRACT**

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted to approve – North Memorial Transportation Services Contract;

**NORTH  
MEMORIAL  
TRANS. SERVICE  
CONTRACT**

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted to approve – McGregor Ambulance Service Contract;

**MCGREGOR  
AMBULANCE  
SERVICE  
CONTRACT**

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted to approve – Recycling Agreement Extensions;

**RECYCLING  
AGREEMENT  
EXTENSIONS**

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted to approve – Application to Make Retail Sales of Cigarette & Other Tobacco Products – Aitkin Marathon

**RETAIL SALES –  
CIGARETTE &  
TOBACCO PROD.**

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted yes to adopt resolution - Off Sale/Cave Liquor;

**RESOLUTION  
#20200225-025  
OFF SALE / CAVE  
LIQUOR**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners agrees to approve the following liquor license for a period from February 1, 2020 thru December 31, 2020:

**“OFF” Sale:**

Twin City Petroleum & Properties, LLC, d/b/a **Cave Liquor** – Hazelton Township  
 This establishment has an address of 22852 US Hwy 169, Aitkin, MN 56431

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted to approve – Consumption & Display Permit – Hidden Meadows Campground;

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted yes to adopt resolution - 2019 MN Federal Boating Safety Supplemental Equipment Grant;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners approve the 2019 Boat & Water Federal Safety 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 \$1,432.00 for the term of March 2, 2019 through August 14, 2020.

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted yes to adopt resolution - Accept Veterans Office Donation;

**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:

<u>Name of Donor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Castaway Cares	\$4,729.75

**WHEREAS**, the terms or conditions of the donations, if any, are as follows:

<u>Name of Donor</u>	<u>Terms or Conditions</u>
Castaways Cares	ACVSO Veteran fund

**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.

**CONSUMPTION & DISPLAY PERMIT**

**RESOLUTION #2020025-026 BOAT & WATER GRANT AGREEMENT**

**RESOLUTION #2020025-027 VETERANS OFFICE DONATION**

Mike Dangers, County Assessor updated the Board on the Property Tax Simplification Bill that he contacted Rep. Dale Lueck about and that he had requested him to consider sponsoring the bill that would take a step toward simplifying our property tax system.

**PROPERTY TAX SIMPLIFICATION BILL**

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Wedel and carried, all members voting yes to hold the County Board of Appeal and Equalization (BAE) meeting on June 23, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. at the Aitkin City Library.

**BAE MEETING SCHEDULED**

Penny Harms, Veterans Service Officer gave the Board an annual update for 2019.

**VETERAN SERVICE UPDATE**

Sheriff Dan Guida discussed with the Board that he is in the early stages of designing and implementing a Body Worn Camera program/policy. Implementation timeline and process was discussed.

**BODY WORN CAMERA POLICY DISCUSSION**

John Welle, Aitkin County Engineer

Motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voted to approve the purchase of the Volvo EC140EL with a 30-inch track from Nuss Truck and Equipment for \$110,406.

**EXCAVATOR – HIGHWAY DEPT.**

Terry Neff, Environmental Services Director discussed, recent changes to the MPC19 SCORE Grant Application. He expressed concern over several changes and is working with AMC and other counties to address the issues. Terry will wait to sign the contract until more information is gathered.

**SCORE GRANT UPDATE**

Jessica Seibert, County Administrator discussed the following:

**ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES**

- Canvassing Board meeting on March 3, 2020 at 10:00am and need to have two Commissioners present that represent either District 1, 3, or 5. Commissioner Wedel and Commissioner Niemi will attend.
- AMC Conference
- Steve Bennett, IT Director retirement party on Friday at 5pm
- Aitkin County Logo Wear
- Legislative Packets with bills listed this legislative session.

The Board discussed: Northeast MN ATP, Big Sandy Lake Management Plan, Snake River Watershed, Arrowhead Counties, AMC, Planning Commission, Toward Zero Deaths, Aitkin Economic Development Administration.

**BOARD DISCUSSION**

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund seconded by Commissioner Wedel and carried, all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 12:13 p.m. until Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at the Aitkin Public Library.

**ADJOURN**

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William Pratt, Board Chair  
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

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Jessica Seibert  
County Administrator