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AITKIN COUNTY BOARD

August 11, 2020

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 11th day of August, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the Aitkin Government Center with the following members present: Board Chair William Pratt, Commissioners J. Mark Wedel, Laurie Westerlund, Donald Niemi, Anne Marcotte, County Administrator Jessica Seibert, and Administrative Assistant Angie Sahr.

Motion made by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all voting yes to approve the July 14, 2020 amended agenda. Agenda Item 3C – Organizational Agreement Options for Rum River 1W1P Policy Committee’s Action Requested was changed from Approve/Deny Motion to Direction Requested.

There was no Citizens’ Public Comment

Motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting yes to approve the Consent Agenda as follows. A) Correspondence File July 28, 2020 to August 10, 2020; B) Approve July 28, 2020 County Board Minutes; C) Approve Electronic Funds Transfers \$690,879.53; D) Approve Commissioner Vouchers: General Fund \$339,905.88, Road & Bridge \$266,119.14, Health & Human Services \$4,420.07, Trust \$17,311.42, Forest Development \$3,628.51, Capital Project \$297.47, Long Lake Conservation Center \$1,276.08, Parks \$21,272.41 for a total of \$654,230.98; E) Approve Auditor’s Vouchers – Property Tax Overpayment: Taxes & Penalties \$11,908.77; F) Approve Auditor’s Vouchers – Road & Bridge: Road & Bridge \$240,913.81; G) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – Camping Refund (COVID): Parks \$10.00; H) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – Camping Refund (COVID), FSA, PEIP: General Fund \$2,008.46, Parks \$90.00 for a total of \$2,098.46; I) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – Elan Paid 7/23/20: General Fund \$3,186.18; J) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – Camping Refund (COVID): Parks \$325.00; K) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – FSA Claims: General Fund \$465.76; L) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – Elan Paid 7/23/20 Allocated: General Fund -\$817.01, Road & Bridge \$180.00, Health & Human Services \$441.04, Trust \$195.97, for a total of \$0.00; M) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – LLCC - Credit Card Fee’s: Long Lake Conservation Center \$97.09; N) Approve Primary and General Election Recount Agreements; O) Approve LLCC – Additional COVID Protections and Protocols; P) Adopt Resolution: County VSO Operational Enhancement Grant Program;

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voted to approve – Primary and General Election Recount Agreements.

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voted to approve – LLCC – Additional COVID Protections and Protocols.

Call to Order

Approved Agenda

Citizens’ Public Comment

Consent Agenda

Primary and General Election Recount Agreements

LLCC – Additional COVID Protections and Protocols

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voted to adopt resolution County VSO Operational Enhancement Grant Program.

**Resolution
#20200811-070
County VSO
Operational
Enhancement
Grant Program**

BE IT RESOLVED by **Aitkin County** that the County enter into the attached **Grant Contract** with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) to conduct the following Program: **County Veterans Service Office Operational Enhancement Grant Program**. The grant must be used to provide outreach to the county's Veterans; to assist in the reintegration of combat veterans into society; to collaborate with other social service agencies, educational institutions, and other community organizations for the purposes of enhancing services offered to veterans; to reduce homelessness among veterans; and to enhance the operations of the county Veterans service office, as specified in Minnesota Statutes 197.608 and Minnesota Laws 2019, Chapter 10, Article 1, Section 37, Subdivision 2. This grant should not be used to supplant or replace other funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by **Aitkin County** that the County Veterans Service Officer, **Penny Harms**, be authorized to execute the attached Grant Contract for the above-mentioned program on behalf of the County.

Jessica Seibert – County Administrator presented Peter Alexander with the US Census who gave a Census Update.

Census Update

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Wedel and carried, all members present voted to approve Change Order.

Approve Change Order

Jessica Seibert – County Administrator presented Organizational Agreement Options for Rum River 1W1P Policy Committee for Board Direction.

Org. Agreement Options for Rum River 1W1P Policy Committee

Dan Guida – Sheriff presented the 2021 Budget Presentation.

2021 Budget Presentation

John Welle – County Engineer held a Public Hearing for ADA Transition Plan for Public Rights of Way. No public comment was given.

Public Hearing for ADA Transition Plan for Public Rights of Way

Motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members present voted to approve 2019 Annual Report.

Approve 2019 Annual Report

Rich Courtemanche – Land Commissioner presented his Proposed 2021 – Land Dept. Budget Presentation.

Proposed 2021 - Land Dept Budget Presentation

Rich Courtemanche – Land Commissioner discussed with the board Collaborating with USDA – LCCMR – PNCML Grant Discussion.

Collaborating with USDA – LCCMR – PNCML Grant Discussion

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

- Budget Committee Meeting
- Held Webex Meeting with Townships
- 1:1 Budget Meetings with Department Heads
- Inter-Agency Meeting
- Regional Administrators Meeting

County Administrator Updates

Jessica Seibert, County Administrator presented the 2021 General Government Budget Presentation.

2021 General Government Budget Presentation

Jessica Seibert, County Administrator presented the 2021 Appropriations & Dues for Discussion.

Appropriations & Dues Discussion

Jessica Seibert, County Administrator discussed the use of CARES Act Funds.

CARES Act Fund Discussion

Jessica Seibert, County Administrator presented Kathleen Ryan and Staci Sinell to give a License Center Update.

License Center Update

The Board discussed: Mille Lacs Fisheries Input Group, East Central Regional Library, Community Corrections Advisory, Natural Resources Advisory, Health & Human Services Advisory, Aitkin Airport, Economic Development, McGregor Airport.

Board Discussion

Motion by Commissioner Wedel seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 p.m. until Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at the Aitkin County Government Center.

Adjourn

William Pratt, Board Chair
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

Jessica Seibert
County Administrator