

CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION OF COUNTY BOARD OF AITKIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

ADOPTED September 22, 2020

By Commissioner: Wedel

20200922-081

Set Unorganized Township Road & Bridge Levy for 2021

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following sum of money be levied against the tax capacity of the Unorganized Townships of Aitkin County, for the year collectible 2021 for Road and Bridge purposes: \$46,000.00.

Commissioner Niemi moved for adoption of the resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote


FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT

All Members Voting Yes

STATE OF MINNESOTA}  
COUNTY OF AITKIN}

I, Jessica Seibert, County Administrator, Aitkin County, Minnesota do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in the Administration Office of Aitkin County in Aitkin, Minnesota as stated in the minutes of the proceedings of said Board on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2020 and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and seal this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2020

  
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Jessica Seibert  
County Administrator

**Resolution of Support for MHFP Grant Application - US Hwy 169**

**WHEREAS**, US Highway 169 in Aitkin County is part of the National Highway System (NHS) and is an important regional, statewide and national freight corridor serving the agricultural, forestry, mining, manufacturing, retail, and tourism industries, and

**WHEREAS**, the 24-mile segment of US Highway 169 from the Mississippi River bridge to Minnesota Trunk Highway 200 does not meet geometric safety standards primarily due to a lack of wide shoulders that are generally present on all other major NHS routes in Minnesota, and

**WHEREAS**, the lack of wide paved shoulders on the 24-mile segment of US Highway 169 from the Mississippi River bridge to Minnesota Trunk Highway 200 represents a severe freight safety gap in the US Highway 169 corridor, as the entire remainder of this NHS corridor has wide paved shoulders in place, or is programmed to receive such improvements, and

**WHEREAS**, the 24-mile segment of US Highway 169 from the Mississippi River bridge to Minnesota Trunk Highway 200, based on available crash and traffic data, has a fatal crash rate of over 2.1 per 100 million vehicle miles traveled over the past ten years, which is one of the highest rates of any NHS highway segment in the northern half of Minnesota and 2.7 times the median crash rate for NHS routes in the northern half of Minnesota, and

**WHEREAS**, the 24-mile segment of US Highway 169 from the Mississippi River bridge to Minnesota Trunk Highway 200 was identified in the 2019 District 1 Freight Plan as one of only four segments in District 1 with an overlap between stakeholder-identified safety needs and data-identified safety needs, and

**WHEREAS**, the 24-mile segment of US Highway 169 from the Mississippi River bridge to Minnesota Trunk Highway 200 was identified in the 1998 Trunk Highway 169/210 Corridor Study prepared by MnDOT District 3 as needing wider shoulders to address freight movement and safety concerns, and

**WHEREAS**, the 24-mile segment of US Highway 169 from the Mississippi River bridge to Minnesota Trunk Highway 200 is currently programmed for resurfacing improvements beginning in 2024 and continuing into 2025, and

**WHEREAS**, the Minnesota Highway Freight Program (MHFP) exists to provide funding to construction projects on public roads that provide measureable freight transportation benefits, and

**WHEREAS**, an application for the MHFP program is being submitted by MnDOT Districts 1 and 3 to construct wide paved shoulders as part of the resurfacing projects currently programmed on the 24-mile segment of US Highway 169 from the Mississippi River bridge to Minnesota Trunk Highway 200 beginning in 2024 and continuing into 2025.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners strongly supports the MHFP application being submitted for shoulder widening improvements on the 24-mile segment of US Highway 169 from the Mississippi River bridge to Minnesota Trunk Highway 200.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, in the event that the MHFP application is not successful, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners strongly requests that MnDOT Districts 1 and 3 continue to work to find other revenue sources to provide the long overdue shoulder widening improvements on the 24-mile segment of US Highway 169 from the Mississippi River bridge to Minnesota Trunk Highway 200 as part of the 2024 and 2025 resurfacing projects.

Commissioner Westerlund moved for adoption of the resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote

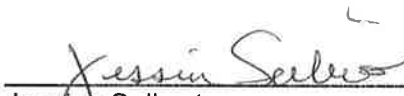
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All Members Voting Yes

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By Commissioner: Westerlund

20200922-083

**Award Highway Department Office Addition – Renovation Contract**

**WHEREAS**, Project No. 2019-13247 is for an addition and renovations for the Aitkin County Highway Department Office and Maintenance Facility, and

**WHEREAS**, sealed bids were opened for this project at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 17, 2020 with a total of eight bids received, and

**WHEREAS**, Project One Construction, Inc., Kimball, MN was the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$748,782.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Project One Construction, Inc. is awarded Project No. 2019-13247.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the chairperson of the Aitkin County Board and the Aitkin County Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract on behalf of Aitkin County with said low bidder upon presentation of proper contract documents.

Commissioner Niemi moved for adoption of the resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote


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All Members Voting Yes

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By Commissioner: Marcotte

20200922-084

Public Hearing – Monse – Class B Land Exchange

**WHEREAS**, on August 25, 2020 the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners set a public hearing for September 22, 2020 at 11:00 AM to consider a Class B land exchange between William Monse of Aitkin and Aitkin County described as follows:

County Tax Forfeited Lands - 0.43 acres unsold tax forfeited lot in the Plat of Allie's Duck Pass (Lot 1 Blk 2) on Wladimiraf Lake (Section 10 Lake) in Nordland Township (T46R25)

Private Land - 80-acre property on the Libby Branch of the Swan River in Section 7 of Unorganized T52R22

**WHEREAS**, the necessary appraisals and public hearing notice as required by M.S 373.01 have been complied with, and

**WHEREAS**, William Monse has agreed to pay the difference in appraised values, and

**WHEREAS**, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on September 22th, 2020 at 11:00 AM for the purpose of hearing public comments regarding the proposed land exchange.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Land Commissioner's Office to proceed with the Application for Class B Land Exchange and title opinion on the privately owned parcels, and with the land exchange of the lands listed above.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the lands exchanged are subject to zoning ordinances adopted by the County Board and that all lands are subject to highway and utility easements.

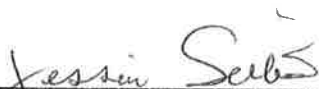
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FOUR MEMBERS PRESENT (Niemi Absent) All Members Voting Yes

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20200922-085

2021 Preliminary Levy

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the preliminary Aitkin County tax levy for payable 2021 be set at \$16,006,913.

Commissioner Niemi moved for adoption of the resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote


FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT

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