

<p>The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 9th day of February, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the Aitkin Government Center with the following members present: Board Chair J. Mark Wedel, Commissioners Laurie Westerlund, Donald Niemi, Anne Marcotte, Brian Napstad, County Administrator Jessica Seibert, and Administrative Assistant Angie Sahr.</p>	<p>Call to Order</p>
<p>Motion made by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all voting yes to approve the February 9, 2021 amended agenda. Item 6A is being renamed from "Approve Recycling Contract" to "Approve Bid Award to Waste Management Contingent on Contract Approval".</p>	<p>Approved Agenda</p>
<p>There was no Citizens' Public Comment</p>	<p>Citizens' Public Comment</p>
<p>Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve the Consent Agenda as follows.</p>	<p>Consent Agenda</p>
<p>A) Correspondence File January 26, 2021 to February 8, 2021; B) Approve January 26, 2021 County Board Minutes; C) Approve Electronic Funds Transfers \$1,517,168.96; D) Approve Commissioner Vouchers: General Fund \$110,119.58, Road & Bridge \$34,919.27, Special Revenue (Unorg R&B, Fire) \$610.94; Health & Human Services \$9,501.43, Trust \$3,732.19, Forest Development \$1,109.78, Capital Project \$4,245.60, Long Lake Conservation Center \$18,200.06, Parks \$29,925.86 for a total of \$212,364.71; E) Approve Auditor's Vouchers – Garage Sale Start Up Cash: General Fund \$499.00; F) Approve Auditor's Vouchers – MCIT: General Fund \$199,304.03, Road & Bridge \$102,047.01, Health & Human Services \$30,787.00, Trust \$15,238.67, Forest Development \$5,678.29, Long Lake Conservation Center \$18,115.00, Parks \$4,299.00, for a total of \$375,469.00; G) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – Elan, FSA Claims: General Fund \$5,694.43; H) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – Elan paid 1/6/21 - Allocated: General Fund -\$2,613.85, Health & Human Services \$2,219.64, Trust \$394.21, for a total of \$0.00; I) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – MN Care Tax: Health & Human Services \$247.99; J) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – FSA Claims 2020 & 2021: General Fund \$900.42; K) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – Elan paid 1/21/21 - Allocated: General Fund -\$2,007.51, Road & Bridge \$610.00, Health & Human Services \$1,089.37, Trust \$233.14, Long Lake Conservation Center \$75.00, for a total of \$0.00; L) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – FSA Claims: General Fund \$1,430.97; M) Approve County Administrator Performance Evaluation Summary; N) Approve Consumption & Display Permit – Hidden Meadows; O) Approve Consumption & Display Permit – Larson's Barn; P) Approve Consumption & Display Permit – 202 Tavern; Q) Approve Affidavit for Duplicate of Lost Warrant; R) Adopt Resolution: Set Public Hearing Date for Land Classification April 13, 2021; S) Adopt Resolution: Permanent Right-of-Way Easement Grant, MN-AI-089.000;</p>	<p>County Administrator Performance Evaluation Summary</p>
<p>Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted to approve – County Administrator Performance Evaluation Summary.</p>	<p>County Administrator Performance Evaluation Summary</p>

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<p>Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted to approve – Consumption & Display Permit – Hidden Meadows.</p>	<p>Consumption & Display Permit – Hidden Meadows</p>
<p>Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted to approve – Consumption & Display Permit – Larson’s Barn.</p>	<p>Consumption & Display Permit – Larson’s Barn</p>
<p>Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted to approve – Consumption & Display Permit – 202 Tavern.</p>	<p>Consumption & Display Permit – 202 Tavern</p>
<p>Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted to approve – Affidavit for Duplicate of Lost Warrant.</p>	<p>Affidavit for Duplicate of Lost Warrant</p>
<p>Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted to adopt resolution: Set Public Hearing Date for Land Classification April 13, 2021.</p>	<p>Resolution #20210209-015 Set Public Hearing Date for Land Classification April 13, 2021</p>
<p>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</p>	
<p>WHEREAS, MN Statute 282.01 requires that a public hearing be held to receive comments and recommendations about the pending classifications.</p>	
<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners hereby sets a public hearing for April 13, 2021 at 10:00 AM at the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners Meeting to be held at the Government Center Board Meeting for the classification of the following parcels of tax-forfeited lands.</p>	
<p>Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted to adopt resolution: Permanent Right-of-Way Easement Grant, MN-AI-089.000.</p>	
<p>WHEREAS, On December 11, 2018, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners granted a utility easement, temporary work space, and temporary road access (20181211-081) to Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership, with an office at 4602 Grand Avenue, Suite #900, Duluth, MN 55807 (Enbridge) for a right-of-way easement to survey, locate, construct, install, operate, maintain (including cathodic protection systems), clear, inspect (including aerial patrol and subsurface digging), reclaim, remove, protect, idle in place, repair, replace, relocate, change the size of and reconstruct a single pipeline, together with any associated valves, fittings, location markers and signs, communication systems and lines, utility lines, safety and protective apparatus, and all other equipment and appurtenances, whether above or below grade across the Aitkin County managed lands,</p>	
<p>WHEREAS, Enbridge requests an additional 6.25 acres of permanent Easement in Section 23, Township, 51N, Range 23W (PIN 06-0-036200), with the legal descriptions as:</p>	<p>Resolution #20210209-016 Permanent Right-of-Way Easement Grant, MN-AI-089-000</p>

Commencing at the southwest corner of said Section 23; thence North 00 degrees 21 minutes 59 seconds East, along the west line of said Section 23, a distance of 57.23 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue North 00 degrees 21 minutes 59 seconds East, along said west line, 54.93 feet; thence North 65 degrees 54 minutes 50 seconds East 2876.16 feet; thence North 71 degrees 13 minutes 07 seconds East 77.71 feet; thence North 81 degrees 13 minutes 07 seconds East 294.95 feet; thence South 88 degrees 47 minutes 14 seconds East 157.40 feet; thence South 01 degrees 13 minutes 07 seconds West 7.97 feet; thence South 88 degrees 46 minutes 53 seconds East 236.77 feet; thence North 00 degrees 03 minutes 42 seconds West 8.00 feet; thence South 88 degrees 47 minutes 14 seconds East 57.66 feet; thence South 78 degrees 50 minutes 33 seconds East 220.18 feet; thence South 88 degrees 46 minutes 53 seconds East 1564.94 feet to the east line of said Section 23; thence South 00 degrees 23 minutes 06 seconds West, along said east line, 50.01 feet; thence North 88 degrees 46 minutes 53 seconds West 1570.01 feet; thence North 78 degrees 50 minutes 33 seconds West 220.18 feet; thence North 88 degrees 47 minutes 14 seconds West 442.93 feet; thence South 81 degrees 13 minutes 07 seconds West 286.20 feet; thence South 71 degrees 13 minutes 07 seconds West 71.02 feet; thence South 65 degrees 54 minutes 50 seconds West 2896.58 feet to the point of beginning.

WHEREAS, said applicant will be charged right-of-way costs of \$15,895.00, as appraised by the County Land Commissioner,

WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources has requested that the permanent right-of-way be moved to this location to minimize impacts to the stream bed of the West Savanna River,

WHEREAS, Enbridge has agreed to vacate the unused portion of the permanent right-of-way crossing the West Savanna River,

WHEREAS, the Aitkin County Land Commissioner, after making an investigation of such application, has advised that he finds no objection to granting such permit and easement,

WHEREAS, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners resolved its support for Enbridge's proposed Line 3 Replacement Project, their preferred route, and their plan for deactivating the existing Line 3 (20170926-073),

WHEREAS, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners recognized Enbridge for its longstanding performance and continual efforts to protect the environment, wildlife and habitats, as well as the people who live in the communities in which it operates (20170926-073),

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 282.04, Subdivision 4, the County Auditor be and is hereby authorized to issue to Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership, with an office located at 4602 Grand Avenue, Suite #900, Duluth, MN 55807, an easement to use said described land, if consistent with the law, as in the special conditions set forth herein,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said easement be granted, subject to the following terms, and conditions:

1. The utility infrastructure shall be constructed and maintained by the grantee or permittee without any cost to the County of Aitkin and the land area shall be open for public use, as long as said easement is in force.
2. Any timber cut or destroyed shall be paid for at the usual rate as soon as determined by the Land Commissioner. (Timber has been included in the easement costs.)
3. Aitkin County manages County owned and tax-forfeited lands to produce direct and indirect revenue for the taxing districts. This management includes the harvesting and extraction of timber, gravel, minerals, and other resources. The issuing and use of this easement shall not adversely affect the management and harvesting of timber and other resources on County owned and tax forfeited land. If for any reason, including township or county road construction or reconstruction, the easement needs to be relocated, the county and township will not be responsible for any relocation costs.
4. Any such easement may be canceled by resolution of the County Board for any substantial breach of its terms or if at any time its continuance will conflict with public use of the land, or any part thereof, on which it is granted, after ninety (90) days written notice, addressed to the record owner of the easement at the last known address.
5. Land affected by this easement may be sold or leased for any legal purpose, but such sale or lease shall be subject to this easement and excepted from the conveyance or lease, while such easement remains in force.
6. Failure to use the right of way described in this document for the purpose for which this easement is granted for a period of five years, shall result in the cancellation of this easement and any rights granted to the grantee by this easement shall cease to exist and shall revert to the grantor.
7. Aitkin County manages the property for many purposes such as a motorized and non-motorized recreation trails, access to county managed and other lands for resource management purposes, including the harvesting of timber, extraction of gravel, peat, fill dirt, etc., and the mining and extraction of minerals. The issuing and use of this easement shall not adversely affect any other Aitkin County authorized uses of this strip of land.
8. After construction, the lessee shall mark the location of the utilities and shall return the land to the same condition as prior to issuing of the easement.

9. If the County shall make any improvements or changes on all or any part of its property upon which utilities have been placed by this permit, the utility owner shall, after notice from the County, change vacate, or remove from County property said works necessary to conform with said changes without cost whatsoever to the County.

Jessica Seibert – County Administrator presented Brian Martinson from AMC to brief the Board on the MPCA Clean Cars emission standards.

Clean Car Standards Discussion

Jessica Seibert – County Administrator presented Susanne Hinrichs, University of Minnesota Extension to introduce Shawn Pagnucci the Interim 4-H Educator to give an update on the 4-H program.

4-H Program Update

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted to adopt resolution – On, Off & Sunday Liquor License – Minnesota National Golf Club & Resort;

Resolution #20210209-017 On, Off & Sunday Liquor License – Minnesota National Golf Club & Resort

BE IT RESOLVED, The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners agrees to approve the following liquor license for a period ending December 31, 2021:

“ON”, “OFF” and “SUNDAY” Sale:

Minnesota National Golf Club & Resort, LLC., d/b/a Minnesota National Golf Club & Resort – Workman Township

This establishment has an address of 23247 480th Street, McGregor, MN 55760

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voted to adopt resolution – Award Contract No. 20212;

Resolution #20210209-018 Award Contract No. 20212

WHEREAS, Contract No. 20212 is for construction of S.A.P 001-598-014 and S.A.P. 001-612-023, and

WHEREAS, sealed bids were opened for this project at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, January 25, 2021 with a total of three bids received, and

WHEREAS, S & R Reinforcing, Aitkin, MN was the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$1,504,920.84.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that S & R Reinforcing is awarded Contract No. 20212.

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.

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Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voted to adopt resolution – Trunk Highway 2 Detour Agreement;

BE IT RESOLVED, that Aitkin County enter into MnDOT Agreement No. 1045890 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation for the following purposes:
To provide for payment by the State to the County for the use and maintenance of County State-Aid Highway No. 10 as a detour route during the construction to be performed upon, along and adjacent to Trunk Highway No. 2 from 0.4 miles east of Bridge #31032 over the Prairie River to 1.97 miles east of Trunk Highway 65, except the limits of the City of Warba, under State Project No. 3104-60 (T.H. 2=008).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Aitkin County Engineer is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement and any amendments to the Agreement.

Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members present voted to approve Authorize Aitkin County to enter into Lease No. LEAR010050.

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members present voted to approve to Continue 130% Royalty Fee for Lease No. LEAR010050.

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members present voted to approve Office Furniture Purchase.

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members present voted to approve Bid Award to Waste Management Contingent on Contract Approval.

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members present voted to approve Residential Waste Electronics Collection.

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members present voted to approve Request to Remove Land from the "Restricted" District.

Rich Courtemanche – Lane Commissioner discussed with the Board - Great River Energy Land Sale.

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members present voted to approve Rum River Joint Powers Agreement Content & Structure.

**Resolution
#20210209-019
Trunk Highway 2
Detour Agreement**

**Authorize Aitkin
County to Enter
Into Lease No.
LEAR010050**

**Approve to
Continue 130%
Royalty Fee for
Lease No.
LEAR010050**

**Office Furniture
Purchase**

**Approve Bid
Award to Waste
Management
Contingent on
Contract Approval**

**Residential Waste
Electronics
Collection**

**Remove Lane
from the
"Restricted"
District**

**Great River
Energy Land Sale**

**Rum River Joint
Powers
Agreement
Content &**

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

- AMC Legislative Conference Feb 18th
- CLA Call & CARES Audit
- MACA Meeting
- Merit System
- Policy Fellows
- Lockridge Grindal
- House & Senate Files
- Covid Business Relief Grants

The Board discussed: NClub, Mississippi Headwaters, Natural Resource Advisory, McGregor Airport, Arrowhead Regional Development Council, MN Rural Caucus, Aitkin Airport.

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 12:22 p.m. until Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at the Aitkin County Government Center.

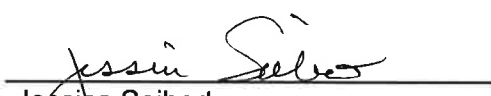
**Structure
Administrator
Updates**

Board Discussion

Adjourn



J Mark Wedel, Board Chair
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners



Jessica Seibert
County Administrator