

AITKIN COUNTY BOARD

June 8, 2021

<p>The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 8th day of June, 2021 at 9:01 a.m. at the Aitkin Government Center with the following members present: Board Chair J. Mark Wedel, Commissioners Laurie Westerlund, Anne Marcotte, Brian Napstad, County Administrator Jessica Seibert, and Temporary Administrative Assistant Nikki Knutson. Commissioner Niemi joined the meeting at 9:40 a.m.</p>	<p>Call to Order</p>
<p>Motion made by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all voting yes to approve the June 8, 2021 agenda.</p>	<p>Approved Agenda</p>
<p>There was no Citizens' Public Comment</p>	<p>Citizens' Public Comment</p>
<p>Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, 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 May 25, 2021 to June 7, 2021; B) Approve May 25, 2021 County Board Minutes; C) Approve Electronic Funds Transfers \$4,327,321.17; D) Approve Commissioner Vouchers: General Fund \$196,788.44, Road & Bridge \$95,372.74, Health & Human Services \$6,093.98, State \$121.64, Trust \$8,981.96, Forest Development \$2,758.74, Long Lake Conservation Center \$3,117.16, Parks \$1,484.14 for a total of \$314,718.80; E) Approve Auditor's Vouchers – Teamsters Ins, R&B Contract Pymts: General Fund \$57,874.00, Road & Bridge \$25,408.23, for a total of \$83,262.23; F) Approve Auditor's Vouchers – School Advance Pymts: Agency \$2,250,109.74; G) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – Camping Refund: Parks \$220.00; H) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – Returned Pmt – Account Closed: Taxes & Penalties \$1,321.00; I) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – Unable to Locate Funds: Taxes & Penalties \$1,284.60; J) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – Participant Fees, State General Tax: General Fund \$661.60, State \$1,348,987.36, for a total of \$1,349,648.96; K) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – FSA Claims 2021: General Fund \$967.11; L) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – ELAN Pd 5-13-21 Allocated: General Fund -\$2,874.35, Reserves Fund \$1,793.76, Road & Bridge \$560.71, Health & Human Services \$426.31, Trust \$29.54, Parks \$64.03, for a total of \$0.00; M) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – Wrong Routing #: Taxes & Penalties \$688.00; N) Approve 2021 Squad Purchases; O) Approve 2nd Updated Memorandum of Understanding; P) Approve Temp On-Sale Liquor License – Isle Lions Club; Q) Approve Request To Fill D2 BOA Vacancy; R) Approve Request To Fill BOA and Planning Commission Vacancy; S) Adopt Resolution: Second Generation Recreation Plan; T) Adopt Resolution: 2021 State of MN Boat & Water Safety Agreement; U) Adopt Resolution: LG214 Premises Permit/Mille Lacs Trails, Inc.; V) Adopt Resolution: LG214 Premises Permit/Mille Lacs Drift Skippers; W) Adopt Resolution: Award Contract No. 20218;</p>	
<p>Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted to approve – 2021 Squad Purchases.</p>	<p>2021 Squad Purchases</p>
<p>Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted to approve – Updated Memorandum of Understanding.</p>	<p>Updated Memorandum of Understanding</p>

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Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted to approve – Temp On-Sale Liquor License – Isle Lions Club.

**Temp On-Sale
Liquor License –
Isle Lions Club**

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted to approve – Request To Fill D2 BOA Vacancy.

**Request To Fill D2
BOA Vacancy**

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted to approve – Request To Fill BOA and Planning Commission Vacancy.

**Request To Fill
BOA and
Planning
Commission
Vacancy**

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted to adopt resolution: Second Generation Recreation Plan.

**Resolution
#20210608-
20210608-073
Second
Generation
Recreation**

WHEREAS; the First Generation Recreation Plan was adopted in 2010 and scheduled to be updated every ten years, and

WHEREAS; recreation and tourism are important to the economy and quality of life in Aitkin County, and

WHEREAS; proper planning for development and management of recreation resources is integral to the success of a recreation program, and

WHEREAS; public input was sought and incorporated into the plan, and

WHEREAS; the Aitkin County Natural Resources Advisory Committee recommends adoption of the plan.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners hereby adopt the Aitkin County Second Generation Recreation Plan.

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted to adopt resolution: 2021 State of MN Boat & Water Safety Grant Agreement.

**Resolution
#20210608-074
2021 State of MN
Boat & Water
Safety Grant
Agreement**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners approve the Fiscal Years 2021 State of Minnesota Annual County Boat & Water Safety Grant Agreement on file in the Office of the County Auditor and authorize the Aitkin County Sheriff's Office, County Board Chair and County Administrator to sign the agreement in the amount of \$18,293.00 for the term of January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted to adopt resolution: LG214 Premises Permit/Mille Lacs Trails, Inc.

**Resolution
#20210608-075
LG214 Premises
Permit/Mille Lacs
Trails, Inc**

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BE IT RESOLVED, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners agrees to approve the following Premises Permit Application - Form LG214, of the Mille Lacs Trails, Inc., at One Stop Mini Mart – Malmo Township. This establishment has an address of 22167 St. Hwy 47, Aitkin, MN 56431.

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted to adopt resolution: LG214 Premises Permit/Mille Lacs Drift Skippers.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners agrees to approve the following Premises Permit Application - Form LG214, of the Mille Lacs Drift Skippers, at Marty's – Malmo Township. This establishment has an address of 22167 State Hwy 47, Aitkin, MN 56431.

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted to adopt resolution: Award Contract No. 20218.

WHEREAS, Contract No. 20218 is for construction of SP 001-070-008, and

WHEREAS, sealed bids were opened for this project at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 17 2021 with a total of five bids received, and

WHEREAS, NTKK, Inc. - St. Cloud, MN was the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$92,999.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that NTKK Inc. be awarded Contract 20218.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the chairperson of the Aitkin County Board and the Aitkin County Auditor 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.

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voted to adopt resolution – LLCC Reopening Budget;

WHEREAS, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners, County of Aitkin, set the 2021 budget for Long Lake Conservation Center (non-levy funds) on December 22, 2020

WHEREAS, said budget assumed that Long Lake Conservation Center would remain closed during the 2021 budget year due to the COVID pandemic emergency.

WHEREAS, the governor of the State of Minnesota has relaxed COVID restrictions that affect overnight educational learning centers

WHEREAS, Long Lake Conservation plans on reopening mid-budget year to day trips during the summer of 2021 and overnight school programs in the fall of 2021.

**Resolution
#20210608-076
LG214 Premises
Permit/Mille Lacs
Drift Skippers**

**Resolution
#20210608-077
Award Contract
No. 20218**

**Resolution
#20210608-078
LLCC Reopening
Budget**

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BE IT RESOLVED, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners, County of Aitkin, do hereby set the following amended fund budgets that are non-levy for 2021.

Fund/Account	Revenues:	Reserves:	Expenditures:
LLCC	\$ 354,049	\$ 66,569	\$ 420,618

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members present voted to approve BNSF Agreement.

BNSF Agreement.

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members present voted to approve Option 1 of County Highway 5 Alignment.

County Highway 5 Alignment

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members present voted to approve Schedule Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Schedule Committee of the Whole Meeting

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

Administrator Updates

- AMC
- Policy Fellows
- GIS Online Training
- County Admin lunch with Region 5

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted to adopt resolution – Tax Court Resolution;

Resolution #20210608-079 Tax Court Resolution

WHEREAS, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners understands that the Minnesota Tax Court has ordered a valuation reduction on Aitkin County parcel 43-6-000300 for assessment years 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016. This is a pipeline parcel owned by Enbridge Energy, L.P.;

WHEREAS, the original parcel valuation was determined exclusively by the State of Minnesota Department of Revenue like all pipeline property in the State and Aitkin County had no involvement in the valuation of the pipeline property;

WHEREAS, the valuation reduction ordered by the Tax Court will result in a significant tax refund plus interest due to Enbridge if the refund is processed in accordance with current State Law,

WHEREAS, multiple counties in Northern Minnesota are affected by this Court decision and some are faced with major financial problems if they pay Enbridge the tax refund due as a result of the Court decision.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners requests a State Legislative Financial Solution to address the tax refund due to Enbridge since the State was responsible for the valuation of the property. The State General Fund should be the funding source.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners requests the Minnesota Department of Revenue publicly support this legislative financial solution, utilizing funds from the State General Fund.

The Board discussed: Facilities/Technology, HRA, AMC, Development Achievement Center, Rum River Watershed, Budget Committee, Historical Society, Extension, Mississippi Headwaters, Aitkin Airport Commission, ATV Committee, Economic Development, Policy Fellows

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 10:57 a.m. until Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at the Aitkin County Government Center.

Board Discussion

Adjourn


J. Mark Wedel, Board Chair
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners


Jessica Seibert
County Administrator

