

# AITKIN COUNTY BOARD

February 8, 2022

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| <p>The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Aitkin Government Center with the following members present: Board Chair J. Mark Wedel, Commissioners Donald Niemi, Ann Marcotte, Brian Napstad, Laurie Westerlund, County Administrator Jessica Seibert, and Administrative Assistant Brittany Searle.</p>   | <p><b>Call to Order</b></p>                                  |
| <p>Motion made by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all voting yes to approve the amended February 8, 2022 agenda removing item 4A and moving item 2R to 9E.</p>  | <p><b>Approved Agenda</b></p>                                |
| <p>There was no Citizens' Public Comment</p>  | <p><b>Citizens' Public Comment</b></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><b>Consent Agenda</b></p>                                 |
| <p>A) Correspondence File January 25, 2022 to February 7, 2022; B) Approve January 25, 2022 County Board Minutes; C) Approve Electronic Funds Transfers \$1,916,804.83; D) Approve Commissioner Vouchers: General Fund \$167,169.06, Reserves Fund \$430.45, Road &amp; Bridge \$56,828.16, Special Revenue \$13,173.05, Health &amp; Human Services \$46,519.63, Trust \$6,491.40, Forest Development \$807.67, Long Lake Conservation Center \$7,092.39, Parks \$314.67, Coronavirus Relief Fund \$300.00 for a total of \$299,126.48; E) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – ELAN, FSA Claims, NSF Returned Check: General Fund \$3,452.42, Taxes &amp; Penalties \$1,288.20, for a total of \$4,740.62; F) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – Participant Fees, January 2022: General Fund \$693.60, for a total of \$693.60; G) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – FSA Claims #40093928: General Fund \$1,261.10, for a total of \$1,261.10; H) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – Unable to Locate: Taxes &amp; Penalties \$1,547.47, for a total of \$1,547.47; I) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – Camping Refund: Parks \$35.00, for a total of \$35.00; J) Approve Consumption &amp; Display Permit-Larson's Barn; K) Approve Consumption &amp; Display Permit-202 Tavern; L) Approve Consumption &amp; Display Permit-Hidden Meadows; M) Approve Fire Protection Contract with City of Palisade; N) Approve Consumption &amp; Display Permit-Minnewawa Sportsmen's Club; O) Approve MnDOT Agreement No. 1045991; P) Approve Airport Rescue Grant; Q) Approve Section Corner Project Bid Awarding and Contract Approval; R) Adopt Resolution: LG220 Permit-Up North ATV 2022; S) Adopt Resolution: LG220 Permit-Lawler Area Community Club;</p> |  |
| <p>Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted to approve – Consumption &amp; Display Permit-Larson's Barn.</p>   | <p><b>Consumption &amp; Display Permit-Larson's Barn</b></p> |
| <p>Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted to approve – Consumption &amp; Display Permit-202 Tavern.</p>  | <p><b>Consumption &amp; Display Permit-202 Tavern</b></p>    |

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| <p>Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted to approve – Consumption &amp; Display Permit-Hidden Meadows.</p>   | <p><b>Consumption &amp; Display Permit-Hidden Meadow</b></p>                   |
| <p>Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted to approve – Fire Protection Contract with City of Palisade.</p>  | <p><b>Fire Protection Contract with City of Palisade</b></p>                   |
| <p>Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted to approve – Consumption &amp; Display Permit-Minnewawa Sportsmen’s Club.</p>   | <p><b>Consumption &amp; Display Permit-Minnewawa Sportsmen’s Club</b></p>      |
| <p>Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted to adopt resolution: MnDOT Agreement No. 1045991.</p>   | <p><b>Resolution #20220208-019 MnDOT No. 1045991</b></p>                       |
| <p><b>WHEREAS</b>, the County of Aitkin has applied to the Commissioner of Transportation for a Grant from the Minnesota State Transportation Fund for construction of SAP 001-618-005, and</p>  |  |
| <p><b>WHEREAS</b>, the Commissioner of Transportation has given notice that funding for this local bridge replacement project is available, and</p>  |  |
| <p><b>WHEREAS</b>, the amount of the Grant has been determined to be \$420,588.05.</p>   |  |
| <p><b>NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b>, that the County of Aitkin does hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the grant consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 174.52 and will pay any additional amount by which the cost exceeds the estimate, and will return to the Minnesota State Transportation Fund any amount appropriated for the road project, but not required.</p> |  |
| <p><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b>, that the Aitkin County Engineer is authorized to execute the Agreement and any amendments to the Agreement.</p>  |  |
| <p>Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted to approve – Airport Rescue Grant.</p>  | <p><b>Airport Rescue Grant</b></p>   |
| <p>Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted to approve – Section Corner Project Bid Awarding and Contract Approval.</p>   | <p><b>Section Corner Project Bid Awarding and Contract Approval</b></p>        |
| <p>Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted to adopt resolution: LG220 Permit-Lawler Area Community Club;</p>   | <p><b>Resolution #20220208-021 LG220 Permit-Lawler Area Community Club</b></p> |
| <p><b>BE IT RESOLVED</b>, The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners agrees to approve the Application for Exempt Permit – Form LG220 – of the Lawler Area Community Club, at</p>  |  |

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the following location – Jackson’s Hole, which has an address of 36232 Kestrel Avenue, MN 55760 – Salo Township. (Note: Date of activity for Raffle – April 2, 2022)

Tim Terrill – Mississippi Headwaters Board Executive Director presented updates to the board.

**Tim Terrill-  
Mississippi  
Headwaters  
Board Executive  
Director**

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members present voted to approve Request Remand of Board Decision and Return to Planning Commission.

**Request Remand  
of Board Decision  
and Return to  
Planning  
Commission**

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

**Residential Waste  
Electronics  
Collection**

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voted to approve motion to table decision until the February 22, 2022 Aitkin County Board Meeting.

**Discretionary  
EAW-Gun Lake  
Family  
Campground**

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members present voted to approve Fiscal Recovery Fund-Request of Funding, Child Care Grant, Grant Approval.

**FRF-Request of  
Funding, Child  
Care Grant, Grant  
Approval**

Mark Jeffers – Economic Development Coordinator presented Economic Development Impact Report.

**Economic  
Development  
Impact Report**

Dennis Thompson– Interim Land Commissioner presented DNR’s Minnesota Heritage Forest Project.

**DNR’s Minnesota  
Heritage Forest  
Project**

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voted to adopt resolution – Set Public Hearing Date for Land Classification April 12, 2022;

**Resolution  
#20220208-023  
Public Hearing  
Land  
Classification**

**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.

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**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners hereby sets a public hearing for April 12, 2022 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.

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Wedel and carried, all members voted to adopt resolution – Transfer Municipal State-Aid Construction Funds;

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statute 162.08, Subd 4(d), provides that accumulated balances in excess of two years of municipal account apportionments may be spent on projects located outside of municipalities under 5000 population when approved solely by resolution of the county board.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Commissioner of Transportation transfer all Aitkin County Municipal Construction Funds in excess of two years' apportionment into the Aitkin County Regular Construction Account.

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members present voted to approve Schedule Committee of the Whole for February 15, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. in the Aitkin County Board Room.

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners, County of Aitkin, do hereby approve the following transfer of funds:

\$106,325.12 from Fund 22 Coronavirus Relief Fund (American Rescue Plan) to Fund 19 Long Lake Conservation Center (LLCC) to zero out the December 31, 2021 LLCC fund balance.

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

- Facilities Meeting
- Weekly MACA Calls
- Economic Development
- ARPA CliftonLarsonAllen Meeting
- MACA Executive Meeting
- House/Senate Bill Introductions

Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte. Roll call vote (3-0-2 Westerlund and Napstad abstained) to adopt resolution– LG220 Permit-Up North ATV 2022;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners agrees to approve the Application for Exempt Permit – Form LG220 – of the Up North Riders ATV Club Inc., at the following location – Fisherman's Bay, which has an address of 50933 State Highway 65, McGregor, MN 55760 – Workman Township. (Note: Date of activity for Raffle – October 8th, 2022).

The Board discussed: Aquatic Invasive Species, Community Corrections Advisory, ATV

**Resolution  
#20220208-024  
Municipal State-  
Aid Construction  
Funds**

**Schedule  
Committee of the  
Whole**

**Resolution  
#20220208-025  
LLCC Transfer**

**Administrator  
Updates**

**Resolution  
#20220208-020  
LG220 Permit-Up  
North ATV 2022**

**Board Discussion**

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Committee, Economic Development, Environmental Assessment Worksheet, Extension, Facilities, McGregor Airport Commission, Mississippi Headwaters Board, Northern Counties, Tribal Relations Meeting and Aitkin County ATV Alliance.

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m. until Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at the Aitkin County Government Center.

**Adjourn**

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

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Jessica Seibert  
County Administrator