

We harvest fuelwood off the back land, and after so long we harvest the front while that regrows. It would be a financial hardship because without our back property our heating gas bill would increase to over \$3,000 dollars in a heating year. Because of how much firewood we use in a heating season, we cannot afford firewood from suppliers.

and **WHEREAS**, the Applicants have made payment of all delinquent taxes of properties

and **WHEREAS**, this board is of the opinion that said applications should be granted for such reasons,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the application of Earl Nikko for the purchase of the above-described parcel of tax-forfeited land be and the same is hereby granted and the County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to permit such repurchase according to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 282.241, as amended.

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted to adopt resolution: Set Time and Date of 2023 Timber Auctions

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that certain tracts of timber on tax-forfeited lands in Aitkin County will be offered for sale on public auction, without the sale of land at 10:00 a.m. on May 15, 2023 to purchasers regardless of the number of employees.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that that certain tracts of timber on tax-forfeited lands in Aitkin County will be offered for sale on a sealed bid auction, without the sale of land at 2:00 p.m. on August 16, 2023 to purchasers regardless of the number of employees.

AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that that certain tracts of timber on tax-forfeited lands in Aitkin County will be offered for sale on public auction, without the sale of land at 9:00 a.m. on December 11, 2023 to purchasers regardless of the number of employees.

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted to adopt resolution: Utility Easement

Pursuant to the authority given to the undersigned County Auditor of Aitkin County, by the County Board of said County of Aitkin, as set forth in their resolution adopted by the County on October 11, 2022 to Lake Country Power of 26039 Bear Ridge Drive, Cohasset, MN 55721, a perpetual easement to construct and maintain a single-phase overhead powerline utility easement across the following Aitkin County managed lands:

The easement is described as follows:

A 40 foot wide easement for utility purposes over, under and across the following described parcels situated in Aitkin County, Minnesota:

The South Half (S1/2) of Section Eight (8), Township Fifty-two (52) North, Range Twenty-six (26) West, of the Fourth Principal Meridian

AND

The North Half of the Northeast Quarter (N1/2 of NE1/4), Section Seventeen (17), Township Fifty-two (52) North, Range Twenty-six (26) West, of the Fourth Principal Meridian

The centerline of said easement is described as follows:

COMMENCING at the northeast corner of the South Half (S1/2) of Section Eight (8), Township Fifty-two (52) North, Range Twenty-six (26) West, of the Fourth Principal Meridian, and assuming the east line of said South Half to bear south 0 degrees 18 minutes 29 seconds East; thence North 88 degrees 55 minutes 16 seconds West, along the north line of said South Half, a distance of 29.30 feet to the point of beginning of the centerline to be described; thence South 0 degrees 07 minutes 26 seconds West a distance of 3979.22 feet to the south line of the North Half of the Northeast Quarter (N1/2 of NE1/4), Section Seventeen (17), Township Fifty-two (52) North, Range Twenty-six (26) West, of the Fourth Principal Meridian, and said centerline there terminating.

and,

WHEREAS, said applicant will be charged \$7,346 for the easement and timber charges as appraised by the County Land Commissioner, and

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,

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 Lake Country Power of 26039 Bear Ridge Drive, Cohasset, MN 55721, a perpetual easement to use said strips of 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 communication 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 within ROW 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 (5) 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 old railroad right of way for many purposes such as a motorized and non-motorized recreation trail, 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. During construction and/or laying of the fiber optics line, the lessee shall keep the traveled area of the old railroad grade clear of slash, trees, and dirt mounds. The lessee shall post and sign the area where constructing so that other users of this trail on the old railroad right of way are notified and aware of the construction work.
9. After construction, the lessee shall mark the location of the fiber optics line and shall return the land to the same condition as prior to issuing of the easement.

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

<p>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</p> <p>Deanna Pomije presented Snake River Watershed Comprehensive Plan.</p> <p>Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voted to approve – Summer Camp Stipend.</p> <p>Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted to approve – Job Description: Election Support Specialist (Auditor’s Office).</p> <p>Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voted to approve – Recommendation from Consultant (Assessment Tech – Assessor’s Office)</p> <p>Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voted to adopt Resolution – Submission of LATCF Grant Applicant.</p> <p>WHEREAS, Section 605 of the Social Security Act (the Act), added by Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan (ARPA), established the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF), which provides for Treasury to pay \$2 billion to eligible revenue sharing counties and eligible Tribal governments across fiscal years 2022 and 2023 for use on any governmental purpose except for a lobbying activity, and</p> <p>WHEREAS, Aitkin County is defined as an eligible revenue sharing county and is eligible to receive \$50,000 for FY 2022 and \$50,000 for FY 2023.</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED, Kathleen Ryan, Aitkin County CFO/Chief Deputy Auditor, is authorized to request payment through the Treasury Submission Portal on behalf of Aitkin County.</p> <p>Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voted to approve – FRF Request – Warrant Processing – ApplicationXtender – Workflow Manager</p>	<p>Snake River Watershed Plan</p> <p>Summer Camp Stipend</p> <p>Job Desc: Election Support Specialist</p> <p>Recommendation from Consultant: Assessment Tech – Assessors Office</p> <p>Resolution #20221011-131 Submission of LATCF Grant Application</p> <p>FRF Request – Warrant Processing – AppXtender</p>
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AITKIN COUNTY BOARD

October 11, 2022

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voted to approve – Letter of Support for Huber Engineered Woods, LLC.

**Letter of Support
for Huber
Engineered
Woods, LLC**

The Board discussed: NE Waste Advisory, Budget, Economic Development, NE Area Transportation, NCLUB, McGregor Airport, Lakes and Pines, MN Rural Counties, NRAC, Community Corrections Advisory, Aitkin Airport, HHS Advisory.

Board Discussion

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted to close the meeting under MN Statute 13D.03 Subd.1(b) Negotiations at 10:57 a.m.

**Close Meeting
Under MN Statute
13D.03 Subd.1(b)
Labor
Negotiations**

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voted to reopen the meeting at 11:56 a.m.

Reopen Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 11:57 a.m. until Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at the Aitkin County Government Center.

Adjourn

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

Jessica Seibert
County Administrator