

<p>The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022 at 9:01 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>Motion made by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all voting yes to approve the October 25, 2022 agenda as amended – adding item 4B – Approval of Tree for Tree.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AITKIN COUNTY HEALTH &amp; HUMAN SERVICES BOARD</b> <b>October 25, 2022</b></p> <p><b>Attendance</b></p> <p>The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022, at 9:01 a.m. as the Aitkin County Health &amp; Human Services Board with the following members present: Commissioners J. Mark Wedel, Brian Napstad, Don Niemi, Ann Marcotte and Laurie Westerlund. Others present included: County Administrator Jessica Seibert, Admin/HR Administrative Assistant Brittany Searle, H&amp;HS Director Cynthia Bennett, H&amp;HS Administrative Assistant Paula Arimborgo, H&amp;HS Supervisors Carli Goble, Erin Melz, Kim Larson, Becca Person, Jessi Schultz &amp; Jessi Goble, H&amp;HS Union Staff, H&amp;HS Advisory Committee Members Mikki Brodhead &amp; Becky Koch and other public guests. Joining via WebEx: Jeanine Schram, Aitkin Independent Age.</p> <p><b>Approved Agenda</b></p> <p>Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members present voting yes to approve the October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Health &amp; Human Services agenda.</p> <p><b>Approved Minutes</b></p> <p>Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members present voting yes to approve the September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Health &amp; Human Services minutes.</p> <p><b>Approved Bills</b></p> <p>Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members present voting yes to approve the bills.</p> <p><b>Director Updates</b></p> <p>Cynthia Bennett, H&amp;HS Director updated the board on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Planning legislative priorities</li><li>- Director's Guide</li><li>- Received first round of Opioid dollars</li></ul>	<p><b>Call to Order</b></p> <p><b>Approved Agenda</b></p> <p><b>Health and Human Services</b></p>
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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2022 Fiscal Report

Carli Goble, H&HS Fiscal Supervisor presented to the board the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2022 Fiscal Report which included:

- Out of Home Placement Cost
- Adult Regional Treatment Center Costs
- Fund Balance
- Budget Update

## Committee Updates

The Board discussed the H&HS Advisory Committee, Tri-County Community Health Services, AEOA and CARE Board.

## Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.  
Next Meeting – November 22, 2022

## Citizen Public Comment:

- Nicole Laird – Financial Worker made comments that she wasn't in agreement with open pay range and concerns about new employees being brought in at a higher pay than current staff.
- Janet Hatfield – Financial Worker spoke about the board's fiscal responsibility to the county and questioned if the decisions from the board are responsible.
- Jeffrey Schmitt – Case Aid stated that asked the board "Why are you against step and grade?"

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting yes to approve the Consent Agenda as follows.

- A) Correspondence File October 11, 2022 to October 24, 2022
- B) Approve October 11, 2022 County Board Minutes
- C) Approve Electronic Funds Transfers for a total of \$1,103,075.82;
- D) Approve Commissioner's Vouchers – General \$308,077.33, Reserves \$177.00, Road & Bridge \$79,557.98, HHS \$24,064.43, State \$17,980.00, Trust \$5,442.70, Forest Development \$4,503.60, Taxes & Penalties \$1,729.00, Aitkin County Collaborative \$40,650.00, LLCC \$11,521.78, Parks \$2,810.07, COVID \$10,000.00 for a total of \$506,513.89;
- E) Approve Auditor's Vouchers – Sales Use and Diesel Tax – September 2022 – General \$258.29, Road & Bridge \$1,311.47, Trust \$14.80, LLCC \$63.34, Parks \$285.31 for a total of \$1,933.21;
- F) Approve Auditor's Vouchers – R&B Contract Payment – Road & Bridge \$230,619.46 for a total of \$230,619.46;
- G) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – FSA Claims 2022 Paid 10.05.2022 – General \$868.34 for a total of \$868.34;
- H) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – ELAN Paid 09.29.2022 General \$-

**Citizens' Public Comment**

**Consent Agenda**

2,049.65, Reserves \$175.00, Road & Bridge \$53.28, HHS \$1,175.55, LLCC \$645.82;  
 I) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – MTG Reg & Deed Tax, September 2022 – General \$0.08, State \$173,034.61 for a total of \$173,034.69;  
 J) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – FSA Claims 2022 Paid 10.11.2022 – General \$23.88 for a total of \$23.88;  
 K) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – FSA Claims and Camping Refund – General \$1,731.74, Parks \$80.80 for a total of \$1,812.57;  
 L) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – FSA Claims 2022 Paid 10.13.2022 – General \$25.00 for a total of \$25.00;  
 M) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – Special Fuel License – Road & Bridge \$25.00 for a total of \$25.00;  
 N) Approve Affidavit for Duplicate of Lost Warrant – PRT USA, INC  
 O) Accept Grant Award – Blandin Leadership Boost Grant  
 P) Adopt Resolution: Bikkie Repurchase of Tax-Forfeited Property

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voted to approve – Affidavit for Duplicate of Lost Warrant – PRT USA, INC.

**Affidavit for Duplicate of Lost Warrant – PRT USA, INC.**

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voted to accept – Blandin Leadership Boost Grant.

**Accept Blandin Leadership Boost Grant**

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voted to adopt resolution: Bikkie Repurchase of Tax-Forfeited Property

**Resolution #20221025-132 Bikkie Repurchase of Tax-Forfeited Property**

**WHEREAS**, Patricia Bikkie, Owner at the time of forfeiture. (Applicant)

**WHEREAS**, the Applicant has made and filed an application with the County Auditor for the repurchase of the hereinafter described parcel of tax-forfeited land, in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 282.241, of amended, which land is situated in the County of Aitkin, Minnesota and described as follows, to-wit:



Parcel # 11-1-190000      Derby Town Plat 43 Lot 9 Block 1      Sect: 32      Twp: 45      Rge: 27

and **WHEREAS**, said Applicants has set forth in his application that:

- A. Hardship and injustice has resulted because of forfeiture of said land, for the following reasons, to-wit:

Due to unfortunate medical hardship, I am reapplying for the above property. I have sustained an ankle fracture, hip fracture and fracture of my collarbone and thumb. This has resulted in decreased mobility. I entrusted a family member to pay the taxes which I learned they did not.

<p>Please consider this application for my property.</p> <p>B. That the repurchase of said land by me will promote and best serve the public interest because:</p> <p>I am a reliable and financially independent person who contributes to the City of Aitkin.</p> <p>and <b>WHEREAS</b>, the Applicants have made payment of all delinquent taxes of properties</p> <p>and <b>WHEREAS</b>, this board is of the opinion that said applications should be granted for such reasons,</p> <p><b>NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b>, That the application of Patricia Bikkie 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.</p> <p>Kristen Houle, CPA – CliftonLarsonAllen presented 2021 Audit Review.</p> <p>Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members present voted to approve Selling Tax-Forfeited Parcels Online through Public Surplus.</p> <p>Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members present voted to approve Tree – for – Tree Program.</p> <p>Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voted to adopt resolution – Equipment Purchase – Motor Grader;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b>, sealed bids were opened for a used motor grader at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, October 17, 2022 with a total of one bid received, and</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b>, J.J. Scheckel Corp., Bellevue, IA was the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$232,800.</p> <p><b>NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED</b>, that J.J. Scheckel Corp. be awarded the used motor grader bid.</p> <p>John Welle – County Engineer presented 2022 Highway Contract Summary.</p>	<p><b>2021 Audit Review</b></p> <p><b>Selling Tax-Forfeited through Public Surplus</b></p> <p><b>Tree – for – Tree Program</b></p> <p><b>Resolution #20221025-133 Equipment Purchase – Motor Grader</b></p> <p><b>2022 Highway Contract Summary</b></p>
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<p>Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members present voted to approve 2023 Highway Contract Summary.</p>	<b>2023 Highway Contract Summary</b>
<p>The Board discussed: Arrowhead Counties, AMC – District 1, HHS Advisory, Planning Commission, AMC Board, ACAT, Snake River Watershed, Northwoods Trail, Brainerd 1W1P.</p>	<b>Board Discussion</b>
<p>Jessica Seibert – County Commissioner presented 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Budget Review.</p>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Budget Review</b>
<p>Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members present voted to approve Snake River Watershed Comprehensive Plan as amended: replacing Bill Pratt with Donald Niemi and including statement "The Snake River Plan Partnership acknowledges tribal land within the watershed" in section 2-5.</p>	<b>Snake River Watershed Comprehensive Plan</b>
<p>Jessica Seibert, County Administrator updated the Board on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1<sup>st</sup> OPIOID Payment Received</li><li>• FEMA Discussions</li><li>• 1<sup>st</sup> Review of Audit RFP</li></ul>	<b>Administrator Updates</b>
<p>Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted to approve closing the meeting under MN Statute 13D.03 subd.1(b) Labor Negotiations at 12:32 p.m.</p>	<b>Close Meeting Under MN Statute 13D.03 subd.1(b) Labor Negotiations</b>
<p>Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Napstad to reopen meeting at 1:14 p.m.</p>	<b>Reopen</b>
<p>Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 1:14 p.m. until Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at the Aitkin County Government Center.</p>	<b>Adjourn</b>
<p> _____ J. Mark Wedel, Board Chair Aitkin County Board of Commissioners</p>	<p> _____ Jessica Seibert County Administrator</p>