



AITKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 25, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Government Center Board Room

Regular Session Minutes

1.A CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wedel called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
J. Mark Wedel	District #1	Present
Laurie Westerlund	District #2	Present
Travis Leiviska	District #3	Present
Bret Sample	District #4	Present
Michael Kearney	District #5	Present
Jessica Seibert	County Administrator	Present
April Kellerman	Administrative Assistant	Absent

1.B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1.C APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to: Approve the agenda, as amended.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner Bret Sample
SECONDER:	Commissioner Michael Kearney
	Removed item 4A and added item 9C

1.D Health & Human Services (see separate HHS Agenda)

1.E Citizens Public Comment by:

Tom Briant, Executive Director of Minnesota Wholesale Marketers Associations, addressed the Tobacco Ordinance.
 Anita Sonaglia, Business owner in Hill City, addressed the Tobacco Ordinance.
 Brandon Kellermann, Mark's Bar McGregor, addressed the Tobacco Ordinance
 Galen Tveit, Aitkin County Resident, addressed land forfeitures

2 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to: Approve the Consent Agenda.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner Bret Sample
SECONDER:	Commissioner Michael Kearney

A) Correspondence File-

June 11, 2024 - June 24, 2024

B) Approve County Board Minutes-

June 11, 2024

C) Approve Electronic Funds Transfers

Total	\$1,261,190.37
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D) Approve Commissioner's Vouchers

Commissioner Warrants 06.07.24

	General	Reserves	R&B	HHS	Total
	\$135,368.60	\$14,425.00	\$174,743.40	\$4,485.81	
	\$5,819.50	\$3,634.78	\$7,317.24	\$9,798.84	
	\$25,434.72				\$381,027.89

E) Adopt Resolution-

LG220 Application for Exempt Gambling - Ducks Unlimited Aitkin Area

F) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections-

ELAN 05.23.24

	General	Trust	HHS	Opioid	Total
	\$5,304.33	\$383.86	\$1,640.08	\$16.03	
					\$7,344.30

G) Approve Auditor Vouchers-

Sales/Use and Diesel Tax, May 2024

General	\$85.30	R&B	\$819.46	LLCC	\$277.65	Parks	\$416.80
						Total	\$1,599.21

H) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections-

Manual Warrants 06.14.24 Batch 1

General	\$1,466.07	Taxes	\$348.00	LLCC	\$447.07	Parks	\$80.00
						Total	\$2,341.14

I) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections-

Manual Warrants 06.14.24 Batch 2

General	\$106.84	State	\$61,447.71	Parks	\$50.00	Total	\$61,604.55
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J) Adopt Resolution-

App for Temporary On Sale Liquor License - Jacobson Community Center

K) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections-

ELAN 06.06.24

HHS	\$3,041.02	General	\$6,828.61	Reserves	\$200.00	Trust	\$300.85
Forest	\$484.00	LLCC	\$29.83			Total	\$10,884.31

L) Adopt Resolution-

Application for Temp On Sale Liquor License - Wealthwood Rod & Gun Club

M) Approve Commissioner's Vouchers

Commissioner Warrants 06.21.24

General	\$115,469.21	Reserves	\$324.61	R&B	\$461,736.50	HHS	\$11,450.36
State	\$6,919.00	Trust	\$11,353.25	Forest	\$1,415.57	LLCC	\$8,000.43
Parks	\$13,857.01					Total	\$630,525.94

N) Approve-

Affidavit for Duplicate of Lost Warrant

O) Approve Auditor Vouchers-

May Settlements 06.24.24

Township	\$4,893,269.57					Total	\$4,893,269.57
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P) Approve-

Climate Makers contract for jail controls

Q) Adopt Resolution-

Final Contract Payment (#20229)

Regular Agenda

3A Jessica Seibert – County Administrator

Informational Only

Minnesota Power Presentation

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

MOVER:

SECONDER:

4A Dennis Thompson – Land Commissioner

Motion to:

Adopt Resolution - Authorizing Land Commissioner to execute Widseth Contract

RESULT: ITEM REMOVED

MOVER:

SECONDER:

5A Mark Jeffers – Economic Development Coordinator

Motion to:

Award Grant: Business Development & Recreation Grant

RESULT: APPROVED (5 TO 0)

MOVER: Commissioner Laurie Westerlund

SECONDER: Commissioner Travis Leiviska

6A John Welle – County Engineer

Motion to:

Adopt Resolution - Award Contract 20247

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY
MOVER: Commissioner Bret Sample
SECONDER: Commissioner Laurie Westerlund

7A Andrew Carlstrom – Environmental Services Director

Informational Only

Second Reading - Emergency Interim Zoning on New or Expanding Cannabis Ordinance

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY
MOVER:
SECONDER:

7B Andrew Carlstrom – Environmental Services Director

Motion to:

Adopt Resolution - Emergency Interim Zoning on New or Expanding Cannabis Ordinance

RESULT: APPROVED (5 TO 0)
MOVER: Commissioner Travis Leiviska
SECONDER: Commissioner Laurie Westerlund

8A Bobbie Danielson – Human Resources Director

Motion to:

Ratify Local 49 2025-2027 Agreement

RESULT: APPROVED (5 TO 0)
MOVER: Commissioner Laurie Westerlund
SECONDER: Commissioner Bret Sample

9A Jessica Seibert – County Administrator

Informational Only

Tobacco Ordinance - Direction Requested

RESULT: DIRECTION REQUESTED
MOVER:
SECONDER:

9B Jessica Seibert – County Administrator

Informational Only

Administrator Updates

DH meeting, AFSCME negotiations, meeting with Marie D. - JET, Facilities meeting, CRPD meeting, HR Training, LLCC Fundraiser, United Way annual meeting

9C Jessica Seibert – County Administrator

Motion to:

Adopt Resolution - State of Emergency

RESULT: APPROVED (5 TO 0)
MOVER: Commissioner Laurie Westerlund
SECONDER: Commissioner Bret Sample

10A Board of Commissioners

Informational Only

Commissioner Committee Reports

Board of Equalization, LLCC fundraiser, Snake River Watershed

Motion to Adjourn

Motion made at 11:36 a.m.

MOVER: Commissioner Travis Leiviska
SECONDER: Commissioner Bret Sample
Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 9, 2024

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

Jessica Seibert
County Administrator