



AITKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 8, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Government Center Board Room

Regular Session Minutes

1.A CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wedel called the meeting to order at 9:00 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
	County Administrator	
April Kellerman	Administrative Assistant	Absent

1.B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1.C APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to: Approve the agenda.

RESULT: APPROVED (5 TO 0)
MOVER: Commissioner Laurie Westerlund
SECONDER: Commissioner Michael Kearney

1.D Citizens Public Comment - None

2 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to: Approve the Consent Agenda.

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

A) Correspondence File-

March 25, 2025 - April 7, 2025

B) Approve County Board Minutes-

March 25, 2025

C) Approve Electronic Funds Transfers

Total	\$997,982.77
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D) Approve Auditor Vouchers-

Auditor Warrants - HHS 03.21.25

HHS	\$91,996.76					Total	\$91,996.76
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E) Approve Commissioner's Vouchers

Commissioner Warrants 03.28.25

General	\$152,134.80	Reserves	\$54.29	R&B	\$131,906.43	Unorgan.	\$800.00
HHS	\$1,178.00	State	\$6,668.00	Trust	\$6,752.85	Forest	\$8,394.94
Taxes	\$398.00	LLCC	\$517.95	Parks	\$149.99	Total	\$308,955.25

F) Adopt Resolution-

LG220 Application for Exempt Gambling - Ducks Unlimited Aitkin Area

G) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections-

ELAN 03.13.25

General	\$9,836.78	Trust	(\$75.00)	LLCC	\$140.47	R&B	\$1,242.93
HHS	\$488.62					Total	\$11,633.80

H) Approve Auditor Vouchers-

Auditor Warrants - HHS 03.28.25

HHS	\$28,459.84					Total	\$28,459.84
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I) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections-

Manual Warrants 03.31.25

General	\$2,349.49					Total	\$2,349.49
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J) Adopt Resolution-

LG214 Premises Permits - Tamarack Sno-Flyers

K) Adopt Resolution-

LG220 Application for Exempt Permit - Moose-Willow Sportsman Club

L) Adopt Resolution-

2024 Annual Apportionment Percentages of Forfeited Tax Sales

M) Adopt Resolution-

2024 Annual Apportionment of Forfeited Tax Sales

N) Approve-

Purchase two new Ford trucks

O) Adopt Resolution-

Final Contract Payment #20244

Regular Agenda

3A Mark Jeffers

Informational Only

HOPE Presentation

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY
MOVER:
SECONDER:

3B Mark Jeffers

Informational Only

Aitkin County CHA & CHIP Presentation

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY
MOVER:
SECONDER:

4A Mark Jeffers – Economic Development Coordinator

Motion to:

Award Business Development & Recreation Grants

RESULT: APPROVED (5 TO 0)
MOVER: Commissioner Bret Sample
SECONDER: Commissioner Travis Leiviska

Mark Jeffers – Economic Development Coordinator

4B **Motion to:**

Approve Support Letter Mille Lacs Energy

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

Mark Jeffers – Economic Development Coordinator

4C **Motion to:**

Approve Support Letter East Central Energy

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

5A John Welle – County Engineer

Motion to:

Approve Engineering Services Agreement

RESULT: APPROVED (5 TO 0)
MOVER: Commissioner Bret Sample
SECONDER: Commissioner Travis Leiviska

6A Andrew Carlstrom – Environmental Services Director

Motion to:

Approve Residential Waste Electronics Collection

RESULT: APPROVED (5 TO 0)

MOVER: Commissioner Laurie Westerlund

SECONDER: Commissioner Travis Leiviska

6B Andrew Carlstrom – Environmental Services Director

Motion to:

Request rescinding of Resolution 20250311-032

ROLL CALL VOTE: Approve Unanimously (5-0) with recommended changes

MOVER: Commissioner Bret Sample

SECONDER: Commissioner Michael Kearney

6C Andrew Carlstrom – Environmental Services Director

Motion to:

Request Public Hearing for Proposed Feedlot

RESULT: APPROVED (5 TO 0)

MOVER: Commissioner Michael Kearney

SECONDER: Commissioner Bret Sample

May 13, 2025 at 10:00a.m. in the Aitkin County Government Center Board Room

7A Mike Dangers – County Assessor

Discussion Item

2025 Assessment Summary - Discussion Item

RESULT:

MOVER:

SECONDER:

8A Jim Bright – Facilities Coordinator

Motion to:

Approve Widseth agreement for roofing design

RESULT: APPROVED (5 TO 0)

MOVER: Commissioner Travis Leiviska

SECONDER: Commissioner Michael Kearney

9A Bobbie Danielson – Human Resources Director

County Administrator Recruitment Update and Process Moving Forward - Direction Requested

RESULT: DIRECTION REQUESTED

MOVER:

SECONDER:

10A Board of Commissioners

Informational Only

Commissioner Committee Reports

HHS Advisory, JET, MN Rural Counties, AMC Leadership Summit

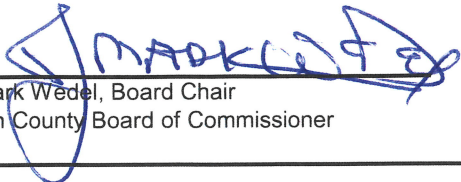
Motion to Adjourn

Motion made at 11:20 a.m.

MOVER: Commissioner Travis Leiviska

SECONDER: Commissioner Laurie Westerlund

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 22, 2025


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

John Welle

Digitally signed by John Welle
Date: 2025.04.23 07:16:28 -05'00'

John Welle
County Engineer