AITKIN COUNTY BOARD April 9, 2013

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 9th day of April, 2013 at 9:03 a.m. with the following members present: Chairperson J. Mark Wedel, Commissioners Laurie Westerlund, Don Niemi, and Anne Marcotte. Commissioner Brian Napstad was absent. County Administrator Patrick Wussow, and Administrative Assistant Sue Bingham were also present.	**CALL TO ORDER**
Chairperson Wedel closed the meeting at 9:04 a.m. under MN Statute 13D.05 Subd. 1(b) Labor Negotiations.	**CLOSED SESSION**
Chairperson Wedel reopened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.	**OPEN MEETING**
Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve the April 9, 2013 amended agenda. Item 7D) Resolution – 2013 Federal Boating Safety Patrol Supplement Grant, was added.	**APPROVED AGENDA**
Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: A) Correspondence File: March 26, 2013 – April 8, 2013; B) Approve County Board Minutes: March 26, 2013; C) Approve Commissioner Warrants: General Fund $149,827.67, Road & Bridge $443,209.32, Health & Human Services $105.60, Trust $6,696.73, Forest Development $15,936.93, Long Lake Conservation Center $4,081.70, Parks $3,469.88 for a total of $623,327.83; D) Approve Auditor Warrants – Tax Overpays: Taxes & Penalties $576.00; E) Accept $200 Donation to STS – Nordland Township; F) Approve Non-union Wage Schedules 2011-2014; G) Approve Personnel Committee Recommendations H) Approve Renewal of Consumption & Display (Set Up) Permit – Rae Ann Halverson, d/b/a Cajun Queen – Shamrock Township; I) Approve Purchase of Four Squads – Sheriff's Dept.; J) Approve Resolution – Transportation Funding; K) Approve Resolution – Auditor, Treasurer and Recorder Positions; L) Approve Public Auction of Vehicle – Sheriff's Dept.; M) Approve Public Auction of Used Tires – Sheriff's Dept.; N) Approve Leave of Absence Request – Jerry DeWitt; O) Award Bids/Quotes: 1. Resolution – Calcium Chloride, 2. Pavement Markings, 3. Gravel Crushing	**CONSENT AGENDA**
Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve Personnel Committee Recommendations:	**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**
1. Fill one full-time Office Support Specialist in the Health & Human Services Department. This position is vacant due to a resignation.	**OFFICE SUPPORT SPECIALIST**
2. Fill one full-time Forestry/Parks Technician in the Land Department. This position is vacant due to employee transfer to Recreation Specialist position.	**FORESTRY/ PARKS TECHNICIAN**
3. Effective January 1, 2013, amend County Administrator's original employment agreement to read, "During the month of January of each year, the County Administrator will be evaluated by the County Board, and upon satisfactory performance, the Administrator's salary shall be adjusted in accordance with the County's uniform compensation schedule."	**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AGREEMENT**

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve the budgeted purchase of four 2013 Chevrolet Impalas at the state bid price of $20,625.70 each, for a total cost of $82,502.80 through Thane Hawkins Polar Chevrolet.	**PURCHASE FOUR SQUADS – SHERIFF'S DEPT.**
Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution – Transportation Funding: **WHEREAS,** Minnesota Counties have had to rely increasingly on local property tax to maintain roads and bridges, and **WHEREAS,** the annual funding gap for counties has resulted in deferring basic maintenance and delaying expansion projects, resulting in increased safety concerns and missed economic growth for businesses and commuters, and **WHEREAS,** the rural road networks in the state should be adequate to bring goods to market, and **WHEREAS,** transportation-related jobs put over $2.8 billion in the pockets of Minnesotans and generated almost $195 million in income tax revenue in 2011, and **WHEREAS**, according to the Federal Highway Administration, (FHWA) every $1 billion invested in highway construction would support approximately 27,800 jobs, and **WHEREAS,** the overall transportation and transit funding gap for Minnesota now exceeds $2.1 billion dollars per year for the next twenty years, and **WHEREAS,** transportation funding comes primarily from user fees and are constitutionally dedicated to transportation purposes, and **WHEREAS,** the wheelage fee and local option sales tax for transportation should be options for all county boards to implement to meet their specific county needs, and **WHEREAS,** a comprehensive transportation solution should include funding for roads, bridges and transit, and address the varying needs in different parts of the state. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners encourages the Minnesota Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign a bill that brings adequate funding to Minnesota's statewide transportation system.	**RESOLUTION 040913-042 TRANSPORTATION FUNDING**
Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution – Auditor, Treasurer and Recorder Positions: **WHEREAS,** more than 70% of Minnesotans live in a county where one or more of the Auditor, Treasurer, and Recorder positions have been appointed with legislative approval, and **WHEREAS,** under current law every County Board is required to seek special legislation to appoint any of the three officials, and	**RESOLUTION 040913-043 AUDITOR, TREASURER AND RECORDER**

	POSITIONS
WHEREAS, Senate File 966 and House File 800 would provide a uniform process for elected County Boards and local citizens in the State of Minnesota to make this transition if they so choose, and **WHEREAS,** Aitkin County is not currently seeking special legislation, but recognizes there would be significant cost savings, and **WHEREAS,** if legislature approves these bills, special legislation would not be required for the remaining counties. **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners supports S.F. 966 and H.F. 800.	
Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve public auction of the following vehicle seized under DWI forfeiture - 1998 Polaris Magnum ATV.	**PUBLIC AUCTION OF VEHICLE – SHERIFF'S DEPT.**
Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve public auction of approximately 20 tires used and removed from squad cars.	**PUBLIC AUCTION OF USED TIRES – SHERIFF'S DEPT.**
Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting to approve resolution – Calcium Chloride: **WHEREAS,** Tri-City Paving, Inc. P.O. Box 326, Little Falls, MN 56425, was the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of $274,973.72 for the 2013 Aitkin County application of Liquid Calcium Chloride. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that Tri-City Paving, Inc. be awarded the contract for the 2013 application of Liquid Calcium Chloride.	**RESOLUTION 040913-044 CALCIUM CHLORIDE**
Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve quote for pavement markings from Traffic Marking Services of Maple Lake, MN in the amount of $50,860.67.	**PAVEMENT MARKINGS**
Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve quote for aggregate processing from DLL Excavating of Little Falls, MN in the amount of $71,100.	**GRAVEL CRUSHING**
The Board held a telephone conference with Senator Carrie Ruud and Representative Joe Radinovich. The Senator and Representative updated the Board on recent legislative activities.	**RUUD & RADINOVICH CONFERENCE CALL**
Break: 10:21 a.m. to 10:36 a.m.	**BREAK**

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to adopt proposed amendments to the General Zoning Ordinance, effective April 9, 2013.	**GENERAL ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS**
Sheriff Scott Turner held a Public Hearing for Social Host Ordinance. Public comments in support of the proposed Social Host Ordinance were heard by Chad Pederson, Aitkin High School/Middle School Principal; Terry Thompson, Chief of Police; and Donald Hoffman, Resident. One letter opposing the proposed ordinance was received. The readings for the proposed Social Host Ordinance, with revisions, will be held during the April 23rd and May 14th County Board meetings.	**PUBLIC HEARING SOCIAL HOST ORDINANCE**
Sheriff Scott Turner provided an on-line demonstration of the CodeRED emergency communications system to the Board. Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting yes to approve use of E911 funds to purchase this service. The cost to purchase this service for the remainder of 2013 is $4,922.53. The full annual cost is $6,884.00.	**CodeRED DEMONSTRATION**
Sheriff Scott Turner updated the Board on the 800 Mhz radio system.	**800 MHZ RADIO UPDATE**
Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution – 2013 Federal Boating Safety Patrol Supplement Grant: **BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners approve the 2013 Boat and Water Federal Boating Safety Patrol Supplemental Agreement on file in the Office of the County Auditor and authorize the Aitkin County Sheriff, County Board Chair and County Auditor to sign the agreement in the amount of $6,375.00 for the term of May 10, 2013 through September 2, 2013.	**RESOLUTION 040913-045 2013 FEDERAL BOATING SAFETY PATROL SUPPLEMENT GRANT**
Break: 12:07 p.m. to 1:06 p.m.	**BREAK**
Patrick Wussow, County Administrator recognized employees for their years of service. • Jeannie Croatt, 25 years - Dispatcher, Sheriff's Office • Eileen Foss, 25 years – Financial Supervisor, Health & Human Services	**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**
Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve request to authorize County Board Chairman to sign a letter authorizing Central Planes Aviation to aerial spray to control army tent caterpillars under a congested area permit for the FAA and Department of Agriculture.	**CENTRAL PLANES AVIATION**
Patrick Wussow, County Administrator discussed the 2014 budget process with the Board.	**2014 BUDGET**

ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

Mike Dangers, County Assessor reviewed the 2013 Assessment Summary with the Board.

BOARD DISCUSSION

The Board reported on the following:

Commissioner Don Niemi

- Attended ATP meeting in Hermantown with County Engineer John Welle. Area road projects were discussed.
- Library Board in Cambridge - Sherlock the Fox is their new promotional mascot.
- Ag Workshop on March 25th – discussed grass fed beef.

Commissioner Anne Marcotte

- Economic Development – Quadna Mountain Park is hosting a mud run event in June; attended ATV Workshop on March 13th; Flo tour coming up in May.

Commissioner Laurie Westerlund

- Park Board – Monday, April 8th. Met with Scott Rian.
- Mille Lacs Watershed – met Friday, April 5th. Working on a five-year plan.
- LLCC Reaccreditation – attended with Patrick Wussow.

Commissioner J. Mark Wedel

- Aitkin Airport – Now FAA written testing center
- Historical Society – No changes with the railroad

ADJOURN

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting to adjourn the meeting at 2:24 p.m. until Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

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J. Mark Wedel, Chairperson
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

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Patrick Wussow, County Administrator