

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013 at 9:01 a.m. with the following members present: Chairperson J. Mark Wedel, Commissioners Laurie Westerlund, Don Niemi, Brian Napstad, Anne Marcotte, County Administrator Patrick Wussow, and Administrative Assistant Sue Bingham.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting yes to approve the March 26, 2013 amended agenda. Item 7A1) Resolution – Conservation Property Tax Valuation, was added.

**APPROVED AGENDA**

**AITKIN COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
March 26, 2013**

**HEALTH &  
HUMAN  
SERVICES  
BOARD**

**I. Attendance**

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 26th day of March, 2013, at 9:04 a.m. as the Aitkin County Health & Human Services Board, with the following members present: Chairperson Commissioner Mark Wedel; Commissioners Anne Marcotte, Brian Napstad, Don Niemi, and Laurie Westerlund; and others present included: County Administrator Patrick Wussow; H&HS Director Tom Burke; Staff Members Susan Cebelinski and Sue Tange, Social Services Supervisors; Kathleen Ryan, Fiscal Supervisor; Cynthia Bennett, Public Health Supervisor; Eileen Foss, Income Maintenance Supervisor; Julie Lueck, Clerk to the Health & Human Services Board; and guests; Roberta Elvecrog, DAC & HHS Advisory; Bob Lewis, HHS Advisory Member; Janet Hatfield, County Financial Worker; and Jeanne Schram, Aitkin Independent Age.

**II. Approval of Health & Human Services Board Agenda**

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte, and carried; the vote was to approve the agenda as amended with the addition of a Resolution under V.-B.

**III. Review February 26, 2013 Health & Human Service Board Minutes**

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte, and carried; the vote was to approve the February 26, 2013 Health & Human Services Board Meeting Minutes as mailed/posted.

**IV. Review Bills**

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi, and carried; the vote was to approve the Bills as presented this date.

**V. General/Miscellaneous Information**

**A. NACO Update – Tom Burke** reviewed the ‘Why Counties Matter’ handout as well as the four Policy Briefs which included: 1- Protect the Federal-State-Local Partnership for Medicaid, 2-Fund the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 3-Protect the Prevention and Public Health Fund, 4-Extend Health Benefit Coverage to Pre-Trial Jail Inmates.

**B. AMC Policy for Human Services Update - Tom Burke** updated the Board on the Human Services Technology Investment of \$29 million in the Governor’s Budget for this project.

**RESOLUTION - # 032613-035**

**Request Governor of Minnesota to Maintain Budgeted  
\$29 Million for Human Services Technology**

**RESOLUTION  
032613-035  
REQUEST  
GOVERNOR OF  
MINNESOTA TO  
MAINTAIN  
BUDGETED  
\$29 MILLION FOR  
HUMAN  
SERVICES  
TECHNOLOGY**

**WHEREAS**, the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) and the Minnesota Association of County Social Service Administrators (MACSSA) both believe Human Services Technology Modernization is a top priority for this legislative session; and

**WHEREAS**, the House and Senate both set budget targets last week which include reductions in the area of health and human services, which will put this county priority in stiff competition with other budget items; and

**WHEREAS**, many state programs are running on antiquated DOS based systems developed in the 1980s; and

**WHEREAS**, there is high risk of system failure if the state does not replace old systems thereby noting we can either invest now or spend significantly more money later; and

**WHEREAS**, this is not just a State and County administrative problem, as clients will get better, more timely services if we have more efficient technology systems; and

**WHEREAS**, we have a golden opportunity to leverage federal financial participation via the Affordable Care Act with a relatively small state investment; and

**WHEREAS**, failure to invest now will result in a significantly higher state investment later; and

**WHEREAS**, better systems are needed because most counties won't be able to add staff, despite a growing workload from the Medical Assistance expansion.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners requests the Governor maintain \$29 million in his budget for Human Services Technology.

Commissioner Marcotte moved the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Niemi, and it was declared adopted upon the following vote:

Members Present: 5            ALL MEMBERS VOTING            "Yes"

**VI. Administrative Reports:**

**A. Financial & Transportation Reports** – Kathy Ryan, Fiscal Supervisor, noted there were no significant changes to report.

**VII. Joint Powers Board Reports:**

Tri-County Community Health Services Board (CHS) – Commissioner Westerlund introduced Cynthia Bennett as the new CHS Administrator. Cynthia noted at the most recent meeting, they were reviewing the minutes from the last CHS meeting and the budget was not approved because there needed to be some minor changes.

**VIII. Committee Reports from Commissioners**

- A. AEOA / NEMOJT Committee Updates** – Commissioner Napstad noted that neither committee has met since our last Board meeting.
- B. CJI (Children’s Justice Initiative)** – Sue Tange updated the Board that they had a very good discussion regarding truancy and the need for uniform

responses.

**Next Meeting – April 23, 2013**

Break: 10:02 a.m. to 10:16 a.m.

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: A) Correspondence File: March 12, 2013 – March 25, 2013; B) Approve County Board Minutes: March 12, 2013; C) Approve Commissioner Warrants: General Fund \$108,467.52, Road & Bridge \$63,933.73, Special Revenue \$7,377.00, Health & Human Services \$942.82, State \$90.00, Trust \$14,285.58, Forest Development \$2,919.50, Long Lake Conservation Center \$6,771.41, Parks \$34,228.89 for a total of \$239,016.45; D) Approve Auditor Warrants – February Sales & Use Tax: General Fund \$549.87, Road & Bridge \$7,791.99, Health & Human Services \$13.42, State \$6,168.50, Trust \$11.20, Forest Development \$93.34, Long Lake Conservation Center \$80.59, Parks \$8.49 for a total of \$14,717.40; E) Approve Tobacco Licenses; F) Approve Public Auction of Vehicles – Sheriff’s Dept.; G) Approve Resolution – 2013 Boat & Water Safety Grant Agreement; H) Approve Renewal of Consumption & Display (Set Up) Permit: Danny J. Volk, d/b/a Hidden Meadows Campground on Blind Lake – Unorg 48-27 Township; I) Approve Resolution – Minnesota National Golf Course Liquor License; J) Approve Resolution – Central Specialties, Inc. vs Aitkin County; K) Approve Brat Sale – Aitkin Area Persian Gulf Support Group; L) Approve Resolution – Exempt Permit LG220 of the Wealthwood Rod & Gun Club

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve the following Applications for License to Sell Tobacco Products for the period ending March 31, 2014:

- # 01 Bann’s Bar & Café, Inc., d/b/a **Banns Bar & Cafe** – Shamrock Township
- # 02 J & S Resort LLC, d/b/a **Barnacles** – Wealthwood Township
- # 03 Cuddler Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a **Big Sand Bar** – Workman Township
- # 04 Zorbaz of Big Sandy Lake, Inc., d/b/a **Big Zandy Zorbaz** – Shamrock Township
- # 05 MacDonald Enterprises of Malmo, Inc., d/b/a **Castaway’s Resort** – Lakeside Township
- # 06 WB Hay Point, Inc., d/b/a **Corner Club** – Macville Township
- # 07 Denny M. Solsvig, d/b/a **Denny’s Lakeview Inn LLC** – Glen Township
- # 08 ML Gas, Inc., d/b/a **East Lake Convenience Store** – Spalding Township
- # 09 Farm Island Store, Inc., d/b/a **Farm Island Store** – Farm Island Township
- # 10 N5 Corporation, d/b/a **Fisherman’s Bay** – Workman Township
- # 11 Grill of Glen Inc., d/b/a **The Glen Store & Grill Inc.** – Malmo Township
- # 12 Harry Ray Hilton, d/b/a **Harry’s Midtown Liquor** – City of Hill City
- # 13 K.L. Gulbraa, Inc., d/b/a **Hill City Liquors** – City of Hill City
- # 14 Rips HLI, Inc., d/b/a **Horseshoe Lake Inn** – Shamrock Township
- # 15 Pepera Properties, Inc., d/b/a **Jacksons Hole** – Salo Township
- # 16 Almar Holdings, LLC, d/b/a **The Junction** – Hazelton Township
- # 17 MacDonald Ent. of Aitkin, Inc., d/b/a **The Landing** – Aitkin Township
- # 18 Lazy Timber Enterprises, LLC, d/b/a **Malmo Market** – Malmo Township
- # 19 James R. Miller, d/b/a **Mark’s Bar** – City of McGregor
- # 20 K & J C-Stores, Inc., d/b/a **McGregor Holiday Station Store #3574** – City of McGregor

**HHS BOARD  
ADJOURNED**

**BREAK**

**REGULAR BOARD  
RECONVENED**

**CONSENT  
AGENDA**

**TOBACCO  
LICENSES**

- # 21 Rasley Oil Co., d/b/a **McGregor Oil** – City of McGregor
- # 22 Big Sandy Golf, Inc., d/b/a **Minnesota National Golf Course** – Workman Township
- # 23 Lori Michelle Olson, d/b/a **Olson’s Mississippi Landing** – Ball Bluff Township
- # 25 Bodway Properties, Inc., d/b/a **Prairie River Retreat** – Shamrock Township
- # 26 Frederick & Deborah Dally, d/b/a **Red Door Resort & Motel** – Wealthwood Township
- # 27 Klennert Stores, Inc., d/b/a **Roadside Market** – City of Hill City
- # 28 Sather’s Gateway, Inc., d/b/a **Sather’s Store** – Shamrock Township
- # 29 Klennert Stores, Inc., d/b/a **Sunny’s** – City of Hill City
- # 30 TJ’s Liquor, Inc., d/b/a **TJ’s Liquor** – Malmo Township
- # 31 Mark Kenneth Ukura, d/b/a **Ukura’s Big Dollar** – Jevne Township
- # 32 Westerlund Inc., d/b/a **Westerlund’s** – Malmo Township
- # 33 Jacque Saari, d/b/a **Whispering Pines** – Shamrock Township
- # 34 Minnewawa Partners, LLC, d/b/a **Wiley’s Sport Shop** – Shamrock Township

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve public auction of the following vehicle, seized under DWI forfeiture: 1999 Ford Explorer

**PUBLIC AUCTION  
OF VEHICLE –  
SHERIFF’S DEPT.**

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution – 2013 Boat & Water Safety Grant Agreement:

**RESOLUTION  
032613-036  
2013 BOAT &  
WATER SAFETY  
GRANT  
AGREEMENT**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners approves the 2013 Boat and Water Safety 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 \$18,628.00 for the term of January 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014.

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution – Minnesota National Golf Course Liquor License:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners agree to approve the following liquor license for a period ending December 31, 2013:

**RESOLUTION  
032613-037  
MINNESOTA  
NATIONAL GOLF  
COURSE LIQUOR  
LICENSE**

“ON”, “OFF” and “SUNDAY” Sale:

Big Sandy Golf, Inc., d/b/a **Minnesota National Golf Course** - Workman Township  
This establishment has an address of 23247 480<sup>th</sup> St., McGregor, MN 55760

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution – Central Specialties, Inc. vs Aitkin County (File No 01-CV-10-328):

**RESOLUTION  
032613-038  
CENTRAL  
SPECIALTIES,  
INC. VS AITKIN  
COUNTY (FILE NO  
01-CV-10-328)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners approve and accept the Mediated Settlement Agreement for the above-referenced case.

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve Aitkin Area Persian Gulf Support Group’s Annual Brat Sale on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in front of the Aitkin County Courthouse.

**ANNUAL BRAT SALE**

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution – Exempt Permit LG220 of the Wealthwood Rod & Gun Club:

**RESOLUTION  
032613-039  
EXEMPT PERMIT  
LG220 OF THE  
WEALTHWOOD  
ROD & GUN CLUB**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners agree to approve the Application for Exempt Permit – Form LG220 – of the Wealthwood Rod & Gun Club, at the following location – Wealthwood Rod & Gun Club, which has an address of 23573 420<sup>th</sup> Place, Aitkin, MN 56431 – Hazelton Township. (Note: Date of activity for Raffle – September 28, 2013)

Sheriff Scott Turner gave the Board an update on the status of the 800 Mhz radio project.

**800 MHZ RADIO UPDATE**

Sheriff Scott Turner discussed CodeRED Emergency Communications Network with the Board, and requested \$6,884.00 from dedicated E911 funds be used to purchase this service. It is an annual cost with a yearly opt out option. The Board asked that an on-line presentation of CodeRED be scheduled before a final decision is made.

**CodeRED  
EMERGENCY  
COMMUNICATION  
NETWORK**

Jeff Holubar, MCIT Loss Control Consultant reviewed the MCIT Annual Report with the Board.

**MCIT ANNUAL UPDATE**

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting to set May 4, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at Waukenabo Town Hall, 36797 Grove Street, Palisade as the date, time, and place to hold a public meeting on the Round Lake Outlet Control Structure, subject to the availability of Waukenabo Town Hall. An alternate date of May 25<sup>th</sup> was chosen if the Town Hall is not available on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

**PUBLIC MEETING  
ROUND LAKE  
OUTLET  
CONTROL  
STRUCTURE**

Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution – Aitkin County & Mille Lacs County Joint Powers Agreement:

**WHEREAS**, Aitkin County is planning to improve County Road 60 in Idun Township under C.P. 01-60-02, and

**RESOLUTION  
032613-040  
AITKIN COUNTY &  
MILLE LACS  
COUNTY JOINT  
POWERS  
AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Mille Lacs County is planning to improve a portion of County Road 132 in Eastside Township under SAP 048-596-009, and

**WHEREAS**, both referenced projects are in close proximity to each other, and

**WHEREAS**, the representatives of both Aitkin and Mille Lacs Counties believe that cost savings will be realized by combining the projects and letting them under a single construction contract, and

# AITKIN COUNTY BOARD

March 26, 2013

**WHEREAS**, a Joint Powers Agreement between Aitkin and Mille Lacs Counties has been drafted for this purpose.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chairman of the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners and the Aitkin County Administrator are hereby authorized to enter into the Joint Powers Agreement herein attached.

Terry Neff, Environmental Services Director reviewed the General Zoning Ordinance amendments that were approved by the Planning Commission at the March 18, 2013 Public Hearing with the Board. After discussion and minor changes, the Board agreed it should be on the next Board agenda for final adoption.

Break: 12:23 p.m. to 12:34 p.m.

Patrick Wussow, County Administrator discussed resolutions the Board has passed in support of proposed legislative bills, where the bills stand at present in the legislature, and asked the Board if there were any other bills they would like to support by resolution.

Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried (4-1 Niemi), to approve resolution – Conservation Property Tax Valuation:

**WHEREAS**, substantial Minnesota sales tax dollars from the Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Amendment have gone to fund conservation easements in this State, and

**WHEREAS**, these conservation easements should not be used to reduce the property tax valuations of encumbered lands resulting in increased tax burdens for many other property owners, and

**WHEREAS**, the valuation of property in the fee simple estate provides a more equitable system of property taxation, and

**WHEREAS**, several thousand acres of conservation easement encumbered land exists in Aitkin County.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Aitkin County Board supports the current language of House File 1012 and Senate File 1161.

Patrick Wussow, County Administrator discussed the invitation to Long Lake Conservation Center's reaccreditation external review on March 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. in the School House building at LLCC.

The Board reported on the following:

Commissioner Brian Napstad

- **Environmental Congress** – There were many top notch speakers, including Governor Dayton as the keynote speaker, and Amy Klobuchar as the final speaker.

**GENERAL  
ZONING  
ORDINANCE  
AMENDMENTS**

**BREAK**

**LEGISLATIVE  
UPDATES**

**RESOLUTION  
032613-041  
CONSERVATION  
PROPERTY TAX  
VALUATION**

**LLCC EXTERNAL  
REVIEW**

**BOARD  
DISCUSSION**

EQB retreat is being planned.

- **Association of MN Counties** – Attended March 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> in St. Paul, attended Environment and Natural Resources Policy Committee Meetings, discussed PILT, and other legislative issues.
- **Shamrock Town Hall meeting** – Discussed road improvements they are preparing to do, and the township levy.
- **EQB** – Received a petition on silica sand from Freeborn County.

Commissioner Anne Marcotte

- **Trail Town Meeting** – Met at Fireside in McGregor. Mark Jacobs and Ross Wagner gave presentations.
- **Association of MN Counties** – Attended March 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> in St. Paul. Attended General Government Policy meetings, discussed PERA, absentee and early voting, and other legislative issues.
- **Northwoods Show** – Attended on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, and received a lot of positive feedback about Long Lake Conservation Center.

Commissioner Don Niemi

- **Association of MN Counties** – Attended March 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> in St. Paul. Attended Transportation and Infrastructure Policy meetings, discussed meetings with Senator Rudd and Representative Radinovich, and other legislative issues.
- **Lakes & Pines** – Reviewed the Minnesota Community Action 2013 Annual Report.

Commissioner Laurie Westerlund

- **Association of MN Counties** – Attended March 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> in St. Paul. Attended the Shoreland meeting, discussed vegetation, water quality, funding, and other legislative issues.
- **CMCC** – Attended meeting on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- **HRA** – Gave an update on openings in area facilities.
- **P&Z** – Attended meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup>. This was discussed earlier under General Ordinance Amendments.
- **Mille Lacs Watershed** – There will be a tour at McQuoids on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner J. Mark Wedel

- **CMCC** – Attended meeting on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Rivers & Lakes Fair** – Reported it will be held on June 15<sup>th</sup> at Rippleside School.
- **Water Planning Task Force** – was well attended.
- **Kinship** – Attended meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Public Hearing for the Social Host Ordinance is scheduled April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 2:01 p.m. until Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

**ADJOURN**

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J. Mark Wedel, Chairperson  
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

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Patrick Wussow, County Administrator