

# AITKIN COUNTY BOARD

November 12, 2013

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013 at 9:03 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 November 12, 2013 agenda.

**APPROVED  
AGENDA**

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: A) Correspondence File: October 22, 2013 – November 11, 2013; B) Approve County Board Minutes: October 22, 2013; C) Approve Auditor Warrants – October/November School Advance: Agency \$1,116,378.93; D) Approve October Manual Warrants: General Fund \$19,452.21, Road & Bridge \$1,042,049.07, Health & Human Services \$2,617.23, State \$1,180,451.35, Forest Development \$482.73, Taxes & Penalties \$3,866.00, Long Lake Conservation Center \$1,607.55 for a total of \$2,250,526.14; E) Approve Fire Protection Contract with Ball Bluff Township; F) Accept \$50 Donation to STS – Elaine Kienitz; G) Approve Safety Committee Recommendation - Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Control Plan; H) Approve Property Record Information System of Minnesota (PRISM) Grant Application – Auditor's Office; I) Approve Resolution – Final Payment Contract No. 20129; a) Approve Annual Emergency Management Planning Grant; b) Approve Commissioner Warrants: General Fund \$178,244.04, Road & Bridge \$52,368.97, Health & Human Services \$1,779.91, Trust \$1,427.23, Forest Development \$3,371.64, Long Lake Conservation Center \$14,463.53, Parks \$1,826.11 for a total of \$253,481.43

**CONSENT  
AGENDA**

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to adopt "county-wide" Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Control Plan, effective November 12, 2013.

**BLOODBORNE  
PATHOGENS  
EXPOSURE  
CONTROL PLAN**

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution – Final Payment Contract No. 20128:

**WHEREAS**, Contract No. 20128 – Project No. SAP 001-604-010 –has in all been completed, and the County Board being fully advised in the premises.

**RESOLUTION  
111213-091  
FINAL PAYMENT  
CONTRACT NO.  
20128**

**NOW THEN BE IT RESOLVED**, that we do hereby accept said completed project for and on behalf of the County of Aitkin and authorize final payment to Dallco, Inc. in the amount of \$11,519.12 as specified herein.

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve 2013 Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$21,073.00 – Sheriff's Department.

**2013  
EMERGENCY  
MGMT GRANT**

Representative Joe Radinovich discussed legislative updates and legislative priorities with the Board.

**LEGISLATIVE  
UPDATES &  
PRIORITIES**

<p>Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve 2014 newspaper bid specifications and to mail to the appropriate parties.</p>	<p><b>NEWSPAPER BID SPECIFICATIONS</b></p>
<p>Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting to appoint Commissioner Don Niemi as Aitkin County representative for the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission (ARDC), and to send letter of support to ARDC.</p>	<p><b>ARDC</b></p>
<p>Patrick Wussow, County Administrator discussed Personnel Committee recommendation with the Board.</p>	<p><b>PERSONNEL COMMITTEE</b></p>
<p>Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve filling FT Parks Custodian position – Land Department, and to authorize filling any corresponding vacancy if this position is filled internally. This is a budgeted, non-levy position which is open due to resignation.</p>	<p><b>FT PARKS CUSTODIAN</b></p>
<p>Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting to approve purchase of a used 2000 John Deere 410E Tractor Loader Backhoe at a cost of \$28,500 plus tax, and to authorize sale of 1980 Clark Michigan Loader – Road &amp; Bridge Department.</p>	<p><b>EQUIPMENT PURCHASE – HWY DEPT</b></p>
<p>John Welle, County Engineer gave a summary of the final 2013 construction and maintenance projects, and reviewed the proposed 2014 construction and maintenance projects with the Board.</p>	<p><b>2013 &amp; 2014 CONSTRUCTION &amp; MAINTENANCE PROJECTS – HWY DEPT</b></p>
<p>John Welle, County Engineer discussed the proposed Highway Department's 2014-2018 Road Improvement Plan with the Board.</p>	<p><b>2014-2018 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PLAN</b></p>
<p>The Board reported on the following:</p>	<p><b>BOARD DISCUSSION</b></p>
<p>Commissioner Anne Marcotte</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ordinance</b> – Discussed ordinance for shooting ranges</li> <li>• <b>Economic Development</b> – Toured Floe International</li> <li>• <b>Mine Tour</b> – Toured mine site in Ladysmith, Wisconsin</li> </ul>	
<p>Commissioner Don Niemi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mine tour</b> – Toured mine site in Ladysmith, Wisconsin</li> </ul>	
<p>Commissioner Marcotte left at 11:57 a.m.</p>	<p><b>MARCOTTE LEFT</b></p>

Commissioner Brian Napstad

- **BWSR** – Met last week. Discussed Watersheds.
- **Shamrock Township** – Discussed Road Plans.
- **McGregor Airport Commission** – Updating job description for Airport Coordinator.

Commissioner Laurie Westerlund

- **Onanegozie** – Is disbanding. Last meeting will be in January. Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried (4-0 Marcotte absent), to distribute Aitkin County's share of funds to Aitkin County Soil & Water, giving the County Administrator authorization to determine most appropriate way to dispense them.

Commissioner J. Mark Wedel

- **Historical Society** – Barn books will be completed December 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Labor Management Committee** – Met last week. Discussed by-laws.

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried (4-0 Marcotte absent), to adjourn the meeting at 12:19 p.m. until Tuesday, November 26, 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