

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 29th day of September, 2015 at 1:04 p.m., at the Long Lake Conservation Center, in the North Star Lodge, with the following members present: Chairperson J. Mark Wedel, Commissioners Laurie Westerlund, Don Niemi, Brian Napstad, Anne Marcotte, County Administrator Nathan Burkett, and Administrative Assistant Sue Bingham.

Staff present: Ross Wagner, Economic Development & Forest Industry Coordinator; Wendie Carlson, Long Lake Conservation Center Administrative Coordinator; Jess Goble, Health & Human Services Financial Assistance Supervisor; and Sheriff Scott Turner.

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting yes to approve the September 29, 2015 Committee of the Whole agenda.

Ross Wagner, Economic Development & Forest Industry Coordinator and area internet providers including Kevin Larson and Joe Buttweiler from Consolidated Telephone Cooperative (CTC); Josh Netland and Chuck Balk from Emily Cooperative Telephone; Stacy Cluff from Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative; Troy Mack, Mary Sukraw, Mark Tupper, and Kirstin Sersland from CenturyLink; Scott Savage from SCI Broadband; Jason Dale from Cooperative Network Services, and Bob Trombley from Frontier Communications Systems discussed with the Board the current lack of high speed broadband coverage to households in Aitkin County, along with potential future changes.

Chuck Quale, John Brula, Norman Ellig, Becky Lind, Julie Klotzbach, Laurel Hendricks, Bob Harwarth, Penny Simonsen, Dick Willette, Georgia Johnson, Jim Butcher, Diane Landstad, and Paul Hoge were also in attendance and voiced their concerns.

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 2:47 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

**APPROVED
AGENDA**

**BROADBAND
DISCUSSION**

**PUBLIC
ATTENDEES**

ADJOURN



J. Mark Wedel, Chairperson
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners



Nathan Burkett, County Administrator