

Aitkin County Land Department
Sealed Bid Regular Timber Auction
August 16, 2017
1:00 PM

This is to notify that the Aitkin County Land Department (ACLD) will be holding a sealed bid regular timber auction on August 16th, 2017 at 1:00 PM. ACLD will sell to the highest bidder, regardless of the number of employees, timber as indicated on the described parcels of land that have forfeited to the State for the nonpayment of taxes. The sale information on the parcels of timber follows. The following conditions will apply on this auction:

1. Timber will be sold to the highest bidder for not less than the total appraised tract value. A percent bid must be indicated for the total appraised tract value. This percent will be applied to each bid species. Percent bid can be in a tenth of a percent (ex: 43.5%). Aitkin County reserves the right to accept or reject all bids.
2. Cutting shall be in conformity with the forestry practices as outlined in the timber permit / appraisal. Bidders are responsible for getting maps, cutting regulations, contract information, and special regulations at the Aitkin County Land Department. Access to the permit areas shall be the responsibility of the successful bidder. Bidder also agrees to the attached cutting regulations. Contact the Land Department about the possibility of assistance on access road development on individual tracts. Sale information is also available on the website: co.aitkin.mn.us, then to the "land department" page, and then to the "timber auction" page.
3. All bid forms must be received in the Aitkin County Land Department at 209 2nd St. NW Room 206 Aitkin, Mn. 56431 by 1:00 PM on August 16th, 2017. **All bids must be on an official bid form and sealed in an envelope with 'timber bid' on the outside along with your bid bond check. Additional bid forms are available on the web site.** Anyone wishing to watch the opening of the bids may attend. The opening will be in the Aitkin County Board Room at 1:00 PM on August 16th, 2017.
4. A \$500.00 bid bond check payable to the Aitkin County Land Department must be included in the envelope with the bid form. One bid bond will cover all of the tract bids and will be returned if no bids are awarded. The \$500.00 bid bond will be deposited against one of the sales that the bidder has bid on. The balance of the required downpayment will be due within 30 days of the sale date.. Failure to make the required downpayment on time, may result in the forfeiture of the \$500.00 bid bond.
5. Should the successful bidder not submit the balance of the down payment on time, the sale may be awarded the next highest bidder. In the case of a tie bid, the successful bidder will be decided by a game of chance.
6. Submission of a bid indicates that a logger has inspected the sale and is knowledgeable of all sale regulations.
7. Permit will only be issued in the name identified as the successful bidder.

8. Payment of the full price of the sale plus a performance bond or payment equaling 10% of the total bid price, must be made prior to cutting. The performance bond will be kept by the County and will be returned upon satisfactory completion of the sale, as judged by the County Forester when notified of the sale completion. The Land Department should be notified of the completion of the sale within 30 days after cutting.
9. A one year extension will be granted at the discretion of the County Forester. The fee for the extension is 10% of the uncut balance, as determined from the County Land Office sale record or \$20.00, whichever is greater.
10. **No bid will be accepted from any bidder having a delinquent or uncollectible timber sale account with any county or state or from a bidder involved with a pending timber trespass with the county or state.**
11. Aitkin County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment and the provision of services.
12. Timber offered at this sale is from Forest Land independently certified by Rainforest Alliance in accordance with the rules of the Forest Stewardship Council
(RA-FM/COC-000028).
13. On each site there is a GPS coordinate location. That will get you to the general area after which you need to use the map and aerial photo to locate the exact sale lines.

Mark Jacobs
Land Commissioner

FSC® Certified Logs:

Aitkin County has been working with various businesses and individuals in finding markets for wood products that are FSC Certified. Because of this effort and an increasing awareness of certified wood products, we have been gaining new markets for our logs and wood products. Logs harvested on Aitkin County and Cass County managed lands and State of Minnesota lands in Aitkin County managed by the DNR are FSC Certified. If you would like more information on markets for your certified logs, please contact Ross Wagner, Economic Development and Forest Industry Coordinator, at 218-927-7305 or rwagner@co.aitkin.mn.us



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Special Notes Regarding Letters of Credit (LOC):

Aitkin County accepts irrevocable letters of credit for tracts on this sale.

The \$500.00 bid bond (due the day of the sale) and balance of the downpayment will need to be paid for in cash within the first 30 days as per usual. Performance bonds and extensions must be paid for in cash.

The balance of the purchase price may be paid for with a letter of credit. The letter of credit must be for 100% of the purchase price. The 10% bond must be paid for in cash.

The terms of the letter of credit must be as such:

100% of purchase price.

The letter of credit must be for an undefined period of time.

If a scale is entered against the sale and not paid for in 30 days, on the 31st day a draw **may be made** against the letter of credit.

The letter of credit will not be released by Aitkin County until the forester has declared the sale finished, all tickets are accounted for, and the sale is closed.

The letter of credit will not be accepted by any person or organization having a trespass, outstanding timber sale balance, or an unresolved issue with any land department, State DNR, or Federal organization.

The letter of credit can only be obtained from a financial institution that is Federally sanctioned.

If a permit holder abuses the letter of credit and a sale is not paid for in full or a draw is required against the LOC, no other letters of credit will be accepted as payment for a timber sale from this permit holder for a period of 5 years.

Special Note regarding chipping on timber sales

All timber tracts on this sale will be eligible for chipping unless the tract indicates that biomass is not allowed. If a chipping operation purchases a tract and any products are chipped, all products on that sale are sold on scale and will be sold on a weighted average. Tops will be deducted off each scale at 10% of appraised volume at \$3.50 a cord. The balance will be sold on the weighted average. As of January 1st, 2010 all sales chipping will be computed at this rate.

No full tree skidding means that the tops must be cut off the tree where it falls and then the trunk may be skidded out of the woods to the landing.

Special Note regarding Basswood on Sale

As of November 2012, the Aitkin County Land Department is enforcing a utilization standard of 6" for basswood. All other species will continue to have a 4" standard unless stated in writing.