

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 20th day of January, 2009 at 9:00 A.M. with the following members present: Chairperson J. Mark Wedel, Commissioners Galen "Tweet" Tveit, Brian Napstad, Laurie Westerlund, Paul Bailey, County Administrator Patrick Wussow, and Administrator's Assistant Missy Kingsley.

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Tveit and carried, all members voting yes to approve the January 20, 2009 revised agenda. Removed Authorize Signature of Joint Power of JPA for Drug Task Force from 3-F Consent Agenda.

**APPROVED
AGENDA**

Motion by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to acknowledge the January 13, 2009 meeting minutes.

**ACKNOWLEDGE
MINUTES**

Motion by Commissioner Napstad seconded by Commissioner Tveit carried, all members voting yes to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: Correspondence File: January 13, 2009 – January 19, 2009; B) Approve Minutes: January 6, 2009-2008 Board; C) Approve Minutes: January 6, 2009-2009 Board; D) Approve Commissioner Warrants as follows: General Fund \$382,296.57, Road and Bridge \$182,248.43, Health and Human Services \$42,557.82, Ditch \$200.00, State \$270.00, Trust \$17,389.14, Forest Development \$7,775.22, Long Lake Conservation Center \$27,870.93 for a Total \$660,608.11; E) Approve Auditor Warrants for Sales and Use Tax as follows: General Fund \$8,529.57, Road and Bridge \$2,072.86, Health and Human Services \$97.89, State \$7,306.00, Trust \$5.72, Forest Development \$.28, Long Lake Conservation Center \$257.98 for a Total \$18,270.30; G) Transfer of Funds to Recorder's Technology Fund; H) Approve 2nd Addition Expansion to the Forest Cemetery in the Town of Kimberly; I) Approve the following Premises Permit Application –Form LG214, of the Aitkin Fire Relief Association, at VFW Post 1727- Aitkin Township.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

Under the Consent Agenda, Commissioner Napstad offered the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Tveit and vote being taken, all members voting yes, it was duly adopted, to wit:

WHEREAS, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners authorized and ordered the transfer of \$59,555.00 (\$10.00 for each document recorded in the County Recorder's office between January and December of 2008) from the General Revenue Fund to the County Recorder's Technology Fund, according to Minnesota Statute 357.18, Subd. 4; and

**RESOLUTION NO.
012009-008**

WHEREAS, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners authorized and ordered the transfer of \$65,458.00 (\$11.00 for each document recorded in the County Recorder's office between January and December of 2008) from the General Revenue Fund to the Unallocated Fund according to Minnesota Statute 357.182, Subd. 7.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the order of transfer of \$59,555.00 from the General Revenue Fund to the County Recorder's Technology Fund and the order of transfer of \$65,458.00 from the General Revenue Fund to the Unallocated Fund is authorized by the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners.

Under the Consent Agenda, Commissioner Napstad offered the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Tveit and vote being taken, all members voting yes, it was duly adopted, to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners agrees to approve the following Premises Permit Application - Form LG214, of the Aitkin Fire Relief Association, at VFW Post 1727 – Aitkin Township. This establishment has an address of 36558 410th Ave., Aitkin, MN 56431

Consensus of the Board supports the joint powers agreement. Motion by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to authorize Signature of Joint Power of JPA for Drug Task Force, carried with all members voting yes.

Discussion by Patrick Wussow and the Board in connection with the hiring review process. Motion by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Tveit to implement a hiring review process that stipulates the Personal Committee to review new positions before they are presented to County Board for final action, carried with all members voting yes, it was duly adopted.

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, to maintain and keep the County Administrator’s salary the same at \$84,157.57 for the year 2009. Motion failed due to a lack of a second.

Motion by Commissioner Bailey to set the County Administrator’s salary at an increase of \$3,000 for the year 2009. Motion failed due to a lack of a second.

Motion by Commissioner Tveit to set the County Administrator’s salary at an increase of 2.3% for the year 2009, seconded by Commissioner Bailey. Discussion. Roll call vote 2-3 (Napstad, Wedel & Westerlund). Motion failed.

Motion by Commissioner Napstad to maintain and keep the County Administrator’s salary the same at \$84,157.57. Motion failed due to a lack of a second.

Motion by Commissioner Bailey is to delay this action for two weeks to renegotiate the County Administrator’s contract with two board members (Commissioner Napstad, Commissioner Bailey, and Human Resources Manager Cindi Hills), seconded by Commissioner Tveit and carried, Roll call vote 3-2 (Napstad and Wedel), it was duly adopted, to wit:

Motion by Commissioner Napstad to maintain and keep the County Attorney’s 2008 salary for the year 2009 for a total of \$97,000.00. Motion failed due to a lack of a second.

Motion by Commissioner Bailey to increase the County Attorney’s salary by \$2,200 (2.3%) for a total of \$99,200.00, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund, Roll call vote 3-2 (Napstad and Wedel), it duly adopted, to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners set the 2009 salary of Aitkin County Attorney James Ratz at \$99,200.00 based upon market, budget, experience, and duties of the office.

**RESOLUTION NO.
012009-009**

**JPA FOR DRUG
TASK FORCE**

**HIRING REVIEW
PROCESS**

**2009 SALARY:
COUNTY
ADMINISTRATOR**

**2009 SALARY:
ATTORNEY**

**RESOLUTION
012009-010**

Motion by Commissioner Napstad to maintain and keep the County Auditor's 2008 salary for the year 2009 for a total of \$70,500.00, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund, Roll call vote 3-2 (Bailey and Tveit), it duly adopted, to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners set the 2009 salary of Aitkin County Auditor Kirk Peysar at \$70,500.00 based upon market, budget, experience, and duties of the office.

**2009 SALARY:
AUDITOR**

**RESOLUTION
012009-011**

Motion by Commissioner Bailey to increase the County Treasurer's salary by \$1,375.40 (2.3%) for a total of \$61,175.00, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund, Roll call vote 3-2 (Napstad and Wedel), it duly adopted, to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners set the 2009 salary of Aitkin County Treasurer Lori Grams at \$61,175.40 based upon market, budget, experience, and duties of the office.

**2009 SALARY:
TREASURER**

**RESOLUTION
012009-012**

Motion by Commissioner Bailey to increase the County Recorder's salary by \$1,467.00 (2.3%) for a total of \$61,175.00, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund, Roll call vote 3-2 (Napstad and Wedel), it duly adopted, to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners set the 2009 salary of Aitkin County Recorder Diane Lafferty at \$65,268.66 based upon market, budget, experience, and duties of the office.

**2009 SALARY:
RECORDER**

**RESOLUTION
012009-013**

Motion by Commissioner Bailey to increase the county Sheriff's salary by \$1,752.00 (2.3%) for a total of \$77,932.00, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund, Roll call vote 3-2 (Napstad and Wedel), it duly adopted, to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners set the 2009 salary of Aitkin County Sheriff Scott Turner at \$77,932.00 based upon market, budget, experience, and duties of the office.

**2009 SALARY:
SHERIFF**

**RESOLUTION
012009-014**

During the meeting, the Board heard updates on the following committees: i) Facilities; ii) Arrowhead Counties, iii) ARDC, iv) ACA, v) Gov 101, vi) MHB

**COMMITTEE
UPDATES**

Motion by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Tveit and carried, all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 11:23 a.m. until Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURN

J. Mark Wedel, Chairperson
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

Patrick Wussow, County Administrator