

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 27th day of January, 2009 at 10:12 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 Secretary Julie Hughes.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Bailey and carried, all members voting yes to approve the January 27, 2009 agenda.

**APPROVED  
AGENDA**

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Tveit and carried, all members voting yes to acknowledge the January 20, 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 20, 2009 – January 26, 2009; B) Approve Minutes: January 13, 2009 Board; C) Approve Auditor Warrants as follows: General Fund \$ 1,922.93, Health and Human Services \$962.20, Trust \$86.10, Agency \$522,141.14 for a Total \$525,112.37.

**CONSENT  
AGENDA**

Motion by Commissioner Napstad seconded by Commissioner Bailey carried, all members voting yes to approve the Aitkin Sesquicentennial flag dedication and recognition.

**AITKIN SESQUI-  
CENTENNIAL  
FLAG**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners dedicated and recognized the Aitkin Sesquicentennial flag:

**RESOLUTION  
012709-015**

WHEREAS, Aitkin County was organized on May 23, 1857 and the Minnesota Territorial Legislature designated Aitkin as a county, and

WHEREAS, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners authorized the Sesquicentennial Committee to sponsor a sesquicentennial flag design contest to depict the rich history of the county, and

WHEREAS, three local artists participated in the contest, namely Bob Reis, Cathy Buhlmann and Vickie Fossum, and the winning entry, drawn by Bob Reis of the city of Aitkin, was chosen by the public at the Aitkin County Fair, and

WHEREAS, the winning entry contains the colors blue for sky and water, green for forests, gold for harvest, and brown for earth; and

WHEREAS, the winning entry depicts the rich history of our county including the paddle boat named Irene which plied the Mississippi River from 1880 to 1925 transporting goods and passengers; trees which depict the forest products and logging industry; wild rice which is a natural grain grown in Aitkin County; a whitetail deer which depicts the abundant wildlife; and the loon which is found on every lake.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners hereby dedicates the winning entry drawn by local artist Bob Reis of the City of Aitkin, County of Aitkin, as the official Aitkin County Sesquicentennial Flag to be flown at the Aitkin County Courthouse in recognition of the Sesquicentennial of Aitkin County.

Aitkin County Treasurer, Lori Grams, updated the board with the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2008 Investment Report.

**4<sup>th</sup> QUARTER 2008  
INVESTMENT  
REPORT**

Aitkin County Maintenance Supervisor, Bill Thompson, presented a Motor Pool update.

**MOTOR POOL**

Aitkin County Sheriff, Scott Turner, presented an update regarding the Radio System Consultant Report. Ray Freeman from GeoComm discussed the current state of the county radio systems.

**RADIO SYSTEM  
CONSULTANT  
REPORT**

During the meeting, the Board heard updates on the following committees: i) CMCC, ii)EXT, iii) Lakes & Pines, iv) Arrowhead, v) Snake River, vi) Park Board, vii) Onanegozie, viii) Planning Commission, ix) CMCC-JP, x) Personnel, xi) SEA.

**COMMITTEE  
UPDATES**

Motion by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 1:23 p.m. until Tuesday, February 3rd, 2009 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