

<p>The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2009 at 6:10 p.m. with the following members present: Chairperson Mark Wedel, Commissioners Laurie Westerlund, Paul Bailey, Galen “Tweet” Tveit, Brain Napstad, County Administrator Patrick Wussow, County Auditor Kirk Peysar, Land Commissioner Mark Jacobs, H&amp;HS Director Tom Burke, Environmental Services Director Terry Neff, Sheriff Scott Turner, County Treasurer Lori Grams, County Recorder Diane Lafferty, County Engineer John Welle, County Attorney Jim Ratz, Economic Development Coordinator Ross Wagner, and Administrative Assistant Nicole Visnovec.</p>	<p><b>CALL TO ORDER</b></p>
<p>County Administrator Patrick Wussow explained how the budget is developed for the purpose of Budget Hearing meetings and explained that citizen involvement in spending decisions is encouraged and takes place throughout the process.</p>	<p><b>EXPLANATION OF BUDGET PROCESS</b></p>
<p>County Auditor Kirk Peysar addressed reasons why taxes vary.</p>	<p><b>WHY TAXES VARY</b></p>
<p>County Auditor Kirk Peysar presented information on Aitkin County’s 2010 budget, including:          Programs and changes from 2009 to 2010          Proposed revenues          Proposed expenditures          Proposed effects on fund balance          Costs of wages and benefits</p>	<p><b>BUDGET AND LEVY PRESENTATION</b></p>
<p>Ron Lapham discussed with the board his property and was referred to the Aitkin County Assessor’s office. Mark Schuett asked the date of the Board of Appeal and Equalization, which will be held in June. Wally McFarland requested the taxable market value of Aitkin County.</p>	<p><b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b></p>
<p>County Auditor Kirk Peysar announced that the County Board will adopt the final levy at its regular meeting on Tuesday, December 15, 2009.</p>	<p><b>ADOPTION OF FINAL LEVY</b></p>
<p>Motion by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 pm.</p>	<p><b>ADJOURN</b></p>
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<p>Mark Wedel, Chairperson          Aitkin County Board of Commissioners</p>	
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<p>Patrick Wussow, County Administrator</p>	