

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 10th day of February, 2009 at 9:02 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 Central Service Secretary Nicole Visnovec.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Tveit and carried, all members voting yes to approve the February 10, 2009 revised agenda. Remove MAC from committee updates and to include Transportation to committee updates. Denoted times will be changed as needed for overestimate of time.

**APPROVED  
AGENDA**

Wayne and JoAnne Alden commented to the board about a recent sheriff deputy stop.

**PUBLIC  
COMMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to acknowledge the February 3, 2009 corrected meeting minutes.

**ACKNOWLEDGE  
MINUTES**

Motion by Commissioner Bailey seconded by Commissioner Tveit carried, all members voting yes to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: Correspondence File: February 3, 2009 – February 9, 2009; B) Approve Minutes: January 27, 2009 Board; C) Approve Manual Warrants as follows: General Fund \$31,525.37, Road and Bridge \$7,800.49, Health and Human Services \$2,347.85, State \$122.867.03, Trust \$69.19, Forest Development \$1,018.01, Taxes and Penalties \$7,275.52, Long Lake Conservation Center \$342.63 for a Total \$173,246.09 D) Approve Three (3) Resolutions Supporting Local Snowmobile Clubs Request for Grant in Aid Funds.

**CONSENT  
AGENDA**

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

Whereas, the Aitkin County Snowmobile Alliance is an organized group of 6 snowmobile clubs in Aitkin County,

Whereas, Aitkin County contracts with these clubs to groom the approx. 600 miles of snowmobile trails in Aitkin County through the Grants in Aide snowmobile trail funds,

Whereas, the Aitkin County Snowmobile Alliance is applying for a Federal Recreational Trail Program grant to purchase E911 information signs for all of the snowmobile trails in Aitkin County,

And whereas, Aitkin County supports the efforts of the Alliance to provide the signage for the trail system and thereby contribute to the safety of the snowmobilers in Aitkin County by providing emergency information signs on the trails,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that Aitkin County supports the Aitkin County Snowmobile Alliance application for the Federal Recreational Trail grant.

**RESOLUTION  
021009-017  
SUPPORTING  
SNOWMOBILE  
TRAIL GRANT  
REQUEST**

Whereas, the Aitkin County Snowmobile Alliance is an organized group of 6 snowmobile clubs in Aitkin County,

Whereas, Aitkin County contracts with these clubs to groom the approx. 600 miles of snowmobile trails in Aitkin County through the Grants in Aide snowmobile trail funds,

Whereas, the Aitkin County Snowmobile Alliance is applying for a Capital Improvement project grant to purchase E911 information signs for all of the snowmobile trails in Aitkin County,

And whereas, Aitkin County supports the efforts of the Alliance to provide the signage for the trail system and thereby contribute to the safety of the snowmobilers in Aitkin County by providing emergency information signs on the trails,

**RESOLUTION  
021009-018  
SUPPORTING 911  
SNOWMOBILE  
GRANT REQUEST**

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that Aitkin County supports the Aitkin County Snowmobile Alliance application for the Capital Improvement project grant.

Whereas, the Mille Lacs Trails Snowmobile Club has identified an unsafe area on Hwy #65, due to riding on the shoulders of the highway,  
and whereas, this safety issue could be greatly increased by the installation of two bridges,

Aitkin County therefore supports the application for the capital improvement project for the Mille Lacs Trails Snowmobile Club.

Aitkin County Sheriff, Scott Turner recommended a personnel committee recommendation to fill the jailer position. Motion by Bailey, second by Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to approve the staff recommendation to fill the jailer position. Another recommendation was brought to the board to fill a deputy sheriff position. Motion by Bailey, second by Tveit and carried, by a roll call vote 4-1 (Napstad) to approve the staff recommendation to fill the deputy position.

Aitkin County Assessor, Mike Dangers, and Karen Ladd, Assistant County Assessor, reviewed with the board the update assessment fee schedule for townships and cities.

Commissioner Bailey offered the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and vote being taken, all members voting yes, it was duly adopted, to-wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, Grant Award, for 2009 Environmental Assessment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board and County Attorney are authorized to execute the Agreement and any amendments on behalf of Aitkin County.

Motion by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Tveit and carried, all members voting yes to approve the purchase of GPS survey equipment, Trimble for \$50,459.50.

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

WHEREAS, Dallco Inc. of Finalyson, MN was the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$410,658.30 for SAP 01-599-32 and CP 01-090-07 (Contract 20091);

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Dallco, Inc. be awarded the contract for the Bridge Replacement, Approach Grading, and Gravel Stockpile.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chairperson of the Aitkin County Board and the Aitkin County Auditor are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract on behalf of Aitkin County with said low bidder upon presentation of proper contract documents.

During the meeting, the Board heard updates on the following committees: i) Transportation, ii) LMC, iii) East Central Library, iv) Mental Health, v) H&HS, vi) CJJ, vii) Budget, viii) Aitkin Airport, ix) Personnel.

**RESOLUTION  
021009-019  
FOR CIP  
SNOWMOBILE  
TRAIL GRANT  
REQUEST**

**AUTHORIZE  
FILLING  
POSTITIONS**

**ASSESSMENT FEE  
SCHEDULE**

**APPROVE  
AIRPORT GRANT**

**RESOLUTION  
021009-020**

**EQUIPMENT  
PURCHASE**

**PROJECT  
UPDATES/AWARD**

**RESOLUTION  
021009-021**

**COMMITTEE  
UPDATES**

Motion by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m. until Tuesday, February 17th, 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