

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 7th day of April, 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.

Motion by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Tveit and carried, all members voting yes to approve the April 7, 2009 amended agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Bailey and carried, all members voting yes to acknowledge the March 24, 2009 meeting minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Napstad seconded by Commissioner Tveit carried, all members voting yes to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: Correspondence File: March 24, 2009 – April 6, 2009; B) Approve Minutes: March 17, 2009 Board; C) Approve Auditor Warrants – Property Tax Overpayments Taxes and Penalties for a total of \$158.00 D) Approve WebFusion Subscription Contract E) Approve Motor Pool Vehicle Purchase F) Approve Repurchase Application 29-45-27 G) Approve GIA Application for Additional Snowmobile Trail Miles; Acknowledge Board Consensus of the Following Items for the Week of March 30, 2009 :

a) Approve Commissioner Warrants General Fund \$93,080.25, Road and Bridge \$53,359.60, Special Revenue \$11,952.32; Health and Human Services \$13,290.69, Trust \$16,797.58, Forest Development \$9,273.31, Long Lake Conservation Center \$10,693.94 for a Total \$208,447.69;

b) Resolution - Exempt Permit – Form LG220 – of the Wealthwood Rod & Gun Club .

Under the consent agenda Commissioner Napstad offered the following motion for a resolution, seconded by Commissioner Tveit and carried, all members voting yes to approve the following WebFusion Subscription Contract:

WHEREAS, the WebFusion internet mapping and data subscription contract has been approved as to form by the Aitkin County Attorney; **AND**,

WHEREAS, the County Board Chairperson or County Auditor has authority to enter into these contracts; **AND**,

WHEREAS, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners may delegate this authority to the County Assessor; **THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Aitkin County Assessor has authority to enter into WebFusion internet mapping and data subscription contracts.

Under the consent agenda a motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Tveit and carried, all members voting yes to approve the following motor pool vehicle purchase:

2006 Ford Five Hundred in the amount of \$7,700.00 from Aitkin Motor. This includes a trade in vehicle, a 1999 Ford Astro Van, worth \$2,000.00.

Under the consent agenda Commissioner Napstad offered the following motion for a resolution, seconded by Commissioner Tveit and carried, all members voting yes to approve the following Repurchase Application 29-45-27:

WHEREAS, I, the undersigned owner, Wilmington Finance Inc. at the time of forfeiture of the parcel of land situated in the County of Aitkin, State of Minnesota, described as follows, to-wit:

CALL TO ORDER

**APPROVED
AGENDA**

**ACKNOWLEDGE
MINUTES**

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION
040709-42
WEBFUSION
SUBSCRIPTION
CONTRACT**

**MOTOR POOL
CAR PURCHASE**

**RESOLUTION
040709-43
REPURCHASE
APPLICATION
29-45-27**

Part of Govt Lot 6 also known as Tract B and C of Section 29 Township 45 Range 27

do hereby make application for the purchase of said parcel of land from the State of Minnesota in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 282.241, as amended.

WHEREAS, In support of this application for the repurchase of said land I make the following statement:

a) That hardship and injustice has resulted because of forfeiture of said land, for the following reasons, to-wit:

While the account was in foreclosure process, litigation was started. While the property was in litigation, Wilmington Finance did not pay the property taxes. Now that the foreclosure process is complete, all taxes can and will be paid in a timely manner.
and

b) That the repurchase of said land by me will promote and best serve the public interest, because:

If Wilmington Finance is allowed to repurchase the property, we will make every effort to maintain the property until a buyer is found. It is our hope that we will be allowed to repurchase the property so that we can make the improvements necessary that will benefit the community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board approve the said land purchase.

Under the consent agenda Commissioner Napstad offered the following motion for a resolution, seconded by Commissioner Tveit and carried, all members voting yes to approve the following GIA application for additional snowmobile trail miles:

WHEREAS, Aitkin County contracts with individual clubs to maintain the snowmobile trails in Aitkin County,

AND WHEREAS, several of these clubs have identified areas where additional trails are needed to connect areas of the county and towns in general,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Aitkin County supports the application for adding additional miles into the Grant in Aide snowmobile system from the Tamarack Sno-Flyers for 6.4 miles providing a more direct access from Tamarack to Palisade, and from the Giese Sno-Cruisers for 2.2 miles connecting the small town of Giese to the snowmobile trail system.

Under the consent agenda Commissioner Napstad offered the following motion for a resolution, seconded by Commissioner Tveit and carried, all members voting yes to approve the following Exempt Permit:

BE IT RESOLVED, The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners agrees to approve the Application for Exempt Permit – Form LG220 – of the Wealthwood Rod & Gun Club, at the following location – Wealthwood Rod & Gun Club, which has an address of 23573 420th Place, Aitkin, MN 56431 – Hazelton Township. (Note: Date of activity for Raffle – September 26, 2009)

Human Resources Specialist, Angie Kjelstrom recognized employees for their years of service.

Motion by Commissioner Bailey seconded by Commissioner Napstad, all members voting that the Aitkin County Board as the Animal Control authority finds that the evidence presented for “Sampson”, is sufficient, the Animal Control Authority therefore declines to rescind the

**RESOLUTION
040709-44
GIA APPLICATION
FOR ADDITIONAL
SNOWMOBILE
TRAIL MILES**

**RESOLUTION
040709-45
EXEMPT PERMIT
WEALTHWOOD
ROD & GUN CLUB**

**EMPLOYEE
RECONGNITION**

**POTENTIAL
DANGEROUS DOG
DETERMINATION**

potentially dangerous dog designation.

Patrick Wussow, County Administrator presented a personnel committee recommendation to fill the Human Resources Manager position with an interim HR Manager. The current HR Specialist, Angie Kjelstrom would currently fill the position. Motion by Bailey, second by Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve the staff recommendation to fill the interim HR Manager position. Another recommendation was brought to the board to add H&HS income maintenance (financial worker) position. Tom Burke, H&HS Director addressed the concerns and need to fill the position. Motion by Westerlund, second by Bailey and carried, by a roll call vote 3-2 (Napstad, Tveit) to approve the staff recommendation to fill the income maintenance (financial worker) position.

During the meeting, the Board heard updates on the following committees: i) Onanegozie, ii) HRA, iii) 1st Responders, iv) Economic Development, v) SEA, vi) CMCC.

Motion by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. until Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

**AUTHORIZE
FILLING
POSITIONS**

**COMMITTEE
UPDATES**

ADJOURN

J. Mark Wedel, Chairperson
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

Patrick Wussow, County Administrator