

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 16th day of June, 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 Central Services Secretary Nicole Visnovec.

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Tveit and carried, all members voting yes to approve the June 16, 2009 amended agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to acknowledge the June 9, 2009 meeting minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Napstad seconded by Commissioner Bailey carried, all members voting yes, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: Correspondence File: June 9, 2009 – June 15, 2009; B) Approve Temporary 3.2 Malt Liquor License- Aitkin Fire Department; C) Approve Auditor Warrants for Sales and Use Tax – General Fund \$625.50, Road and Bridge \$891.25, Health and Human Services \$20.09, State \$7,376.00, Trust \$51.64, Forest Development \$269.42, Long Lake Conservation Center \$131.30 for a total of \$9,365.20; D) Approve Minutes: June 2, 2009 Board.

Under the consent agenda a motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Bailey and carried, all members voting yes to approve the following Temporary **3.2 Malt Liquor License** for a period from September 5, 2009 through September 7, 2009.

ON Sale:

Finlayson-Giese Lion's Club, dba **Finlayson-Giese Lion's Club** – Williams Township

Motion by Commissioner Napstad seconded by Commissioner Bailey, all members voting that the Aitkin County Board as the Animal Control authority finds that the evidence presented for "Ruby", is sufficient, the Animal Control Authority therefore declines to rescind the potentially dangerous dog designation.

Senator Tom Saxhaug and Representative Loren Solberg discussed the Legislative update with the Board.

Motion for a Resolution by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by commissioner Bailey to adopt the proposed resolution – 2009 Legislative Process.

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Minnesota has concluded session for 2009 without a negotiated budget agreement for the biennium of 2010-2011 between the Legislature and the Governor of the State of Minnesota, and;

WHEREAS, the Association of Minnesota Counties and the Aitkin County Commissioners expressed to the Legislature and the Governor that Aitkin County is willing to be part of the solution, but requested flexibility under State mandates, however the Legislature and Governor approved token but insignificant local government mandate relief, and;

CALL TO ORDER

**APPROVED
AGENDA**

**ACKNOWLEDGE
MINUTES**

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

**TEMPORARY 3.2
MALT LIQUOR
LICENSE – AITKIN
FIRE
DEPARTMENT**

**POTENTIAL
DANGEROUS DOG
DETERMINATION**

**LEGISLATIVE
UPDATE**

**RESOLUTION
061609-63
JUNE 16TH AITKIN
COUNTY
RESOLUTION 2009**

WHEREAS, because of the failure of all parties involved at the State to manage time wisely and reduce the level of political gamesmanship at the Capitol, the Governor has indicated that it is his intention to balance the budget for the biennium through administrative “un-allotments”, and;

WHEREAS, it is likely that the Governor shall “un-allot” County Program Aids which will adversely affect Aitkin County by reducing funding for State mandated activities and programs, and;

WHEREAS, Aitkin County has been a responsible administrative arm of the State by meeting mandates, maintenance of efforts and matching requirements while maintaining a balanced budget, reasonable property tax rates and reasonable reserves, and;

WHEREAS, Aitkin County has contracts with employee bargaining units which do not allow for unilateral freezing of employee wages and Aitkin County’s reserves are adequate in the event of an emergency but not as a long term source of revenue, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners hereby declares that Aitkin County property tax payers should not be saddled with the financial consequences of the neglected responsibilities of the State’s Governor and Legislature, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners will not be forced to raise and expend property tax revenue on behalf of the State for activities and programs which are created and mandated by the State without proper representation for those expenditures at the local level, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners, which is the governing board most aware of the needs of the residents of Aitkin County intends to engage in strategic process through which it will identify objectives and allocate resources to meet those needs.

Terry Neff, Environmental Services Director, discussed with the Board the draft mining ordinance and requested future hearing take place

Motion for a Resolution by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by commissioner Napstad, all members voting yes to approve the following 2009 Boat and Water Federal Safety Supplemental Grant Agreement:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners approve the 2009 Federal Boating Safety Supplemental Grant file in the Office of the County Auditor and authorize the Aitkin County Sheriff, County Board Chair and County Auditor to sign the agreement in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the term of July 1, 2009, through September 14, 2009.

Steve Bennett, MIS Manager updated the Board on the new/revised website.

Motion for a Resolution by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by commissioner Bailey to approve Grant Award for 2009 Environmental Assessment Phase 2 of the Aitkin Airport:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, Grant Award, for 2009 Environmental Assessment – Phase 2.

**DRAFT MINING
ORDINANCE**

**RESOLUTION
061609-64
2009 BOAT AND
WATER FEDERAL
SAFETY
SUPPLEMENTAL
GRANT
AGREEMENT**

WEBSITE

**RESOLUTION
061609-65
AITKIN AIRPORT**

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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.

Kirk Peysar, County Auditor discussed with the Board the AFE Position.

Kirk Peysar, County Auditor Reviewed the 2008 Budget

During the meeting, the Board heard updates on the following committees: i) CHS, ii) Lakes and Pines, iii) Mille Lacs Watershed, iv) Rivers and Lakes Update, v) BSLA, vi) Board of Equalization, vii) Kimberly Township Meeting, viii) Spencer Township Meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 12:02 p.m. until Tuesday, June 23, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

PHASE 2

AFE POSITION

2008 BUDGET

**COMMITTEE
UPDATES**

ADJOURN

J. Mark Wedel, Chairperson
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

Patrick Wussow, County Administrator

