

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 7th day of July, 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 Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to approve the July 7, 2009 agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to acknowledge the June 23, 2009 meeting minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Tveit seconded by Commissioner Napstad carried, all members voting yes, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: Correspondence File: June 23, 2009 – July 6, 2009; B) Approve Minutes: June 16, 2009 Board; C) Approve Resolution – Exempt Permit – Form LG220- of the Jacobson Landing Recreation Area; D) Approve Board of Appeal and Equalization Minutes; E) Approve Resolution- Increase of Imprest Cash Funds; F) Timber Stand Improvement Quotes; G) Approve Commissioner Warrants – General Fund \$221,362.89, Road and Bridge \$57,623.75, Health and Human Services \$13,678.53, Trust \$10,155.15, Forest Development \$79,021.98, Long Lake Conservation Center \$5,103.08 for a total of \$386,945.38; Acknowledge Board Consensus of the Following Items for the Week of June 30, 2009 : a) Approve Auditor Warrants May/June Tax Settlement Payments for a total of \$2,776,161.01; b) Approve Resolution - Public Safety Communication within Aitkin County.

Under the consent agenda a motion for a resolution by Commissioner Tveit, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to approve the following Application for Exempt Permit – Form LG220 – of the Jacobson Landing Recreation Area.

BE IT RESOLVED, The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners agrees to approve the Application for Exempt Permit – Form LG220 – of the Jacobson Landing Recreation Area, at the following location – Jacobson Landing Recreation Area, which has an address of Highway 65 & 198th Ave., Jacobson, MN 55752 – Ball Bluff Township. (Note: Date of activity for Bingo – August 29, 2009)

Under the consent agenda a motion for a resolution by Commissioner Tveit, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to approve the following increase of imprest cash funds.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the county Recorder's office imprest cash fund (cash drawer amount) be set at \$1,000.00 according to MS 375.162.

Under the consent agenda a motion by Commissioner Tveit, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to approve the following timber stand improvement quotes from John Berendes in the amount of \$81.44 per acre.

Under the consent agenda a motion for a resolution by Commissioner Tveit, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to approve the following resolution adopting a plan for public safety communication within Aitkin County.

CALL TO ORDER

**APPROVED
AGENDA**

**ACKNOWLEDGE
MINUTES**

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION
070709-67
EXEMPT PERMIT
JACOBSON
LANDING
RECREATION
AREA**

**RESOLUTION
070709-68
IMPREST CASH
RECORDER'S
OFFICE**

WHEREAS, it is a basic responsibility of the County to provide for the health and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has issued regulations which require the replacement of wideband Land Mobile Radio (LMR) systems operating in the Very High Frequency (VHF) and Ultra High Frequency (UHF) spectrum by 2013; and

WHEREAS, public safety agencies throughout the country, including public safety agencies within Aitkin County, have relied upon wideband LMR systems to provide vital public safety communications for law enforcement, fire, emergency medical services, public works, disaster response and other vital government services; and

WHEREAS, the County has worked with the Northeast Minnesota Regional Radio Board (NEMNRRB), of which it is a participating member, to complete a comprehensive assessment of public safety communication within the County; and

WHEREAS, the County has been presented with a public safety communication assessment (hereinafter "Assessment") conducted by GeoComm, Incorporated, which included an assessment of the alternatives that exist for the County to replace the public safety communication infrastructure within the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the Assessment as an accurate assessment of public safety communication needs within the County and of the alternatives that reasonably exist to replace the public safety communication infrastructure within the County, and be it further;

RESOLVED, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners adopt the Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response (ARMER) participation alternative specified in the Assessment as the most appropriate and best option for the County to replace the public safety communication infrastructure within the county, and be it further;

RESOLVED, that the Aitkin County Sheriff (hereinafter "Sheriff) is instructed to develop a participation plan (hereinafter "Plan") for the migration of and participation of all county and local governments and public safety agencies located and operating within the County to the ARMER public safety communication system, and be it further;

RESOLVED, that the Plan developed by the Sheriff shall include and provide for a proposed budgets for the integration of public safety agencies to the ARMER public safety communication system, for competitive bids documents and proposals for local enhancements or improvements required for county participation and proposed contracts for equipment and services necessary to complete the integration of public safety agencies to the ARMER public safety communication system, and be it further;

RESOLVED, the Assessment providing the basis of this action shall be submitted to the NEMNRRB with a recommendation that the Assessment be incorporated into the NEMNRRB regional public safety communication plan and that the Sheriff is authorized to submit the Assessment and the Plan to the NEMNRRB, to the Minnesota Departments of Transportation and Public Safety and to the Statewide Radio Board, as may be necessary to gain final approval for the County participation in the ARMER public safety communication system as provided for in the Plan.

**RESOLUTION
070709-69
RESOLUTION
ADOPTING A
PLAN FOR PUBLIC
SAFETY
COMMUNICATION
WITHIN AITKIN
COUNTY**

Angie Kjelstrom, Interim HR Manager, recognized employees for their years of service.

EMPLOYEE RECONGITION

Patrick Wussow, County Administrator presented the personnel committee recommendations to fill the Felony Prosecutor position with County Attorney, Jim Ratz available for questions. Motion by Bailey, second by Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to approve the staff recommendation to fill the Felony Prosecutor position. Another recommendation was brought to the board to fill the Naturalist Position (PPT). Todd Roggenkamp, LLCC Director addressed the concerns and need to fill the position. Motion by Tveit, second by Bailey and carried, to approve the staff recommendation to fill the Naturalist Position (PPT) with the ability to review the position in the future. Patrick Wussow, County Administrator brought to the board the personnel committee recommendation to not fill the AFE position at this time. Motion by Tveit, second by Westerlund and carried, to approve not filling the AFE position.

AUTHORIZE FILLING POSTITIONS

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Bailey and carried, all members voting yes to approve the following quote for the Lawler Loop section of the 70 Mile ATV Trail:

The work of dozing/shaping, hauling stockpiled rock, and hauling pit-run gravel from a local pit to Ritter Sewer and Excavating of Aitkin, MN in the amount of \$34,930.00.

LAWLER LOOP QUOTE

During the meeting, the Board heard updates on the following committees: i) Historical Society, ii) DAC, iii) Library Budget, iv) Snake River, v) Economic Development, vi) HRA, vii) Onanegozie, viii) BWSR, ix) BSLA, x) MAC, xi) NCLUCB.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 10:57 a.m. until Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURN

J. Mark Wedel, Chairperson
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

Patrick Wussow, County Administrator