AITKIN COUNTY BOARD October 26, 2010

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 26th day of October, 2010 at 10:14 a.m. with the following members present: Chairperson Paul Bailey, Commissioners Galen "Tweet" Tveit, Laurie Westerlund, J. Mark Wedel, Brian Napstad, County Administrator Patrick Wussow, and Administrative Assistant Sue Bingham.	**CALL TO ORDER**
Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Wedel and carried, all members voting yes to approve the October 26, 2010 amended agenda. Item 3F moved to regular agenda as Item 3.5A. Items 4C and 8B added.	**APPROVED AGENDA**
Motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to acknowledge the October 12, 2010 County Board minutes.	**ACKNOWLEDGE MINUTES**
Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Tveit and carried, all members voting yes to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: A) Correspondence File: October 12, 2010 – October 25, 2010; B) Approve County Board Minutes: October 5, 2010; C) Approve Commissioner Warrants: General Fund $96,908.00, Road & Bridge $149,487.92, Health & Human Services $1,401.73, State $120.00, Trust $5,278.59, Forest Development $1,407.06, Long Lake Conservation Center $5,660.70 for a total of $260,264.00; D) Approve Auditor Warrants – Sales & Use Tax: General Fund $825.28, Road & Bridge $1,677.20, Health & Human Services $161.97, State $7,315.00, Trust $24.47, Forest Development $-0.47, Long Lake Conservation Center $46.00 for a total of $10,049.45; E) Confirm Voting Delegate & Alternate for MCIT Board of Directors Election; G) Approve Resolution – Final Contract Payment S.P. 01-070-01; H) Approve Replacement of Damaged Boat – Sheriff's Dept.	**CONSENT AGENDA**
Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Tveit and carried, all members voting yes to confirm Laurie Westerlund as voting delegate and Kirk Peysar as alternate for the MCIT Board of Directors Election in December.	**MCIT VOTING DELEGATE & ALTERNATE**
Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Tveit and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution – Final Contract Payment – S.P. 01-070-01:	
WHEREAS, Contract No. 20096 – Project No. SP 01-070-01- Intersection Lighting at various locations throughout Aitkin County has in all been completed, and the County Board being fully advised in the premises. **NOW THEN BE IT RESOLVED,** That we do hereby accept said completed projects for and in behalf of the County of Aitkin and authorize final payment to Granite Ledge Electrical Contractors in the amount of $1,000.00 as specified herein.	**RESOLUTION 102610-078 FINAL CONTRACT PAYMENT S.P. 01-070-01**
Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Tveit and carried, all members voting yes to approve purchase of 2011 Shorelander for $21,338.00 from Staples Sports Lincoln to replace damaged boat – Sheriff's Department.	**REPLACE DAMAGED BOAT SHERIFF'S DEPT.**
Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Tveit, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution – Final Contract Payment S.A.P. 01-605-11:	
WHEREAS, Contract No. 20098 – Project No. SAP 01-605-11 - Milling and Bituminous Overlay on CSAH No. 5 has in all been completed, and the County Board being fully advised in the premises. **NOW THEN BE IT RESOLVED,** That we do hereby accept said completed projects for and in	**RESOLUTION 102610-079 FINAL CONTRACT**

behalf of the County of Aitkin and authorize final payment to Knife River Corp in the amount of $33,507.85 as specified herein.	**PAYMENT S.A.P. 01-605-11**
Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution – Support for Cuyuna Lakes Trail Project:	
WHEREAS, the Cuyuna Lakes Trail has been designed as a State Trail from Aitkin, Minnesota to the Paul Bunyan Trail in Brainerd, Minnesota, and **WHEREAS,** the City of Aitkin, Aitkin County, the Cuyuna Lakes Trail Association, and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources are working cooperatively to determine the preferred route for this trail in Crow Wing County and Aitkin County, and **WHEREAS,** the first of three phases of the trail construction in Aitkin County is anticipated to be constructed by 2011, and **WHEREAS,** the second phase of construction is being planned for 2015, and **WHEREAS,** the project is eligible for Transportation Enhancement Funds through the Northeast Minnesota Area Transportation Partnership, and **WHEREAS,** in order to be considered for funding, Aitkin County is required to act as fiscal agent to this project for the City of Aitkin. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that Aitkin County supports efforts by the City of Aitkin to secure funding for this project and further agrees to act as fiscal agent of Phase II of the Cuyuna Lakes Trail project in Aitkin County.	**RESOLUTION 102610-080 SUPPORT FOR CUYUNA LAKES TRAIL PROJECT**
Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Tveit and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution – Initial Support for Mississippi River Trail:	
WHEREAS, the Mississippi River is well known throughout America and the world, and **WHEREAS,** the hills, trees and waters centered upon the Mississippi River are quite beautiful to residents and tourists alike, and **WHEREAS,** the Mississippi River has served through time as a corridor of exploration, travel, and settlement, and **WHEREAS,** the Mississippi River is a corridor of great natural significance and importance within Minnesota and America, and **WHEREAS,** the Mississippi River Trail is a bicycle route that offers an opportunity for extraordinary adventure along the entire river from the Headwaters in Lake Itasca State Park in Minnesota to the Gulf of Mexico in Louisiana, and **WHEREAS,** the Mississippi River Trail relies exclusively on <u>existing</u> highway shoulders, low-volume paved roads and paved recreational trails, and **WHEREAS,** the route will likely evolve and improve as road improvements are made and suitable	**RESOLUTION 102610-081 INITIAL SUPPORT FOR MISSISSIPPI RIVER TRAIL**

paved recreational trails become available, and **WHEREAS,** the Mississippi River Trail will generate additional economic activity within Mississippi River host communities, and **WHEREAS,** a continuous string of local resolutions of support for the *Mississippi River Trail* will strengthen individual and collective funding requests for projects that protect, enhance or promote resources that enrich the traveler's experience, and **WHEREAS,** even though the Minnesota Department of Transportation will continue to maintain statewide mapping and information regarding the *Mississippi River Trail*, convene meetings and facilitate the resolution of issues and alignment selection within the State, the *Mississippi River Trail* will be managed collaboratively by all road and trail authorities that comprise the trail. **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that Aitkin County supports the collective efforts of the Minnesota Department of Transportation and other road and trail authorities that comprise the *Mississippi River Trail* and authorizes Aitkin County Engineer, John Welle to represent the County in ongoing collaborative discussions, and in matters of a general nature regarding the operation and location of the Mississippi River Trail within its administrative boundaries. Motion for resolution by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Tveit and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution: Amendment – Final Contract Payment S.A.P. 01-608-18:	
WHEREAS, Contract No. 20097 – Project No. SAP 01-601-18- Grading, Shoulder Widening, Aggregate Base, Culvert Replacement, Bituminous Milling, Removal, and Surfacing on CSAH No. 1 has in all been completed, and the County Board being fully advised in the premises, and **WHEREAS,** Total project amount is $1,435,370.22 – an increase of $7,588.50 from $1,427,781.72. **NOW THEN BE IT RESOLVED,** That we do hereby accept said completed projects for and in behalf of the County of Aitkin and authorize final payment to Anderson Brothers in the amount of $7,588.50 as specified herein.	**RESOLUTION 102610-082 AMENDMENT FINAL CONTRACT PAYMENT S.A.P. 01-608-18**
Todd Roggenkamp, Executive Director Long Lake Conservation Center reviewed the LLCC 3rd Quarter Financial Report with the Board.	**LLCC 3RD QTR FINANCIAL REPORT**
Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Tveit and carried, all members voting yes to approve $20.00 Green Acre Payback Fee.	**GREEN ACRE PAYBACK FEE**
Mike Dangers, County Assessor discussed Aitkin County's property tax exempt parcels with the Board.	**TAX EXEMPT PARCELS**
Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to authorize the County to switch from Blue Cross/Blue Shield to Medica or Health Partners, effective January 1, 2011, contingent upon reaching a negotiated agreement with the AFSCME Courthouse and AFSCME HHS unions.	**HEALTH INSURANCE**
Patrick Wussow, County Administrator and Kirk Peysar, County Auditor discussed Aitkin County's delinquent taxes with the Board.	**DELINQUENT TAXES**

Commissioner Napstad left the meeting at 11:29 a.m.	**NAPSTAD LEFT**
Patrick Wussow, County Administrator discussed Veterans Day activities with the Board.	**VETERANS DAY**
Commissioner Tveit left the meeting at 11:34 a.m.	**TVEIT LEFT**
Commissioner Napstad returned to the meeting at 11:54 a.m.	**NAPSTAD RETURNS**
During the meeting, the Board heard updates on the following committees: i) C.H.S., ii) Lakes & Pines, iii) CMCC, iv) Historical Society, v) ATV, vi) DAC, vii) AMC, viii) P&Z, ix) ML Watershed, x) HRA, xi) ACA, xii) BWSR, xiii) Northwoods Trail, xiv) Snake River	**COMMITTEE UPDATES**
Motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 12:03 p.m. until Tuesday, November 2, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.	**ADJOURN**

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Paul Bailey, Chairperson
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

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Patrick Wussow, County Administrator